

**A REGULAR MEETING
BERKS-MONTGOMERY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

A Regular Meeting was held via a Zoom video conference on February 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM EST. Notice that the meeting was to be held electronically was advertised in The Mercury on December 24, 2020. The following members were present:

M. Toepel	A. Stauffer
P. Donovan	S. Carpenter
K. Corson	D. Biehl

Also present:	J. Karver	G. Moser
	G. Unger	L. Christy
	K. Showalter	C. Leister

Upon a motion by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Carpenter and unanimously adopted, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 25, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

PLANT REPORT:

Mr. Christy presented the Plant Report. He reported on several maintenance items.

Aluminum levels are still being monitored at the West Swamp Creek plant. The monthly average permit limit was not exceeded in January 2021.

OFFICE REPORT:

Ms. Leister presented the Office Report. 6 customers with a past due balance over \$1,000 were sent the Intent to File Writ of Scire Facias notice by the Solicitor.

AUTHORITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Moser presented the Authority Manager Report.

Mr. Moser reported an insurance claim was received regarding an incident where a manhole cover was dislodged and resulted in damage to an auto. The claim information was turned over to our carrier and they indicated BMMA is not liable.

Mr. Moser reported he sent a letter to Earl Township Board of Supervisors in response to their available capacity request.

Mr. Moser reviewed the annual I & I report for 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, less hours were dedicated to I & I compared to previous years. The focus has been on the Morysville collection system and will continue to be the focus in 2021. If time permits, work will begin in the gravity basin in 2021 and will be the focus in 2022.

Mr. Moser reported on the Morysville Corrective Action Plan. Average annual flow was reduced by 33% since repairs and other maintenance activities have been completed.

Mr. Moser reported the annual usage review for commercial properties was completed. 5 properties received notices that additional EDUs were required based on their 2020 consumption. To date we have received a response from 1 customer, Frecon Farms. They need 1 additional EDU and requested a 36-month payment plan. The Board agreed to accept a 24-month payment plan. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser reported an application, deposit and plans were received for a sanitary sewer service project on Holly Road. SDE is reviewing the plans.

Mr. Moser reported the 400 Gilbertsville Road project has been reactivated and will begin moving forward.

Mr. Moser reported a Zern Phase 2 pre-construction meeting was held on January 20. It is expected that all agreements will be signed and the necessary deposits will be provided in the next several weeks.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES:

SECRETARY:

Mr. Corson reviewed the list of correspondence.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Karver had no report.

TREASURER:

No report.

ENGINEER:

Mr. Showalter presented the Engineers report.

Mr. Showalter reviewed the 2020 Chapter 94 Reports for West Swamp Creek and Morysville. A resolution is required.

Mr. Showalter reported final permanent restoration will be completed between March 15 and April 30 for the Morysville MH 96 Streambank Stabilization project.

Mr. Showalter reported the Pump Station 2 Grinder project bids are due by March 17 and will be reviewed at the March 22 Board meeting.

Mr. Showalter reported SDE is awaiting Bog Turtle clearance for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Grant project (Swinehart Road). Bid documents are being finalized and will be advertised after approval is received for the Soil Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan.

Mr. Unger reported the digester cover materials were delivered. BMMA staff and Mr. Unger will discuss an installation schedule taking into account the current pandemic and digester cleaning.

RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Upon a motion by Mr. Biehl, seconded by Mr. Stauffer, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board approves a 24-month payment plan for Frecon Farms to purchase 1 additional EDU at a cost of \$4,750.

Upon a motion by Ms. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Stauffer and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the West Swamp Creek and Morysville 2020 Chapter 94 Reports prepared by SDE.

Upon a motion by Ms. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Donovan, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the payment of \$93,300.39 for the bills as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Leister