Bethel Township Municipal Authority  
Meeting Minutes  
August 5, 2020

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 John Brown, John High, Robert Lingle, Harold Gruber and David Younker. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Beth Kohl, Ben Riepnieks from McCarthy Engineering and Secretary Erin Kreitzer.

Public Comment on Agenda Only – None

Approval of minutes - A motion was made by John High to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by John Brown all agreed and the motion was passed.

Member Report – John Brown – Nothing at this time.  
John High – Nothing at this time.  
Robert Lingle – Nothing at this time.  
Harold Gruber – Nothing at this time.  
David Younker – Nothing at this time.

Business Manager Report - Erin Kreitzer reported that the BTMA audit is now completed and each Board member received a copy of the completed audit. Erin also informed the Board that Weiler Management (913 Frystown Road) is adding a bakery and that she sent out a non-residential survey to be filled out by this customer to see how many additional EDU’s they will need. Also, Erin informed the Board that she has spoken to the owner of Leathersmith (417 Frystown Road) and that she had inquired about capping off their sewer as the building is unoccupied, but at this point she has decided to keep everything hooked up. Erin also informed the Board that she received the Frystown and Bethel wastewater system annual forms which Chairman Harold Gruber needs to sign and then she can send them out with a check for the fees due to each. Erin also informed the Board of the total costs so far incurred from the clogged force main in Bethel.

Solicitor Report – Solicitor Kohl stated all items that need to be covered are on the agenda

Engineer Report – BTMA Meeting – August 2020 Engineers Report
The Bethel Township Municipal Authority Engineer activity for the month is as follows:

1. Sewer Televising and Cleaning Annual Program
   a. Due to the recent sewer issues, McCarthy was tasked with creating a 5-year cycle program for cleaning and televising the sewer lines for Bethel Township and Village of Frystown systems.
   b. McCarthy Engineering has identified and mapped out the sewer areas to allow for the 5-year cycle.
c. Areas to be cleaned and televised, along with a more comprehensive breakdown, has been supplied with this report.

d. Randy Hagg has mentioned an excess of grease in the Old Route 22 pump station wet well. BTMA will continue to monitor the situation.

2. Frystown WWTP Upgrade
   a. McCarthy is drafting a modification to the current NPDES permit to allow for an increase in discharge from the existing wastewater treatment plant to Little Swatara Creek.
   b. McCarthy has submitted to PA DEP the Part II Water Quality Management permit application for the Frystown WWTP upgrade. Permit is currently under review by DEP.

3. Route 501 Pump Station Leak
   a. Repair was made by Mr. Rehab on July 24, 2020.

4. RAR2 Land Development
   a. Pre-construction meeting to be held the afternoon of August 5, 2020.

5. Palumbo Pizza
   a. Owner to be at BTMA meeting to discuss EDU and water metering.
   b. Authority sent letter to township and property owner stating no occupancy shall be permitted until fees and approvals are sent to BTMA.

Plant Maintenance—Randall Haag informed the Board that at the Lancaster Avenue pump station they had a propane motor that wouldn’t start and they had to replace the battery, but that the battery should be under warranty and he is checking into this. Also they cleaned up 42 dead arborvitae trees and burned them and smoothed the dirt back over. The heater at Old 22 is now back together and ready for Winter. Mr. Rehab came out July 24 to the Lancaster Avenue pump station and sealed the water leak. Ditchcreek was out to fix the force main clog and flush out the manholes and that Suburban Water Testing conducted their sample and there was so much sediment in the sample it was hard to get any liquid. They inquired if we would like to have advanced testing done on this sample. Randy recommended that we don’t need any further testing done and the Board agreed. Erin will contact Suburban Water Testing and let them know this. Randy also reported that there is a leak around a stainless-steel box on the UV tank and Select Environmental tried to seal this with gorilla glue, but it is still leaking and it will need to be welded. David Younker made a motion to have Randy contact Daub’s Welding to get this box welded. The motion was seconded by Harold Gruber, all agreed and the motion was passed. It was decided that our solicitor’s office and engineer’s office will look into the bills from the force main clog issue and see who is responsible for reimbursing BTMA for this.

Unfinished Business—
RAR-2—Ben Riepnieks stated that DEP is on board with this and looks like they are ready to start.
Northpoint—Nothing new to report, this project is still being worked on.
Duke-Central Logistics & West Run Distribution Center—Ben will check into this with Engineer McCarthy.
New Business

Genaro Palumbo-Mr. Palumbo attended the meeting to inquire about putting a water meter at his restaurant that he is hoping to open soon to measure his usage for billing purposes. After much discussion a motion was made by David Younker to have our Solicitor’s office draw up an agreement that will add 2 additional EDU’s (total of 3 EDU’s) and that Randy or Ed will monitor this meter on a monthly basis to see if we will need to increase his EDU number. The motion was seconded by John Brown, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Schuylkill County Security & Traffic Control-David Younker made a motion to use Schuylkill Co. Security and Traffic Control when we have a need for flaggers for high traffic roads. The motion was seconded by Harold Gruber, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Insurance Renewal-Erin informed the Board she received our general insurance policy renewal and inquired if we want to add additional coverage which includes property damage under land use for an additional $217.00. A motion was made by John High to include the additional property damage under land use coverage. The motion was seconded by David Younker, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Payment of Bills

John Brown 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 John High, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Public Comment-None

Adjournment

John Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John High seconded, all agreed and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Kreitzer