

Bethel Township Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019

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 David Younker, Robert Lingle, Harold Gruber, and Kevin Stupp. John High was absent. Also in attendance were Solicitor Beth Auman, Engineer Jeremy Brumbach 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 June 5, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Lingle, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Member Report -

David Younker – Nothing at this time.

John High – Absent.

Robert Lingle –Nothing at this time.

Harold Gruber –Nothing at this time.

Kevin Stupp-Nothing at this time.

Business Manager Report- Erin Kreitzer reported that we received our annual Wastewater system forms for Bethel and Frystown that need to be signed by Chairman Harold Gruber and we need to send the money due to Pennsylvania Department of Protection. \$100 to Bethel and \$65.00 to Frystown. A motion was made by Kevin Stupp to authorize Harold Gruber to sign the wastewater system forms. The motion was seconded by Robert Lingle, all agreed and the motion was passed. Erin also informed the Board of an email she received from Mike Kreiser from Select Environmental Services dated 7/8/19 regarding high flows from Berks Park. A return email was also received from Steve Haver stating that they believe it is Dollar General's ammonia chiller and they are looking into this. Erin informed the Board that we received a letter from our insurance company, The Seltzer Group, that they are having a Christmas in July event July 15-July 31 and that anyone who would like to attend to tour their newly renovated office and enter their prize giveaways are welcome. Erin also informed the Board that we received our annual policy renewal forms from our insurance company and that she has filled out some of the paperwork, but will need Kevin Stupp's help on some of the forms. Erin will email these forms to Kevin to be completed. Erin also has a list of the delinquent accounts which she will send along with Solicitor Auman to give to Cynthia Barto and she will start placing liens and/or civil actions against these customers.

Solicitor Report –Solicitor Auman informed the Board in Solicitor Magovern's absence that Solicitor Magovern is currently waiting to hear back from Steve Buck on when Gary Silvi is going to be ready to dedicate the line to BTMA. However, in the meantime

there was an update that the paperwork has been completed and we hope to dedicate this line in August and have the Board sign this document at our August 7, 2019 meeting. Solicitor Auman also informed the Board that they have completed the forms for the sheriff sale against 22 Legion Drive and they are out for service to the resident. Also Solicitor Magovern said she has heard from James Mascaro regarding the new owner contributing to the costs of the Act 537 update and they do not want to contribute.

Engineer Report –

Engineer Brumbach informed the Board that we may need to look into getting meters at the pump stations and it could be a costly purchase. He will meet with Randy Haag to look at these pump stations and determine what meters we may need. Engineer Brumbach also informed the Board that the UV probes are continuously being monitored and they appear to be dirty and probably should be cleaned in order to get accurate measurements.

BTMA Meeting-July 2109 Report

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

1. 2017 & 2018 Chapter 94 Reports
-McCarthy has responded to the concerns of the PA DEP on June 21, 2019. We are awaiting the department's response.

Plant Maintenance-Randy Haag reported that the bollards have all been painted. Keystone Pest Control came out and sprayed the plants, he and Ed responded to a previous concern about a broken pipe sticking out of the ground along 645 and found it to be compliant, they replaced a broken cap at Morgan's Welding, Old 22 pump station had a sheen of grease and chunks of grease floating and Frystown also had these grease chunks floating and they will keep an eye on it. Randy also informed the Board that John from Select Environmental told him that pump one at Old 22 was not working properly, however, Randy ran the pump and couldn't find any problems with it. Randy also informed the Board that per John High's request, he had John put some fluid into the BTMA truck as the transmission was not working properly and that he needs to get out and run the truck more often, but as he drove it, it blew a clamp and then the hose came off the turbo but that it has been fixed temporarily and when the truck is serviced next time, it will be fixed. Randy also informed the Board that Powerton Generators came for their yearly service and that the block heater in the generator at Bethel was shorting out. Powerton will come back to finish this project. Randy also informed the Board that they will be cutting down the weeds at the Bethel Plant and that we can't wait for Jesse Alspaugh to come and do this project. Randy inquired from the Board if he would be able to obtain prices for a pole saw as they need it to cut some trees down, the Board gave permission for him to do this.

Unfinished Business

John Brown and David Peters attended the meeting to again discuss their concerns with the residents having to hook up on Route 645 as well as making Old 22 an act 537 area. Much discussion followed and Mr. Brown suggested we wait to take dedication on

the line at 645 until the township's solicitor and engineer have had more time to review some questions that he brought up at their last meeting. Hopefully some of these questions will be answered at the Supervisor's meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019.

New Business

Payment of Bills

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

Adjournment

Kevin Stupp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Lingle seconded, all agreed and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Kreitzer