

MIDDLEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

December 12, 2017

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

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

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Doug Hassinger at 6:00 P.M.

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

Motion was made by Tim Folk to approve the November minutes. Scott Brouse seconded and
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

LDG REPORT

Water tank site survey-Dave Walters, Engineer, presented the results of the survey work for a possible water tank site. Elevations were taken of the reservoir and also to the east of Mary Lauvers's property. Those elevations would make it necessary to push the new tank site to the area near Barb Gregor's property, which would put it a lot further west from the water line than anticipated. Also, Dave wants to check elevations down the access road to the reservoir. If a tank could be placed down the road from the reservoir, it would be easier to determine the site for a new water tank near or on the old tank site. The concern as to where to place a new water tank is the loss of PSI.

There was then discussion on the water line that runs in the area of where the old water tank used to be. It is asbestos so it will need to be replaced regardless. Elevations could be taken to see how moving a new tank down hill would affect the PSI and several of the present water customers. If a new ground tank were put at the old tank site, there would be a loss of about 30 PSI.

With all the concerns about the loss of PSI, there was question if it would be more practical to install a stand pipe tank at the old tank site and replace the old line rather than have to purchase land, install a new water line and all the work that would go along with installing another ground tank. Would the cost of a ground level tank and a stand pipe tank even out in the long run? Dustin said the Borough cannot afford to lose water pressure. The Authority instructed Dave to have elevations and cost estimates for a stand pipe tank at the old tank site versus a ground tank at another location where the PSI would not be lower available for the next meeting.

Paxtonville Road pump station-The contractor is to be on site by the end of December. Dave is going to speak with the contractor because replacing a manhole has been eliminated and he has questions about the change in the cost.

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PA Small Water and Sewer Grants-DCED has opened the applications for Small Water and Sewer Grants. The application is due in February. The only change from last year is they are not requiring all permits to be in hand prior to applying. Project costs can be \$30,000 to \$500,000. There was discussion concerning applying for the grant for a water tank but then the Route 104 water line replacement was brought to everyone's attention. Dustin informed the Authority that paving on Route 104 has now been changed from 2019 to 2020. Dustin is of the understanding that the line will need to be replaced or moved.

After discussion, it was decided to apply for a grant for the Route 104 water line. Plans will be made for a water tank so they will be ready and available to move ahead in the future.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Bruce Ulrich delinquency issue-Solicitor Slivinski met with the Judge and Bruce's attorney. Bruce's attorney is going to argue that Bruce should not be charged when the water is shut off. Solicitor Slivinski informed them that the Water and Sewer Rules and Regulations does allow customers to be charged a minimum when the water is shut off. The only way a customer can get away from being charged is to have the line physically disconnected. Another lien has been entered on the property.

Kelly Herman delinquency issue-Another lien has been entered on Kelly Herman's property.

Greg Gaugler property-The sheriff sale for Greg Gaugler's property at 38 South Main Street is scheduled for January 12th. A lien has been entered on the property.

Right-Of-Way to water company land in Paxtonville-The appraiser is working on property appraisals for the right-of-way to water company land in Paxtonville. In order to know when his work can be started, the forester is waiting to hear from Solicitor Slivinski when the 25 foot right-of-way is completed.

BOROUGH FOREMAN'S REPORT

Leak Detection Survey-The last leak on the Leak Detection Survey has been repaired. Since the repair work has been completed, the lowest distribution flows are being recorded that the Borough has ever had. Hopefully, notation of this will be allowed on the 2017 water reports for unaccounted for water.

Doug Hassinger's term on Authority-Doug's term on the Authority expires the end of 2017. Doug is moving out of the Borough but could serve on the Authority until his home is sold. He does not anticipate having the property much longer and does not wish to serve any longer. Scott Brouse is going to check with a Borough resident whom he had talked too previously.

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Meeting dates for 2018-Tim Folk motioned to accept the following dates for the 2018 Authority meetings:

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

Scott Brouse seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Ray Colestock motion to adjourn at 6:47 P.M. Doug Hassinger seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.



Beverly Inch
Municipal Secretary