

MIDDLEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Zechman-Chairman, Dwayne Hackenberg-Vice Chairman, Scott Reigle, Doug Hassinger, Tim Folk, Scott Brouse, Ray Colestock

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Zechman-Borough Foreman, Dave Walters-Engineer, Heidi Potter, Robert Slivinski-Solicitor, Brian Lauver, Judy Varner

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Zechman at 6:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Dwayne Hackenberg to approve the agenda. Ray Colestock seconded and MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion was made by Ray Colestock to approve the October minutes. Tim Folk seconded and MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointment of Authority member for 2017-There were no suggestions at this time for recommendation to Council for a future Authority member to take the place of Charles Zechman, who will be finishing his term in December 2016.

LDG REPORT

CDBG Well Project-There is some difficulty with the pumps and trying to synchronize them so they work together and the well functions properly. Because the pumps are on variable speed drives, one will ramp up and the other has to catch up to it. Some of the controls have to be reprogrammed to work faster. Because we did not have the operating permit, it could not be turned into the system when it was first started up when it could have been calibrated so now it is presenting some issues. LDG is working to help get this issue addressed. Dave believes it may take three for four weeks to get the well up and running because the Act Pak will take a while to get reprogrammed. With the water supply the way it is, Dave is going to see if he can push getting this matter addressed as soon as possible.

Well testing-LDG is working with equipment vendors to come up with pretreatment equipment so that one or both of the wells at the reservoir could be used to properly supplement the water supply. They are also coming up with cost opinions for using Middle Creek as a water source or making a dam at the intakes.

PA Small Water and Sewer Grant-The application for the Small Water and Sewer Grant was submitted electronically on October 27th. A printed copy with all the required attachments was mailed on October 28th. Senator Gordner and Representative Keller submitted letters of support.

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Wausau Road/Paxtonville Road Water Project-LDG has submitted the paperwork for the Highway Occupancy Permit for the water project. PennDOT has indicated they will issue the permit but it has not yet been received. After it is determined if the Authority will get the grant, LDG will move on to final design.

Paxtonville Road Pump Station-Dave is going to bring the proposal for work to the pump station on Paxtonville Road to the next meeting because he believes the issue should be addressed sooner than later. Things will continue to deteriorate if not addressed.

Nutrient credits-LDG has determined the Authority will need to purchase 985 nitrogen credits and 70 phosphorus credits at a cost of \$2,373.75. The paperwork has been signed and submitted. Now we wait for DEP's notification that the credits have been registered.

Dave believes the Authority was fortunate. Another client is looking for credits and none can be found in the state. Dave suggests that next year we focus on maintaining compliance and not having to purchase credits.

Terre Hill manhole lining-LDG is of the understanding from the new president of the company that a crew will be in Middleburg by Thanksgiving to at least remove the old liners. Dave is going to contact him again and if he sees that things appear that they will not do as they said, he will have Solicitor Slivinski write another letter to them.

Reservoir water supply-Scott Brouse asked Dustin how the water supply is up at the reservoir. Dustin said it is not good and he believes we will be going on mandatory water restrictions soon if we do not get any rain. One of the wells at the water plant is being used. He thinks that Well 3, the new well, could be run manually if need be.

Solicitor's Report

Access to water company land-Solicitor Slivinski has received word back from several of the landowners involved with the timber access by the Authority. Karl Zimmerman says no, which was expected. Solicitor Slivinski got a phone call from a McAfee. Gene Bickhart, David Attig and Thomas Bruner responded by letter and had no issue with the access. Another letter will be sent but if all else fails, the court will be petitioned for access. The Solicitor and Forester will confer on the matter in an effort to get the matter addressed.

Bruce Ulrich property-At the last meeting, there was discussion on the Bruce Ulrich property, formerly the tannery site. Bruce has not paid the 2014 and 2015 taxes so one would assume that he has not paid for 2016. That would mean a tax upset sale would be scheduled for spring of 2017. Anyone who would purchase the property would do so subject to all liens. If no one purchases the property, the court is then petitioned to subject it to a judicial sale, most likely in

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the spring of 2018. Then it would be sold, free and clear of all liens for whatever it would bring. According to the assessment office, it is worth \$58,000. There were concerns about environmental hazards. When Bruce purchased the property from James Straub of King James Enterprises, the deed was certified there was no hazardous waste present. Extreme Technologies has a lien on the property, along with the two liens by the Authority. Bev explained that as soon as this quarter of water and sewer is overdue, she is going to place a third lien.

BOROUGH FOREMAN'S REPORT

Bruce Ulrich property-Dustin explained that Bev found some paperwork from when the property was King James Enterprise describing how he wanted to make Ulrich's shop an apartment building. It gave a description of the water line so the Borough crew was able to find it. They dug the curb stop up at the street to fix it so it could be turned off. Well pipe was used to tie on to quarter inch copper so it is not a good line. It runs across the County Print's parking lot and between their building and Stahl's Garage. One can barely walk between the two buildings. The Borough crew dug on the back side of the buildings and as soon as they got down about two feet, you could smell something and the soil was black. The line was buried in shale and Dustin found it with the back hoe bucket and one could see the oil sheen on top of the water. They put a valve in at that area and shut it off. The Ulrich building is now shut off but it is not separate from the Country Print.

If the property is sold, the Ulrich property would need a separate line. That could be done by using the driveway to that property.

Septic tank at water plant-The Borough crew has installed the septic tank in at the water plant. They were able to break the old one up and place the new one in at that site.

Fence at water plant-Dustin has not heard from the fence contractor.

Tires-New tires have been put on the truck. They were purchased at Bastian's because they honor the state contract price. When things are bought under this type of contract, balancing and alignment are not included in the price quote, so that work was done by Stahl Brothers.

Sewer line issues-Dustin reported that the sewer line in front of the high school has been unclogged and the sewer line at the Hotel replaced.

Flow meter at Kissimmee plant-The flow meter at the Kissimmee sewer plant malfunctioned and a new one was installed at a price of \$4000. That cost included repairing a leaking weir.

Dwayne Hackenberg motioned to adjourn at 6:30. Ray Colestock seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Beverly Inch
Municipal Secretary

