

MIDDLEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dwayne Hackenberg-Chairman, Scott Reigle, Scott Herbster,
Scott Brouse, Doug Hassinger, Tim Folk, Tyler Maneval

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Walters-Engineer, Elizabeth Paige-Borough Administrator,
Dustin Zechman-Borough Foreman, Brian Lauver

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 September minutes. Scott Herbster seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Calvin Goss request for no sewer bill-Calvin Goss, a Paxtonville resident, recently had a fire at his residence. He cannot reside there at this time and requested to not receive a sewer bill until he is back in the residence. After discussion, Bev was directed to inform Mr. Goss that according to the Authority's Rules and Regulations, the only way to have the sewer billing discontinued is to physically disconnect the line, which would be costly for him but it is his decision.

Doug Hassinger appointment to serve on Municipal Authority-The Borough Council has appointed Doug Hassinger to serve the rest of the term, which ends December 2019, formerly held by Raymond Colestock.

Doug and Tim Folk, whose term also ends in December, will then be presented to the Council for reappointment in 2020 for a new term, which will end in 2024.

Transferring funds to PLGIT account-While reviewing the water and sewer budgets for 2020, Authority members were informed there are funds in the water and sewer checking accounts that are not drawing as much interest as they could be into the PLGIT accounts. Lib recommended keeping approximately two months of expenses in the checking accounts and transferring the excess into the PLGIT accounts. Tim Folk motioned to authorize transferring the excess funds from the water and sewer checking accounts, except for two months of expenses to the PLGIT accounts. Scott Brouse seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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LDG REPORT

Future water project-Dave Walters-Engineer, presented a cost opinion for a future water project, which involves a number of smaller projects, in the amount of \$3,700,000. He has been obtaining information on possible funding through PennVest. The target rate for water for Middleburg is \$561.00 per year or \$46.75 per month, which would make the Authority eligible for \$1,640,000 in grant funding. Middleburg's current rate is approximately \$40.00 per month. A loan for the remainder of the project, if the grant were obtained, would be 1% interest for 20 years. If the grant amount would be \$820,000, the loan would then be stretched to 30 years at 1%.

CFA and PA H2O Loan programs, which can be co loaned with PennVest, are available again for application. It is impossible to apply for PA H2O this year because the project must be shovel ready and applications must be submitted by December 13, 2019. CFA is not shovel ready and the limit is \$500,000. If the Penn Vest application is delayed until October 2020, it would allow time to apply to CFA, which is only a 15% match. Dave needs to check if the large project could be applied for through CFA for the total amount. It is also recommended the Authority reach out to Senator John Gordner and Representative David Rowe for support. Dave is going to contact Senator Gordner's office.

Nutrient credits-Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority will have nitrogen credits available at \$5.00 per credit. They will have more concrete figures once the testing results for the month are back. As credits become available, Dave will get the agreements in motion.

Solicitor Slivinski was not in attendance due to a health issue.

BOROUGH FOREMAN'S REPORT

Golf Course pump station-Dustin Zechman, Borough Foreman, reported he sent out the first pump at the Golf Course pump station for repair. It was determined the pump needed a new cord and cap, along with the other parts. The cost of the cord and cap was \$3000. The pump was put back in and the other pump has been sent to be repaired.

Utilities for the proposed football stadium at MiddWest-Several months ago, the Sinz family had requested water and sewer for a proposed development behind the Middleswarth Chip plant. It was explained to them there was an issue with supplying water, until the Authority would get some work completed to the system in order to comply with state regulations. Dustin reported that he is now to attend a meeting on Thursday with the School District concerning water and sewer for the proposed football stadium.

Dustin was directed to tell them that more concrete information is needed before making a decision. The plan calls for several concession stands, a lot more restrooms and an equipment/maintenance room. A planning module is needed.

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Bypass metering equipment-Dustin reported he had gotten a price quote on the bypass metering and SCADA equipment for the water plant. The total \$62,240 which includes \$475 data fees per month. This equipment will monitor more accurately and meet state regulations, plus the employees will be better able to address matters as they arise. There was discussion of it being a matter that will need to be addressed so now is the time to do it. Scott Brouse motioned to purchase the monitoring equipment with funds from the PLGIT account. Scott Reigle seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Well #3- Dustin reported that an incident had occurred at the Well #3 well house. A water leak occurred and did damage to the well house and its electrical system. The well house has been dried out, as well as the electrical boxes have been dried out and gone over. An assessment was done and it is recommended that everything be replaced but Dustin does not think that will be the case. He will keep the Authority informed.

Motion was made by Tim Folk to adjourn at 6:45 P.M. Scott Herbster seconded and MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Beverly Inch
Municipal Secretary