

MIDDLEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Zechman-Chairman, Sam Herman, Raymond Colestock,
Doug Hassinger, Scott Brouse, Mike Rhodes

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Winey, Natalie Riley, Judy Varner, Robert Slivinski-Solicitor,
Dustin Zechman-Borough Foreman, Brian Lauver, David Walters-Engineer,
Virginia Zeiber-Borough Administrator

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Motion was made by Doug Hassinger to approve the agenda. Sam Herman seconded and MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion was made by Sam Herman to approve the May minutes. Scott Brouse seconded and MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jason Winey and Troutman's sewer lateral separation-Jason Winey was in attendance to discuss the problem with his building sewer and Troutman's being on the same lateral. Jason does not dispute there is a problem but he wanted an explanation as to why the responsibility of addressing the matter is on him. He realizes that his line should not run through someone's property but believes there was a lapse in the rules and regulations which allowed this connection to happen and now he is left responsible to fix it. Ginny reminded Jason that this may have taken place even before there were rules and regulations. Raymond stated there may have only been one owner for both entities at that time and the owner might have been in compliance at that time.

No one knows when the connection took place or which prior owner of Jason's property is responsible for not informing future owners as to the situation. Jason does not believe anyone present knows who actually hooked to the line in what order.

Scott Brouse asked Dustin Zechman, Borough Foreman, what it would take to get the situation rectified. The sewer main would need to be retapped and a lateral run to Jason's property. It would come out diagonally to the road close to Troutman's. Dustin reminded the Authority there had been situations such as Jay Moyer's on Grand Street, which had been on the same line as a neighbor. The Authority put a new tap in and the homeowners were responsible for separating their lines. Dustin has discussed with Jason how he would feel having the Authority provide the lateral to the right of way and him connecting from there. Jason is fine with that.

Bev asked Dustin about how much it would cost to run from the main to the curb. Dustin thought it would be about \$1000 for materials and a days labor for three of the Borough crew. Dustin was saying the Borough crew could do it so that was one option. To tie Jason's property into the main would be about thirty feet, which would be minimal cost for Jason.

Solicitor Slivinski informed everyone the rules and regulations state that laterals are not to be run on other properties. It would be to the Authority's best interest to get the situation rectified. He also explained to Jason that if Troutman's so desire, they could shut off sewer to Jason's property as things are presently.

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Ginny explained that under normal circumstances, the property owner would be responsible for the entire project and all costs involved. Because this is an illegal situation, the Authority has to make a decision as to how to handle the matter. Dustin also explained that the house was there first because the lateral is poured in concrete under the meat market. Neither Jason or Troutmans were aware of the situation until Troutmans put an extension on the building and hit the lateral.

Raymond Colestock motioned to have the Borough crew install line and then have Jason pay for the installation of his building sewer and materials. Mike Rhodes seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Wilbur Hain IV lien for sewer tap fees and installation of the sewer-Wilbur Hain's rental on Dinius Avenue was one of the three properties included in the sewer project. Solicitor Slivinski entered a lien on the property the end of April. The Authority must now decide if they want the lien to sit there or require a payment schedule. If there is no cooperation with the payment schedule, it would then go to sheriff sale. If the Authority would agree to a payment schedule, Solicitor Slivinski recommended going no longer than two years. After discussion, it was decided that a payment schedule be extended to 18 months and no longer.

PennVest payment-The final payment from PennVest has been received and the loan closed out..

Ritter Feeds land development plan- A copy of the land development plan for Ritter Feeds has been received for a "garage" type project. The Authority received a copy of the plan because as a third option, they have listed the Authority's sewer line as a possibility. The chances of them using the third option are slim but the Authority has been informed as such. Ritters would be responsible for extending the main.

LDG REPORT

CDBG Well Project-Approval has not been received for the Test Well Plan. Congressman Marino's office has helped to get a commitment from SRBC that the review will be complete by July 4. The best scenario would be to have approval of the plan without comments. If there would be comments, GeoServices will have to respond. This is becoming a problem with the project schedule, because they cannot proceed with the pumping test until approval has been received.

There are two permits needed from SRBC. They have to approve the Aquifer Test Plan and then if the well capacity exceeds 100,000 gallons per day, they have to approve the actual use of the production well. SRBC recommended proceeding with "grand fathering" the well so it can be allowed to go into production provided the capacity is under 100,000 gallons per day. The well would then need to be permitted by DEP for whatever safe yield is determined when the pump test is done. LDG is predicting about 200 gallons per minute which is 288,000 gallons per day. During the interim, one would have to make sure the pump is only operated on a 100,000 gallons per day limit until the actual safe yield of the well would be approved by SRBC. SRBC does not answer to anyone so it takes a while to get the permitting completed. The timing of this project is becoming an issue, so hopefully things will move along with this approval.

