Bethel Township Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 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, David Younker and John High. Also, in attendance were William McMullen, Engineer Representative Arro Consulting, Solicitor Elizabeth Magovern and Secretary Erin Kreitzer.

Public Comment on Agenda Only – None

Approval of minutes - A motion was made by John Brown to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by John High, 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 – Nothing at this time.
John High – Nothing at this time.

Business Manager Report – Erin Kreitzer reported that she gave copies out to each Board member on the sunshine act amendment that we will need to post our agenda on our website and out front on the door 24 hours before the scheduled meeting and copies of the agenda must be provided to the individuals at the meeting. Also, only items on the agenda will be discussed at the meeting and we will not be able to bring up new topics not on the agenda that need to be voted on. Erin also reported that there was a administrative error on her part last month and resolution 2021-05 should be 2021-06 and it has been corrected. Also last month in the plant maintenance report Randy Haag discussed installing propane at the Bethel Plant and John Brown asked how much we paid Met-Ed last year at the plant. Erin informed the Board that the figure for Bethel is roughly $18,978.34 and we will revisit this at the next meeting as Randy Haag was unable to attend the meeting to discuss. Erin also informed the Board that they are invited to our Solicitor’s office 8/6/2021 from 12-3 for ice cream customer appreciation event.

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

Engineer Report – There was a discussion that we need to replace the grinder at the Bethel Plant. A quote from JWC Environmental was handed out to the Board members. The quote was for $10,589.00. A motion was made by John High to accept this quote from JWC Environmental for $10,589.00. The motion was seconded by David Younker, all agreed and the motion was passed. It was also mentioned that the grinder at the Lancaster Avenue pump station is sounding the same way and that it will probably have to be replaced as well. Mike Kreiser from Select Environmental will look into a quote for
this one as well and we can discuss this as the next meeting.

1. **Frystown Treatment Facility Upgrade**

Geotechnical and survey contracts have been forwarded to the respective contractors. The Geotechnical contractor is scheduled to be on-site Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at approximately 7:30 a.m. ARRO personnel intends to provide access to the site to the contractor but will not stay at the site for the duration of their work (approximately 3-4 hours, dependent on conditions). We will instruct the contractor to lock the access gate when they leave.

Communications have been ongoing with the designer and Owners representative (Neil Pry) regarding the progress, status and schedule for the project.

Maintenance personnel’s concern regarding the use of stacked blowers was forwarded and option presented to provide a hoist or crane for maintenance of the units. Following installation of the stacked blowers the item will be reviewed regarding the need for a hoist or crane to service the units.

The quote received from Met-Ed to remove a pole and their equipment servicing the former home at the STP is required to be remitted by the Authority prior to Met-Ed scheduling the work. We ask that ARRO be copied when the payment is forwarded to Met-Ed.

2. **Land Development Plans**

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

   A. **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. No additional communications have been received from the developer’s consultant.

   B. **Airstate Group LLC (9237 Old Route 22)**

   Comments regarding the plans received electronically on May 28, 2021 were provided to the developer’s consultant. Revised plans were received electronically June 28, 2021 and again on July 7, 2021 were reviewed and discussed with the developer’s consultant.

   The approved PADEP Sewage Facilities Exemption was received August 3, 2021. An e-mail was forwarded to the Owners representative restating the need for
BTMA to receive the executed Sewer Capacity Agreement and tapping fee prior to providing BTMA’s final approval for the project.

C. **RAR2 - Bethel Industrial (9141 Old Route 22)**

The excavator contacted ARRO to verify testing of the grinder tank. We informed him that we would only need the startup report from Environment One to keep on file.

D. **Burger King**

Comments regarding the sanitary sewer facilities for the proposed development were forwarded to the developer’s consultant. The review correspondence indicates that the proposed facility’s grease trap calculations need to be submitted for review and a Sewage Capacity Agreement needs to be completed prior to final plan approval.

3. **General Engineering**

A. CAD drawings for BTMA details 33, 34 & 35 were received from McCarthy Engineering. ARRO will revise the details to correspond with the resolution passed last month regarding a check valve being required in low-pressure sewer lateral.

B. Inquiries were received regarding sanitary sewer capacity allocations to West Run Lots 2, 3 and Bethel Business Park Lots 4 & 5 and the required/remaining EDU’s as purchased by Vesper. Attorney Magovern and ARRO representatives have discussed the allocations. Communications regarding EDU’s and their transfer have been occurring between Attorney Magovern’s office, Vesper, Duke and their representatives. A representative of the current parcel owner (Dalfin) contacted our office and was aware of the review and communications occurring.

C. We requested a copy of sampling information conducted by Dieffenbach on July 12, 2021. To date no response to our request was provided. A site visit to the facility remains a task to be completed as a follow-up to our request.

D. Confirmed the garage under construction on Lancaster Avenue is permitted with no proposed sanitary sewer facilities.

E. We are in receipt of the grinder quote from JWC Environmental forwarded to BTMA by Select Environmental Services for the Bethel STP. Please note that Randy indicated that the grinder at one of the pump stations may be failing also.
**Plant Maintenance**—In Randy Haag’s absence Erin read his report. Garber finished up doing work at the pump stations. They power washed the stone wall, propane tank and concrete at the Old 22 pump station and power washed at the Lancaster Ave. pump station. The grinder at the wet well at the Bethel Plant wore out, they pulled the grinder and cleaned it and they are waiting to hear about a new one. (Discussed in engineer’s report). In a month’s time they had 4 dead mice at the Frystown Plant. They installed hose racks and towel holders in both pump stations. They cleaned the air blowers at the Bethel Plant. Also, they started the switch over at Bethel from train #1 to train #2 and replaced rubber sleeves on the air system in the tanks. A shear pin broke on clarifier #2 and Select Environmental took one from the other side and ordered new parts to replace them. Ed DeMille also will take care of ordering risers for Legion Drive.

**Unfinished Business** –

**Bethel & Frystown Doors**—Mike Kreiser informed the Board that he thought all of the door problems caused by Coyne Chemicals had been fixed, but he has been working with Randy, Dale Stump and Coyne to get everything fixed. The Bethel door was just a simple adjustment and the Frystown door should be fixed soon. Also, the chemical tank that was sitting outside has been taken away from Frystown.

**New Business**—

**Grinder Quote**—This item was discussed under the engineer’s report.

**Med-Ed Pole Removal-Frystown**—We received an invoice from Met-Ed for $1,801.47 for the pole removal for the Frystown Plant expansion. This amount will come out of the money that was set aside from Flying J for this project. A motion was made by John High to pay this invoice for pole removal. The motion was seconded by John Brown, all agreed and the motion was passed.

**Payment of Bills**—

John High 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 David Younker, 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 Robert Linge, all agreed and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Kreitzer