

Bethel Township Municipal Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Gruber at 7:04 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken.

In attendance were Harold Gruber, Kevin Stupp, David Younker, and Robert Lingle. Carl Kauffman was absent. Also in attendance were Solicitor Elizabeth Magovern, Engineer Jim McCarthy and Secretary Erin Kreitzer.

Public Comment on Agenda Only –None

Approval of minutes-

A motion was made by Robert Lingle to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting and the motion was seconded by Kevin Stupp. All agreed and the motion was passed.

Member Report-

David Younker-Nothing at this time.

Carl Kauffman-Absent

Robert Lingle-Nothing at this time.

Harold Gruber-Nothing at this time.

Kevin Stupp –Kevin Stupp reported that the DMR report for May indicated no problems of significance at either treatment plant.

Solicitor Report-

Solicitor Magovern stated that as discussed in prior meetings if we wanted residents to connect to the Prologis line and be included in the Act 537 plan that we will need to discuss this with the township.

Engineer Report-

Harold Gruber made a motion that we have Mr. Rehab televise Frystown treatment plant again to find the exact location of the defect within the building lateral. Robert Lingle seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion was passed. Engineer McCarthy will contact Mr. Rehab to set this up. Engineer McCarthy stated that we should look into doing some revisions to the authority specs. A motion was made by Harold Gruber to adopt the changes (to be done by McCarthy Engineering) and for our solicitor to prepare a resolution to adopt these revisions. The motion was seconded by Kevin Stupp, all agreed and the motion was passed.

## **BTMA Meeting – July 2016 Report**

The Bethel Township Municipal Authority Engineer activity for the month of June 2016 is as follows:

### **1. Berks Park 78**

- On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Mike Kreiser from Select Environmental contacted MEA to report a spike in sewer flows (approx.. 50,000 gpd) from Berks Park 78, and informed MEA and BTMA that we should look into charging BP 78 for additional EDUs. MEA reviewed the agreement between BTMA and the Berks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA). The agreement states that the BP 78 facilities are able to discharge a quarterly average of 100,000 gpd before triggering surcharge rates. Additionally, new EDUs are not required to be purchased unless BP 78 exceeds 100,000 gpd average for 6 months during any 12 month consecutive period. At which point, BP 78 would be advised of the exceedance in a written letter from BTMA, if they fail to reduce to the following quarterly average they will be required to purchase additional EDUs.  
MEA does not believe that this additional flow will cause any capacity issues at the Bethel WWTP, but will continue to work with Mr. Kreiser to monitor the situation. MEA will evaluate the situation further as DMRs for the month of June become available.

### **2. Frystown Sewer Repair – Mr. Rehab Video**

- The video footage was reviewed. Infiltration appears to be emanating from the building lateral 9.0 feet from MH 1. It is recommended further investigation with a lateral launching camera, or a push camera from the building cleanout should be performed to confirm the location of the defect within the building lateral.

### **3. BTMA Rules and Regulations/Spec Review**

- MEA performed a review of the technical sections of BTMA's Sewer System Rules and Regulations and prepared a memorandum of the findings.

### **4. 9190 Old Route 22 – CSS Building**

- McCarthy reviewed plans for the new building at this property. There is no sanitary sewer proposed as part of this project, so the Municipal Authority does not need to sign off on the plans. The business is located along the ProLogis sewer extension corridor, but will not be required to connect until the Act 537 Plan is revised to include adjoining properties.

## **Unfinished Business**

Part Time Maintenance Employee-An executive meeting was called to discuss this matter. The municipal authority meeting was called back to order and David Younker made a motion to hire Randall Haag as a part time maintenance worker for BTMA at a rate of \$16.00 per hour with a three month probationary period and with the stipulation that he works no more than 40 hours per month or he must obtain permission from the

Board. The motion was seconded by Robert Lingle and all agreed with Harold Gruber abstaining from the vote. It was also noted after the motion was made that Randall Haag will be on vacation the first week of Lehmas Moyer's surgery and during that week Mike Dosch will be taking over as he has been while Lehmas was on vacation.

Main Pool & Chemical (Door Damage)-Erin Kreitzer informed the Board that we received a check from our insurance company for \$6,910.00 (minus our \$500.00 deductible) which will cover the cost of repairing the door. David Younker made a motion that we accept the quote from Dale Stump for \$7,410.00 to repair the Bethel Treatment Plant door. The motion was seconded by Kevin Stupp, all agreed and the motion was passed. Erin Kreitzer will contact Dale Stump to have the work done on the door.

Berks Park Flows-Flows have continued to rise. Berks Park is still trying to find out why they are having this issue. Solicitor Magovern and Engineer McCarthy informed the Board that we are able to bill them a surcharge rate for these extra flows. Kevin Stupp will do some more research and put together a bill for the next meeting.

Berks Park Invoices-Solicitor Magovern stated that she thinks that Berks Park is responsible for the outstanding invoices in question. Kevin Stupp will call Steve Haver with NAI Keystone and review these invoices with him.

#### New Business

Hauled In Waste Rates-Kevin Stupp informed the Board that he has been looking into possibly increasing our hauled in waste rates. Kevin will do some research until the next meeting and see if we want to increase these rates.

#### Payment of bills-

Robert Lingle made a motion that we accept the report, pay current bills, and any future bills due before the next meeting. David Younker seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion was passed.

#### Adjournment-

Kevin Stupp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Younker seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Kreitzer