

MIDDLEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dwayne Hackenberg-Chairman, Scott Reigle, Tim Folk,
Scott Brouse, Scott Herbster

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Slivinski-Solicitor, Dave Walters-Engineer, Brian Lauver,
Dustin Zechman-Borough Foreman, Dave Hennings-Penn Vest Representative,
Dave Habowski-HD Engineering, John Glenn

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

Motion was made by Tim Folk to approve the agenda. Scott Reigle seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Motion was made by Scott Brouse to approve the June minutes. Scott Herbster seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Possible funding with Penn Vest for future water projects-Dave Hennings, Penn Vest Representative, attended the meeting to discuss options for obtaining funding for future water projects from Penn Vest, which will need to be completed in the next few years. This includes a new water tank, a new water line on Wausau Road and doing updates to the system to meet state regulations.

It was explained that larger projects are more inclined to receive funding in the form of grants or loans. Therefore, the Authority may want to consider combining several or all of the projects into one application. According to the present water rates and the financial records, Middleburg Municipal Authority would have to charge a water rate of \$46.73 per month to be eligible for grant funding. After a determination would be made as to which projects to include in the application, a low interest rate would be offered for a loan thru PennVest. The recommendation is to put together an application of at least one million dollars of funding to get an interest rate of 1 to 2 1/4%.

After discussion, the Authority decided to have Dave Walters, Engineer, start the process of getting information together so that an application to Penn Vest can be submitted and a final decision can be made as to what projects to include in the application. Applications are accepted quarterly and should be shovel ready projects. Also the CFA and H2O funding agencies could be checked into. Dave Walters believes the Authority will need to lean on the government officials heavily to help get CFA and H2O funding. Senator Gordner has been a big help in such cases in the past.

Joan Sinz property-Dave Habowski from HD Engineering reported to the Authority that the Sinz family is ready to explore having homes and rentals constructed on their land which is

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behind the Middleswarth Chip Company along Furnace Road and is presently being farmed. There was question as to the availability to supply water to the proposed development. Supplying sewer is not an issue. After discussion, Mr. Habowski was informed that water for the development would not be available until updates to the system are completed and it could be approximately 2021.

LDG REPORT

NPDES Permit-Dave Walters informed the Authority the NPDES Permit expires in 2020.

Nitrogen credits-Because credits are not easily obtained, it is time to start shopping for nitrogen credits, which will be needed for the upcoming year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Charles Mitchell property-The Charles Mitchell property was sold at a sheriff sale so therefore, the Authority will recoup what was owed for water and sewer.

BOROUGH FOREMAN'S REPORT

PBS sewer issue-PBS submitted a request to have the Authority cover a cost of \$350 for rugs which needed to be cleaned as a result of a faulty alarm and check valve at the sewer plant. Dustin reported that the problem has been addressed so it does not happen again and that he feels the Authority should be responsible for the cleaning. Scott Brouse motioned for the Authority to cover the cost of \$350 for the cleaning. Tim Folk seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Grinder- Dustin obtained a price quote for the grinder at the WWTP from PSI in the amount of \$3600. Dustin and the Borough crew are installing the electrical line needed to supply the grinder. Tim Folk motioned to purchase the grinder. Scott Reigle seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Meter equipment-Dustin informed the Authority members it is projected that it will cost approximately \$59,000 for bypass meter equipment for the intakes, which is mandated by 2020. The monthly data fee will be \$5500.00..

Alarms-There are new shut down requirements for the water plant, mandated by DEP. Further information will be available in the future.

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Holding tank for Paxtonville U M Church-The Paxtonville United Methodist Church, which is connected to the sewer system, is planning to do a pavilion project on land behind the church. They have submitted an application for a holding tank at the pavilion site versus attaching to the church sewer line. DEP is requesting a letter from the Authority stating it would go along with the project. The church is located in Franklin Township and Franklin Township has signed off on allowing the holding tank. The Authority requires a connection to sewer if it is less than 150 feet from the main and the proposed pavilion will be more than 150 feet. Scott Brouse motioned to have the Authority Secretary submit a letter of approval for the proposed project. Scott Herbster seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Motion was made by Scott Herbster to adjourn at 7:24 P.M. Tim Folk seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Beverly Inch
Municipal Secretary