

MIDDLEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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

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

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Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

**LDG REPORT** (Dave Walters-Engineer could not attend the Authority meeting but submitted a written report.)

**Water System Capital Improvements**-LDG was instructed by the Authority to get prices on a water tank to replace the tank, which was eliminated years ago. The price quote is \$302,000 for a 303,514 gallon ground level storage tank with an aluminum geodesic dome cover. This price does not include sitework, fencing, exterior piping or land purchase. LDG's projected the total construction cost to be \$442,600. The cost of a standpipe was estimated at \$350,000.

The question then became how the Authority would pay for a tank. There have been previous discussions on conducting a timbering project. With the hurricanes that have occurred recently, it is believed the price of lumber will go up. Scott Brouse recommended that as the leaves fall off the trees, it is time to have Mark Holman mark the timber so the Authority will be ready when the time comes.

There was then question as to whether the land is pinned in the area where the previous water tank had been. Brian Lauver said he is familiar with the location of the pins because he has painted them numerous times. Dave had previously mentioned that a new tank would need to be moved to get the right elevation. Brian said he had read in the previous minutes there would be about seventy feet difference in elevation if the tank was moved west. Brian does not see that much difference. He believes it would be about thirty feet. At a cost of around \$800, LDG can shoot the elevations of the reservoir and tank site, in order to determine where the new water tank site would be for future information. Scott Brouse motioned to have LDG's survey crew determine the elevations for future use at a cost of approximately \$800.00. Scott Reigle seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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**Paxtonville Pump Station**-Contracts are in place for the pump station rehabilitation project. There will not need to be a preconstruction meeting. LDG will keep Dustin informed of the project schedule. Dustin said he will need to find out who is going to take charge of having the pumps rebuilt because the parts need to be ordered so the project can be completed in a timely manner.

**Municipal audit for 2017**-The price quote from Herring, Roll and Solomon for the audit for 2017 for water and sewer is \$5800 or \$2900 each account. There is no change in the price from 2016. Tim Folk motioned to accept the price quote of \$5800 from Herring, Roll and Solomon for the 2017 audit. Ray Colestock seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**Kelly Herman delinquency**-Kelly Herman is now at \$861.84 in sewer delinquency for her property at 8843 Route 522. This is the second time she has been in arrears. A letter is to be sent to Kelly explaining what will be happening if she does not bring her account current and pay the lien costs.

**Bruce Ulrich delinquency**-Bruce Ulrich is now at \$3062.83 in water and sewer delinquency for his property at 46 North Shuman Street. Solicitor Slivinski reported that Bruce pays his taxes just enough to keep there from being an "upset sale". If an upset sale were to take place, the potential buyer would be responsible for the cost of the liens and also the taxes. If it did not sell and went to a "judicial sale", that sale would be free of the liens. His building is on a .69 acre plot and it does not appear to be a bad building. Ray Colestock motioned to start the process of sheriff sale on the Bruce Ulrich property. Tim Folk seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**Appraiser for access road to water company land**-Solicitor Slivinski would like to get Richard Drzewieki, who has good credentials, to do the appraisals for the right-of-way to the water company land in Paxtonville. Rich will be getting back to him with a proposal. Jim Grose will prepare individual parcel easements to show where the property lines are. They will be filed at the Snyder County Court House and then the Authority will have the right-of-way. The only thing the property owners could do is go to court to fight over the amount given for the land but the Authority will have the right-of-way

**Marking trees for a future timbering project**-Dustin Zechman, Borough Foreman, is going to notify the forester that as soon as he feels it is a good time, the Authority would like him to go in and mark the trees for a future timber project.

Motion was made by Ray Colestock to adjourn at 6:43 P.M. Doug Hassinger seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Beverly Inch  
Secretary