

Bethel Township Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Gruber at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken.

In attendance were John Brown, Robert Lingle, Harold Gruber, and David Younker. John High was absent. Also, in attendance were William McMullen, Engineer Representative Arro Consulting, and Beth Kohl as Solicitor. Secretary Erin Kreitzer was absent, and Ms. Kohl acted as recording secretary for the meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Only –None

Approval of minutes - A motion was made by John Brown to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Lingle, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Member Report John Brown – Nothing at this time.

Robert Lingle – Nothing at this time.

David Younker - Nothing at this time.

Harold Gruber – Mr. Gruber questioned whether the Board needed to ratify the approval of the audit report that had to be completed prior to tonight's meeting. A motion was made by Robert Lingle to ratify the approval of the audit report. The motion was seconded by David Younker, all agreed and the motion was passed.

John High – Absent

Business Manager Report - No report.

Solicitor Report – Nothing to report.

Engineer Report –

1. Frystown Treatment Facility Upgrade

PADEP issued the NPDES/WQM Part II permits for the Frystown STP expansion. A copy of the permits was received electronically. The permits have been forwarded to Neil Pry representing Flying J and Select Environmental Solutions.

A site meeting with Neil Pry is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Frystown STP.

2. Land Development Plans

Note: All Land Development project correspondence will be forwarded to the developer/consultant and the Authority under separate cover.

A. Northpoint

No additional requests regarding the Land Development improvement installations have been received.

B. MB Investments

No additional information regarding the Land Development Plan has been received following transmittal of the ARRO sanitary sewer connection review correspondence.

C. Dermody (9024 Old Route 22)

Comments regarding the sanitary sewer facilities for the parcel was forwarded to the developer and/or the developer's consultant. The review correspondence indicates that the facility will need to provide pre-treatment facilities prior to discharging to the BTMA system.

Bill McMullen noted that additional EDUs will also be needed for the project.

D. Bethel Burger King

Revised plans for the project were received electronically May 3, 2021 and were reviewed with comments being provided to the developer and/or developer's consultant.

E. Airstate Group LLC (9237 Old Route 22)

Revised plans were received electronically May 28, 2021 and will be reviewed.

The developer has requested and ARRO will provide a will serve correspondence for the project to be included with their Sewage Facilities Planning Module Exemption Request.

A motion was made by Harold Gruber to approve the issuance of a will serve letter for the project. The motion was seconded by Robert Lingle. John Brown initiated a discussion about the specifics of the physical connection of this property into the Authority's 4" low pressure main, as this will be one of the first new connections directly to the main; Mr. McMullen is recommending to the developers along this line that they install a shutoff valve and/or check valve at the connection point, in addition to the check valve in the grinder tank, although not required by the Authority's regulations. All agreed and the motion to issue the will serve letter was passed.

F. RAR2 - Bethel Industrial (9141 Old Route 22)

Communications with the site excavator occurred concerning the wet tap to the existing force main located along Old Route 22.

3. General Engineering

- A. Inquiries were received regarding sanitary sewer capacity allocations to West Run Lots 2 & 3 and the required/remaining EDU's as purchased by Vesper. Attorney Magovern and ARRO representatives have expressed our willingness to discuss the matter with the developer.
- B. Information regarding the warehouse facility north of I-78 and east of Camp Swatara Road utilizing on-lot sewage facilities was forwarded to BTMA under separate cover.
- C. Following the Engineer's report, a motion was made by John Brown to have the Solicitor prepare a Resolution for the July meeting to amend the Authority's regulations to add a requirement for a privately owned shutoff valve/check valve to be installed at all connection points to the Authority's low pressure mains. The motion was seconded by Robert Lingle, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Plant Maintenance-

Randy Haag reported that they did their weekly checks of the plant and pump stations. They finished a portion of the LED light project, and have 20 strips more to start next week. The main focus this month has been the electric hookup at the pump stations, and as a result they now have water at the pump stations. He reported that Ed did a very professional job, and some final cleanup from the project remains to be completed. Power and Generator will be coming to do the yearly service soon. Dutchland is also going to be returning to finish the baffle project. Randy was contacted by Mike Kreiser after last month's meeting because he heard the Board raised certain issues and were not happy with SES. On June 2 prior to the meeting, Justin from SES called Randy to report that SES does not like the new chemical company, as they are using more material and have poor service, and SES now recommends that the Authority return to using the prior chemical company, Process Masters. Randy also reported multiple incidents of damage at both Frystown and Bethel that he believes were caused by the recklessness of the new chemical company in making their deliveries. At Frystown, the double doors were either dropped or backed into with a lift gate, and the doors, and possibly door frame, are damaged. At Bethel, the man door was fine previously, but after the recent delivery of soda ash, the door is twisted and does not close properly.

A motion was made by David Younker to have the Solicitor send a letter to SES, with copy to the new chemical company, demanding repair of the damage at both locations. The motion was seconded by Harold Gruber, all agreed and the motion was passed.

A motion was then made by John Brown to stop using the new chemical company and go back to Process Masters for chemicals. The motion was seconded by David Younker, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Randy also reported that he will be acquiring some shelving for storage in the near future.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business-

Harold Gruber called for an executive session. The Board went into executive session at 7:54pm and returned at 8:07pm, at which time Harold Gruber announced that the executive session was for personnel matters. No action related to the executive session followed.

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 - Resident Mike Yoder questioned the Board about maintenance on the cul-de-sac of Court Street. The Board advised him that road issues were a Township matter, and that he should contact the Township or attend their meeting.

Adjournment -John Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Younker, all agreed and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kohl (for Erin Kreitzer)