

MIDDLEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Slivinski-Solicitor, Judy Varner, Brian Lauver, Virginia Zeiber-Administrator, Dustin Zechman-Borough Foreman, Dave Walters-Engineer

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 by Chairman Charles Zechman.

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

Motion was made by Sam Herman to approve the July minutes. Raymond Colestock seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

November meeting of the Authority-The second Tuesday of November falls on the 11th, which is Veterans Day, a holiday for the Borough employees. The Borough Council has changed their meeting to Wednesday, November 12. Raymond Colestock motioned to change the Authority meeting to November 12. Dwayne Hackenberg seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Hain/Conrad suit-No payments were made by the July 25th deadline for the sewer tap in and installation for the Hain/Conrad property, so Solicitor Slivinski has started the process for sheriff sale. On August 1, Wilbur Hain was served. He had fifteen days to take action or a judgement would be entered. After the fifteen days, a ten day default notice must follow. In the meantime, the Borough was notified that the property in question is up for sale at a tax upset sale for \$3,241.32. The tax sale is set for September and the Authority's lien would be included with the tax amount for the sale.

Solicitor Slivinski is holding off with pursuing the sheriff sale because at present, anyone could go into the tax office and set up a payment arrangement, which would pull the property off the tax records. Rather than have the sheriff serve papers now, Solicitor Slivinski suggests that things be put on hold to see what happens with the tax upset sale.

LDG REPORT

CDBG Well Project-The Step Drawdown test was done last week. The safe yield was 95 gpm. Originally it was thought that it would be about 200 gpm. While doing all the monitoring of surrounding wells, it was determined that several wells were affected so the yield was cut to 95 gpm. The goal is not to impact surrounding wells. Everyone was surprised with the results but Dave believes the well is still worth pursuing.

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The well will yield about a days usage and Dave believes with the new Water Allocation Permit, there will be restrictions on the surface water supplies, which are currently not in the present permit, so the well would help supplement what is needed.

Solicitor Slivinski reminded everyone that if the well project is not continued, any CDBG grant funding used, would need to be paid back to the County. Most of the funding for the well was grant funding so it would be cheaper to move ahead.

Mike Rhodes asked which wells were affected. Dustin stated that wells were tested up on the ridge behind the Medical Center, several out on Iron Bridge Road, the stream from Kissimmee to Furnace Road and the pond. Dave is not sure if it impacted all of them or some of them, so he will have to check with the hydrogeologist.

The one good thing is no further land will need to be acquired for the wellhead protection area. The size of the pump can also be lowered due to the decreased yield. Doug Hassinger asked if there was any possibility of the yield of the well being changed in the future. Dave doubts it because the water is getting into the well but it is impacting other properties.

The 72 hour pump test was changed to next Monday because of all the rain forecast. Raymond ask if there had been any answer to the grandfathering discussed for the well. There has been no answer from SRBC. Review comments were received and Larson has responded to them. Dave does not want to reduce the capacity of the well further than 95 mpg but at this point if the DEP permit is not submitted in September, it is going to be tough to meet the July 2015 completion date. DEP has four months to issue the Water Quality Permit and if we don't get the grandfathering approval, the next step will be going back to Glenda trying to apply pressure to extend the grant. Glenda has told Dave that one extension has been given already so it may be very difficult to get another.

Dustin said DEP was at the well site today and they are thinking we may have to do the six month SWIP test before putting the well on line, due to the geology of the land. The test cannot be done over the winter so it would have to be done in the spring. DEP will be here when the 72 hour pump test is being done. Dave had understood there was only a remote possibility that a SWIP test would need to be done and was surprised at what is being conferred to Dustin. There seems to be conflicting information coming from DEP and SRBC.

Water Allocation Permit-The Water Allocation Permit was submitted to DEP on August 7.

Water Plant generator-Bids for the generator will be received until 3:30 P.M. on September 9 for the Authority meeting that evening.

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Grace Covenant Church project-Larson received revised flow numbers for church project today but Dave did not have a chance to look them over. He will have a report at the September meeting. Brian asked if there would be enough water to connect the church project to the system. Dave said if there was not going to be the addition of the well, he did not know if they would approve adding this project to the system. Dwayne stated water could not be given to anyone else so the church project would be no exception. Bev stated when Joan Sinz was going to develop her land behind the chip plant, from what she remembered, Joan was given a guestimate that the Authority could supply about half the homes, she was projecting in that area. One would not think the church project would use even as much as a number of homes. Ginny agreed that she was told a specific percentage but did not remember the number.