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Because of the timing issue, LDG needs to get moving along with the designing of the well house and the interconnection to the system. This will make it possible to move forward with the public water supply application. They cannot submit all the data until the well test is done and the hydrogeological report prepared. GeoServices has been working on the hydro report but not as extensively as they could when pump test information becomes available. LDG has estimated all the work at about \$21,000. That would be submitting all permit applications including a PennDot Highway Occupancy Permit, the DEP Public Water Supply Permit and the Erosion Settlement Control Plan. It would involve doing as much of the preliminary design as possible to the point where they can get a permit from DEP. These engineering fees would not be part of the grant.

Sam Herman motioned to approve LDG to do the preliminary design and permitting for the well project not to exceed \$21,000. Raymond Colestock seconded and MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CFA Grant application-The CFA Grant application has been submitted. CFA asked for some additional information. Senator Gordner and Representative Keller's offices are doing letters of support for the grant. It is a long shot because 291 applications requested about thirty three million dollars.

Water Allocation Permit renewal-The DEP file review is completed and the application forms are about 50% complete. LDG is working with Dustin on an updated map of the distribution system and the finalization of the map. The Drought Contingency Plan must be updated and a Leakage and Loss Control Plan prepared.

Water Plant Generator-The preliminary design for the generator is completed. Dustin has a meeting set up on Thursday at 10:00 with an engineer from Larson to review the layout.

WWTP-LDG continues to work with Dustin to tweak the operation of the plant. Carbon is now being added and denitrifying is being attempted. Once that is stabilized, Dave believes that Middleswarth should be approached about eliminating their pretreatment process. This may save the Authority by eliminating some of the supplemental carbon demand and Middleswarth the cost of operating their pretreatment process.

NPDES Permit-The NPDES permit for the Middleburg plant expires next year. An application must be submitted by September 2014. The cost to do the work is projected to be \$2500 and the renewal fee will be \$500. Raymond Colestock motioned to approve LDG to do the projected work at \$2500 plus the renewal fee of \$500. Scott Brouse seconded and MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Water tank on the hill- Raymond stated that several months ago, there was discussion of a water tank on the hill. The initial projection was a sixty foot high tank, so that proper flows could be obtained. Raymond had then asked Dave about a low profile tank. Dave ran a model and found that the larger diameter lower tank would work. At May's meeting, there was a cost projection for a twenty foot diameter, sixty foot high tank presented but Raymond thought the conversation had been about a low profile tank. The cost factors were so far apart, about \$400,000 and \$900,000. Dave said it is because the tank is up on a pedestal.

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The only other option is to look at a truly elevated tank such as the one on the way to Lewisburg on Route 45. The problem with the pedestal tanks is the concrete structure they sit on is the same width as the tank. One then spends a lot on concrete. If one would go with an elevated tank such as the one along Route 45, the cost would come down but not to the cost of the skinny high tank that was proposed. Raymond feels the matter should be explored further before a decision is made. Dave is going to get more information on the matter.

Water company deeds- Solicitor Slivinski has been going over the deeds for the Municipal Authority land. He found that the site where the water tank previously was has a twenty foot easement onto a pad that is 70 feet X 70 feet. He presented Dave with a copy of the deed and tax map of the tank site parcel. Solicitor Slivinski also identified two parcels which are in the Water Company name. One of them is included on a deed, which Solicitor Slivinski does not think he will have a problem getting the County to change to the Municipal Authority. He will have to check the other one out further and have them both changed over to the Municipal Authority.

Radio read water meters-The radio read water meters have been ordered. They are working on the FCC license for the frequency but Dustin understands they are about finished.

Heat pump at WWTP-Dustin had several people look at the heat pump unit at the WWTP. Updating the present heat pump would involve changing the duct work and the indoor unit. The expense was more than Dustin thought it would be, so he went with a thirty thousand BTU Mitsubishi Indoor Ductless Unit. It is equivalent to a 2 ½ ton unit and the cost was \$6000 for the unit and installation.

Boat for WWTP-The boat for use at the WWTP is expected to arrive this week.

Replacement Windows at the Borough Building-The Borough is requesting the Municipal Authority help with the cost of \$5,314 for the installation of energy efficient windows for more of Borough Building. Cam Shaffer has already installed the windows. Mike Rhodes stated he knows the library does not pay anything and wondered about the Police Department. Natalie informed everyone that the police are part of the General Fund and as far as the Library, the windows are part of the contribution to the library. The Authority requested this item be tabled until next meeting. It was suggested that someone check to see if there are any grants available for insulation, etc for the Borough Building and to have the building tested for heat/energy efficiency.

Motion was made by Raymond Colestock to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. Doug Hassinger seconded and MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Beverly Inch
Municipal Secretary