

Bethel Township Municipal Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Gruber at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken.

In attendance were Harold Gruber, David Younker, Kevin Stupp and John High. Robert Lingle was absent. Also in attendance were Solicitor Elizabeth Magovern, Jeremy Brumbach, McCarthy Engineering and Secretary Erin Kreitzer.

Public Comment on Agenda Only –None

Approval of minutes -

A motion was made by David Younker to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Stupp, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Member Report -

David Younker – Nothing at this time.

John High – Nothing at this time.

Robert Lingle – Absent

Harold Gruber – Nothing at this time.

Kevin Stupp –Kevin Stupp reported that the DMR report indicated no problems of significance at either treatment plant. Kevin also informed the Board that the accountant we always work with at Garcia Garman and Shea, William Oyster, no longer works there. Kevin also informed the Board that Mike Dosche will be retiring in November from Select Environmental and there will be two other people taking his place. They won't have the same schedule as Mike, but if need be they would be willing to change their schedules if Lehmas or Randy needs help with something at the plants.

Solicitor Report – Solicitor Magovern informed the Board that Prologis contacted her and that they will be assigning the agreement to the new owner and the maintenance bond and escrow will follow. Solicitor Magovern also discussed Berks Park 78 pump station with attorneys for the park association and BCIDA. Jeremy Brumbach will be putting together costs for possible further discussion.

Engineer Report -

**BTMA Meeting – November 2017 Report**

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

1. Notice of Violation – 8424 Lancaster Avenue
  - McCarthy issued letter stating that Mr. Woolf's property has not been discharging illicitly for several months and that his property is no longer considered to be in violation of the Rules and Regulations of BTMA provided that there is no lapse in illicit discharges.
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2. Vesper Development
  - All sewer installation is complete.

- Low-pressure air testing was performed on all gravity sewer lines, and mandrel testing was completed on all gravity lines except for MH 35 to 36.
  - Hydrostatic testing was completed on approximately 1600 LF of the low-pressure force main. The remainder of the low-pressure system on site needs to be tested.
  - “Punch List” items remain for restoration along Camp Swatara Road
3. Midway Industrial South
    - McCarthy provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> review for the revised plans dated 10/17/17.
  4. Prologis Industrial Waste Questionnaire
    - McCarthy received information on water softening discharge for the proposed water treatment system from Blue Rock Construction.
    - Blue Rock did not provide detailed pollutant discharge info for the system, but due to the size of the system and volume of the backwash discharge it is not believed to pose any harm to the BTMA system.
    - McCarthy recommends monitoring and requiring sampling and testing after connection.
  5. Frystown WWTP Expansion Estimate

McCarthy reviewed record drawings, completed site visit, and began preliminary estimates on piping and equipment but is awaiting information from vendors to complete estimate

### Plant Maintenance-

Lehmas Moyer notified the Board that we now have the two pumps back from Burkholder’s and that they are ready to go if we need replacement pumps for Bethel or Frystown. He also informed the Board that we received oil today for the hydraulic grinder pumps. Lehmas also notified the Board that Daub Welding is making a clamp for the manhole covers and he was advised by David Younker to get a price for this clamp. Lehmas also asked the Board who we should contact for a clogged sewer line as we don’t have that kind of equipment to fix it. We used to have a back- up person for this. Kevin Stupp will do some research and find the contact person. Lehmas also informed the Board that he got three quotes for pressure washer’s. There was a 3400 PSI from Tractor Supply Co. for \$479.99, a 2500 PSI from Ebling’s for \$989.00, and he also got some prices on a Hotsy model which would cost \$4,000.00. However, he informed the Board that he saw in the merchandiser that Farnsworth is having a sale November 14 and maybe we could look into a used model. John High will do some research into these used models and let the Board know what he thinks. Lehmas informed the Board that he had to go out to 432 Frystown Road as the customer thought he had a leaking sewer pipe but it turned out to be a well pipe. He wanted to know if we should charge the customer labor for this. Solicitor Magovern informed the Board that we cannot charge him for this time.

### Unfinished Business

PFM Presentation-Jamie Schlesinger from PFM (Public Financial Management) attended the meeting with a presentation to discuss some of our financial options.

Hauled In Waste-Kevin Stupp informed the Board that he has been looking into this and the only options he sees are to increase the rates or to stop the program all

together. After much discussion McCarthy will look into other hauled out waste companies to see if we can get a cheaper rate and we will revisit this topic.

Berks Park 78-This topic was covered under the Solicitor's report.

Camp Swatara Road-John Brown attended the meeting and brought all the paperwork he needed to present to the Board to show that gravity flow will work at his house. Harold Gruber made a motion to authorize Hartman, Valeriano, Magovern, & Lutz to prepare an indemnification agreement conditional upon McCarthy Engineering's approval of the plan. The motion was seconded by David Younker, all agreed and the motion was passed. Dave Peters also attended the meeting to find out when his yard will be restored as he has been waiting for a few months for this damage to be fixed. Jeremy from McCarthy Engineering will again check into this.

### New Business

Budget Review-Kevin Stupp reviewed the 2018 budget and we will discuss again at next month's meeting.

### 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. Harold Gruber 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 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Kreitzer