Wastewater Plant test results-The test results for nitrogen and phosphorus at the WWTP for June are below cap load limits however it will be necessary to purchase nutrient credits again this year for nitrogen. The amount needed may be 4000 to 4500 pounds. The credits available are tightening up but Gregg Township has credits to sell. They should be around \$2.00 per pound. Dave is going to check with Gregg Township. Phosphorus levels look good so no credits should be needed.

Connie Steiner issue-Per July's Authority meeting, it has been determined that Connie Steiner paid for one tap fee when the sewer was installed at her property. At the July meeting, a motion was made to not allow the disconnection of the apartment on that property. The question was what to do about the second tap fee. Solicitor Slivinski suggested billing her for the tap fee of \$665. If it is not paid, it would be liened against the property, which would include it in the sale of the property. Solicitor Slivinski was directed to write the letter concerning the tap fee.

He questioned that when the Kissimmee project was done the tap fee was \$1500. Today it is \$665 and he wondered why. Bev remembered it having to do with the funding used for the project. Ginny thought it had to do with redoing the rules and regulations and the formula used for determining tap fees. It was decided that \$665 would be charged for the tap fee in that the time frame would more closely correspond with the connection.

Game cameras for water plant-Dustin is still researching game cameras to find what he thinks would work best at the water plant.

Winey/Troutman building sewer-Dustin Zechman reported the building sewer to the two properties will be divided and installed next week.

Pauline Buchanan issue-Pauline has complained about trucks clanging when they go by her residence on Main Street. Dustin met with Penn Dot because it is a state road and they say it is the Borough's issue because our utilities are under the roadway. Dwayne Hackenberg stated Penn Dot did not cap the road a few years ago so the water ran down the side of it instead of the middle but that is acceptable. Penn Dot said that a few years ago the Authority paid for Chip

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Schlegel to dig up, because of bad compaction, at the intersection of Paxtonville Road and Route 104 so now they are letting this situation up to the Borough/Authority. They are not saying that it has to be done.

Pauline is claiming that the trucks going over the area in question are cracking her foundation and drywall. Penn Dot is not saying we have to fix it but if we do make repairs, we will have to do it the way they want it done. Dwayne feels Penn Dot did not do it right in the first place. Penn Dot's representative laughed when they were told of her complaint. Scott Brouse asked if anyone had actually gone to her house to observe her issues. One would almost need to have a structural engineer because an old house will have cracks and it has to be proven that they are coming from the traffic. Doug Hassinger felt it would be her responsibility to prove what is making the cracks to which Solicitor Slivinski agreed.

Cameras at water plant-Raymond Colestock ask Dustin if he got in touch with Rusty Kauffman to see if there is a sensor or timer to go on the cameras that are already installed at the water plant. Dustin said he left Rusty a message and he did not return a call so Dustin did not call again because the Authority had approved the game cameras at the last meeting. Raymond felt that Dustin should find out what Rusty thinks can be done, because good money was spent on the cameras. Mike Rhodes felt there should have been motion detection set up to begin with and if it can be done, it should be done.

Grant meeting-The grant meeting has been postponed until September. The Authority is waiting to hear if they will receive funding to work on the line that comes out of the reservoir.

Line coming out of reservoir-Mike Rhodes stated till the work on the line is done, no one will know how much of an increase it will make in the flows. Dave explained that it will help get more water into the system but if the 300,000 gallons in the reservoir is exhausted, you still have an issue if you cannot take enough volume out of the surface water to meet the daily demand. The well will need to help supplement that demand. It will not help with long range capacity but the well can be used to back feed the reservoir. The capacity through the pipe now is about 750 gpm. It is projected that increasing the pipe would make it about 1200 to 1500 gpm.

Water Tank issue-Brian Lauver asked now since it is known the yield of the well is going to be 95 mpg, what Dave's advice is for going forward with the tank. Dave stated it does not affect the need for the tank. It was put on hold because of funding issues. Scott Brouse felt that getting the tank for fire protection may help with getting funding for the tank. Having the tank would also make it such that if there is a problem at the water plant, water could be drawn from the tank.

Motion was made by Dwayne Hackenberg to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Scott Brouse seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Beverly Inch-Municipal Secretary