Bethel Township Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Gruber at 7:03 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 Elizabeth Magovern, William McMullen, Engineer Representative Arro Consulting, 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 February 3, 2021 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 informed the Board that they need to fill out the ethics forms she handed out to each one of them. Also, Harold had requested a map from Jayne and Erin of the commercial properties in the area for a reference while they are being discussed at meetings and maps were made by Jayne and handed out at the meeting. Erin also informed the Board that our audit for 2020 is scheduled for April 20 and will be held at the Township building and will not be a box audit this year.

Solicitor Report – Solicitor Magovern stated all items will be covered on the agenda.

Engineer Report – A motion was made by John Brown to have Randy Haag get the quotes needed to get the wells drilled and to bring them to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by John High, all agreed and the motion was passed.

1. Frystown Treatment Facility Upgrade

Notification was received from PADEP regarding issuance of the new NPDES Permit. The new NPDES contains additional treatment parameters.

The WQM Part II permit was indicated to contain technical deficiencies that a response is to be provided within 15 days. ARRO staff are currently reviewing the correspondence regarding a response to the technical deficiencies and additional NPDES parameters and impact on the treatment process proposed by the WQM Part II submission.

A request to extend the resubmission date to May 2nd has been forwarded to PADEP.
ARRO requests authorization to contact Flying J representatives regarding utilization of a design build concept for the treatment plant expansion. This would require a revision to the existing agreement with Flying J.

2. **Pump Stations**

Based on our search there were no well drillers listed by CoStars. The below comments pertaining to options for the wells remain correct.

*Documents obtained from the Authority include design plans for the pump stations. Plans and specifications can be prepared referencing the utilities shown on these documents. As always, caveats can be built into specifications and plans that require the contractor to employ soft excavation technology (or good old hand excavation).*

*Based on December meeting minutes, an estimate of $6,351.50 for each well was provided by Sensenig and Weaver Drilling. Thompson Plumbing provided a quote of $6,835.00 for the plumbing and electrical at each pump station. Restoration was estimated at $1,000.00 for each location with a total cost for each site estimated at $14,186.50.*

*There a number of options that can be discussed with the Authority regarding the project. Consideration regarding quote and bid plateaus will be a consideration. If the Authority decides to install all the wells, we highly recommend coordinating their locations with ARRO and operations and maintenance personnel based on the utility service entering the building.*

3. **Land Development Plans**

A. ARRO received and is in the process of reviewing the MB Investment Land Development Plans for the proposed warehouse facilities located south of Flying J.

B. Submittals were received for the metering and testing manholes to be located on Lot #1 (Warehouse A1) of the West Run Business Park.

C. Calls were received regarding the methodology for calculating additional EDU’s for the structure located at 9024 Old Route 22.

D. HRG indicated land development plans for the Bethel Burger King are being submitted to the Township building on February 3, 2021.

4. **General Engineering**

A. ARRO is preparing the 2020 Chapter 94 Reports for the Village of Bethel and Village of Frystown Treatment Facilities. The reports are required to be submitted to PADEP on or prior to March 31st.
B. A draft Summary of EDU’s for the treatment facilities will be provided at the Authority meeting. The summary was compiled partially based on information received during our discussion with Attorney Magovern’s office and also review of the 2019 Chapter 94 Reports. Additional refinement of the summary will occur based on discussions with BTMA staff and review of the Township’s Act 537 Plan.

C. The plan sets and Act 537 thumb drive are being returned to Erin this evening.

**Plant Maintenance**-Randy Haag reported that they did regular maintenance on the plants. There was low water pressure at the Bethel Plant. They shut off the water and the pressure came back slowly. Justin from Select Environmental said that a water solenoid went bad and was fixed, but they will keep an eye on it. He also reported Randy Behney helped him plow snow twice. He also reported that the water filter was very dirty and a new filter was put on, but that Culligan came to Bethel to do some maintenance and informed Randy he is having so much trouble with these filters getting so dirty. Randy also informed the Board that Gorman Rupp is coming on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to do their scheduled maintenance. He also reported that the rest of the LED bulbs came in and they hope to finish installing all the lights tomorrow. Randy also told the Board that he thinks the florescent tube, housing and control boxes should be replaced at Bethel like it was done at Frystown on the water system by Culligan. A motion was made by John High to have the florescent tube, housing and control boxes fixed by Culligan. The motion was seconded by David Younker, all agreed and the motion was passed.

**Unfinished Business**-
- **Well Drilling**-This was discussed in the Engineer’s report.
- **Central Blvd./Ft. Motel Drive**-A motion was made by David Younker to authorize the signing of the dedication agreement and maintenance agreement with Central Blvd./Ft. Motel Drive. The motion was seconded by John Brown, all agreed and the motion was passed.

**New Business**-
- **2030 Camp Swatara Road (Jeremiah Fake)**-Erin informed the Board that the resident at 2030 Camp Swatara Road is interested in connecting to the sewer and has filled out a permit. We will need to get in tapping fee paid from him as well as the permit fees and then Arro Engineering can inspect the property.

**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 Robert Lingle, all agreed and the motion was passed.

**Public Comment**-None
**Adjournment**-David Younker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John High, all agreed and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Kreitzer