

Bethel Township Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Gruber at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken.

In attendance were Harold Gruber, Kevin Stupp, Robert Lingle, Carl Kauffman and David Younker. 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 Kevin Stupp to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Lingle, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Member Report-

David Younker-Nothing at this time

Carl Kauffman- Nothing at this time

Robert Lingle-Nothing at this time

Harold Gruber-Harold Gruber informed the Board that there may be an issue at 8424 Lancaster Avenue. Lehmas elaborated on the situation that there seems to be a lot of extra water coming into the plant and they believe it is coming from 8424 Lancaster Avenue. A motion was made by David Younker to authorize McCarthy Engineering to send a letter to Mr. Woolf requesting the need to check out where this extra water flow is coming from. The motion was seconded by Robert Lingle, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Kevin Stupp –Kevin Stupp reported that the DMR report for January indicated no problems of significance at either treatment plant. Kevin also reported Berks Park flows are looking good. Kevin informed the Board that there are some Spring training workshops coming up through PMAA if any Board member is interested in attending.

Solicitor Report-

Solicitor Magovern informed the Board that all items will be covered on the agenda.

Engineer Report-

A motion was made by Kevin Stupp to have Harold Gruber sign the Chapter 94 reports and have McCarthy Engineering submit them. The motion was seconded by David Younker, all agreed and the motion was passed.

BTMA Meeting – March 2017 Report

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

1. Vesper Development

- The applicant has supplied a cost estimate for the Camp Swatara Road sewer extension plans. McCarthy responded with some minor revisions.
 - A separate escrow will be required to be established for the purchase of residential grinder pumps for the properties along Camp Swatara Road that cannot connect through a gravity service lateral. McCarthy will supply a cost to the Solicitor for setting up the agreement.
2. DCED Grant
 - We are awaiting any notification concerning whether the grant has been awarded.
 3. Chapter 94 Reports
 - The Chapter 94 Reports are completed, and ready for signature prior to submission to the DEP.
 4. NPDES Permit – Bethel Plan
 - Awaiting testing results from Suburban Labs. Once testing results are in a draft NPDES permit application will be issued for the Authority to review.

Unfinished Business

Vesper-Central Logistics-After much discussion regarding the Vesper development a motion was made by Kevin Stupp to approve the escrow agreement, conditional upon Attorney Bucks added in some additional terms regarding the grinder pumps. The motion was seconded by David Younker, all agreed and the motion was passed.

PMAA Membership-Kevin Stupp informed the Board that we will be keeping our membership with the PMAA as they provide a discount on our unemployment compensation insurance.

Auger Bid-Harold Gruber made a motion to accept the auger bid from Lakeside Equipment and Allied Utility Services, LLC. The motion was accepted by Kevin Stupp, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Doug Drescher (8452 Lancaster Avenue)-Erin Kreitzer informed the Board that she received a letter from Doug Drescher stating that he will keep 8452 Lancaster Avenue as a single family unit and not be converting to a multi-family unit.

Liens (David Dye)-Erin Kreitzer informed the Board that she received an email from Mr. Dye regarding a payment plan for his delinquent account. It was decided that he is more than welcome to pay as much as he can on his account, however, a lien has still be filed.

High Water Alarms-Lehmas Moyer informed the Board that they have found out the reason that the high water alarm didn't go off at Lancaster Avenue and that he and Randall Haag will work on re-wiring this unit to fix the problem.

New Business

Pollution Insurance Renewal-Kevin Stupp informed the Board that we received an application for renewal of our pollution insurance for a three year period. We will need to renew this insurance again.

Payment of bills-

Kevin Stupp made a motion that we accept the report, pay current bills, and any future bills due before the next meeting. Robert Lingle 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 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Kreitzer