

**MIDDLEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

**February 13, 2018**

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

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

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Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Dwayne Hackenberg.

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

Motion was made by Ray Colestock to approve the January minutes. Scott Reigle seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**Replacement for Doug Hassinger on Authority**-Tyler Maneval has expressed interest in serving as a member of the Authority. Dwayne Hackenberg motioned to recommend to the Borough Council the appointment of Tyler Maneval to the Municipal Authority for a term which would expire in December 2022. Scott Brouse seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**Mary Lauer water situation**-To refresh everyone's memory, Mary's water problems really began after the old water tank, which was on the hill, was removed. The solution would be to install a new tank and at present there are not funds to do so. Mary has been given exoneration from a water bill until the situation is resolved. A booster pump was suggested but Mary is so far up the hill that it would not solve the situation appropriately either.

Dave ask if there were other customers with this issue. Dustin believes the Prossedas may have a similar issue but not to the extent that Mary does. In the area Dustin lives, there is a similar problem, but also not to the extent Mary has.

**LDG REPORT**

**Pump station on Paxtonville Road**-The Paxtonville Road pump station project is on hold due to the weather conditions. The coatings cannot be sprayed on the manholes or wet well until the temperature is above 40 degrees.

**Grant application for Wausau Road waterline project**-The grant application for the Small Water and Sewer Grant for the Wausau Road water line replacement is due the end of February. There are two documents which the Municipal Authority has to approve. One is a commitment letter stating the Authority will commit to the 15% match. The other is a resolution expressing a

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desire to apply for the grant and to approve Dwayne as the Chairman of the Authority and Bev as the Secretary, to sign documents pertaining to the grant. Tim Folk motioned to approve the resolution for the Dept of Community Economic Development PA Small Water and Sewer Grant program. Ray Colestock seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**Proposed water tank site**-LDG has performed a survey for elevations for a water tank placement and found the elevation could be dropped down to around 705 feet, which would provide service to Mary Lauver's property. The existing reservoir is about 735 feet to the top with the water level about a foot below the top of the reservoir, with around 10 feet in depth down into the bottom of the tank. Therefore if a tank were placed on the hill, one would want a minimum elevation of 700 feet. In the area where the old tank was, there are some elevations of 685 feet so there would not be much elevation needed to get a tank up to 700 feet. If one would put a tank further out the ridge on Roy Laudermilch's land, there would need to be more piping, etc. If a new tank would be placed in the area where the old tank was, there is existing piping, etc. At present, the funds are not available for a new tank but the Authority is aware of the necessity to resolve this matter and will be working with LDG to come up with a solution. A new tank would also be the solution to utilize the well. LDG will need to determine if it would be more cost effective to place a tank at the old tank site or to purchase land and move the tank site further out the ridge. At present, the emphasis has to be on the Wausau Road water line replacement due to PennDot doing paving in the future, but the process of getting plans together for a new tank should be put in order so they are completed if funding becomes available because a new tank is a necessity.

**Jeff Gaugler delinquency**-The property at 38 South Main Street has been subject to a sheriff sale. The bank, J P Morgan Chase has bought back the property and all the delinquency has been resolved. The property will most likely go up for sale in the future.

**Bruce Ulrich delinquency**-There is a hearing scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> to decide the next step in the legal process with Bruce. It appears he believes when a shutoff notice is received, the billing stops, which is not the case.

**Kelly Herman delinquency**-Bev received a call from Kelly last week stating she would be in to make a payment on her delinquency but did not say what that "payment" would be. She has not shown up to pay since that phone call. Her delinquency amount is \$1434.29.

**Wayne Catherman delinquency**-A lien is going to be placed on the Catherman property. Solicitor Slivinski advised that a couple thousand dollars are involved with the sheriff sale process and advertising. One does not want to wait too long if the property is not worth the delinquent amount plus the sheriff sale fees.

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**SOLICITOR'S REPORT\**

**Right of Way to Authority land in Paxtonville area-** Solicitor Slivinski has not heard back from the appraiser. Frustration on the part of the Authority was expressed because this project needs to keep moving along. The Solicitor is to email the Appraiser consistently in order to get a response and keep him moving.

**BOROUGH FOREMAN'S REPORT**

**Fecals at WWTP-**The fecals at the WWTP are on line. The day before the sampling is sent to the lab, the crew has been doing their own sampling. This had previously been done until some years ago, the State said you had to be accredited to do your own testing. These testings cannot be reported but Dustin has to check with DEP to see what can be done with them.

**Pump-**Dustin reported that he has not heard anything on the pump he ordered. He thought it would be about twelve weeks.

**Fine for WWTP-**The fine for the WWTP has been paid but there has been no further correspondence.

Motion was made by Ray Colestock to adjourn at 6:55 P.M. Scott Brouse seconded and  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Beverly Inch  
Municipal Secretary