

Bethel Township Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
held May 3, 2023

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 Robert Lingle, John High, John Brown, Sean Ryan and Harold Gruber. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Matt Fessler, Engineer Bill McMullen.

Public Comment on Agenda Only –None

Approval of minutes - *A motion was made by John Brown to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Sean Ryan, all agreed and the motion was passed.*

Member Report

John Brown – Nothing at this time.

Harold Gruber – Fire at the Pump station discussion with Giorgio

John High – Nothing at this time.

Sean Ryan – Nothing at this time

Robert Lingle – DJ action against Kauffman and Lien. Liz

emailed Kauffman to discuss the Lien. Motion may by Sean Ryan to waive the late fees for payment plan customers. Seconded by Robert Lingle.

Business Manager Report – Nothing at this time.

Solicitor Report – Payment plans received by Carefoot and Showalter by email. 2 certified letters were sent to Hollenbach and Zeigler. Hollenbach has been satisfied to date. Zeigler certified letter was received but no signature was given via USPS. Motion to engage the berk's county constable to have letter hand delivered to Zeigler. Seconded by John Brown, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Budget review by Garcia, Garman and Shae comments presented by Solicitor Fessler.

Motion to send Penn Vest a principal payment for 25k a month for the next 8 months. Seconded by John Brown, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Motion made by Sean Ryan to accept the Solicitor Report. Seconded by John Brown, all agreed and the motion was passed.

Engineer Report

1. Frystown Treatment Facility Upgrade

To date Flying J representatives have not contact our office for project closeout documents and have not provided design information for their on-site pump station to replace the existing WWTF.

2. Land Development Plans

A. RLP Martha LLC

The developer's consultant acknowledged the original PennDOT HOP plan submission for the extension required BTMA to be the applicant and has resubmitted plans. They have also requested BTMA be the applicant for the PennDOT Hop for the project.

I will defer to Attorney Magovern's office for the standard routine BTMA has utilized in the past. The developer suggested using the BTMA business partner ID; however, we are more inclined to providing permission to the consultant, via an M-950AA form (attached), to apply for the permit under BTMA.

Does BTMA require an executed Sewer Capacity Agreement and tapping fees prior to granting developers permission for the HOP?

The Sewer Capacity Agreement for 16 EDU's, prepared by Attorney Magovern's office, was forwarded to the developer and their consultant.

B. Central Logistics – Lot 4

The developer's consultant acknowledged the previous escrow reduction. We informed the developer's consultant and contractor of items to be addressed prior to consideration of release of additional escrow including but not limited to line cleaning, air test, mandrel tests and as-built plan submission. ARRO staff is scheduled to be on-site for testing May 2, 2023.

3. General Engineering

A. The water meter at Vesuvio Pizza and Restaurant is being read by AWS staff. We requested the operator provide Bobbi with the readings.

B. Hour meters on the generators will be read to track exercising time.

4. Operations

A. A blower at the Frystown facility appeared to be malfunctioning (extreme noise) and was causing the circuit breaker to trip. AWS personnel removed the blower from service and Slay maker Services performed diagnostic tests and did not find anything wrong with the blower or motor to cause the noise or to trip the circuit breaker. AWS will conduct

additional troubleshooting prior to attempting to put the blower back online.

Plant Maintenance – Frystown exhaust screens were cleaned by Ike. Relay wire burnt on a blower. Auger at Bethel runs and runs maybe the float is stuck. Fuses are blowing at Frystown plant. Thermostats are locked on 57 degrees.

Unfinished Business – Quote for 500 trees for all of the plants and pump stations for next meeting - John Brown

New Business – Motion to approve Ike as the Plant maintenance employee at \$22.00 with an increase 60 days from Hire date to \$24.00 by John Brown. Seconded by John High, 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. The motion was seconded by Sean Ryan, all agreed and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Westhafer