

The Municipal Authority of The Borough of Berlin
700 North Street, Berlin, PA 15530

Regular Meeting

February 8, 2023 - @ 7:00 p.m.

Approved and Official Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Scott Miller

Council Attending:

C. Scott Miller - Present

Bryan Walker - Present

Charles Rhodes Present

Marshal Engleka – Present

Dale Miller – Present

Other Attending – Chet Cyga, Water System Solutions, Inc., Gary Leister, The EADS Group, Jeremy Broadwater, First Energy and Traci Horning, Municipal Authority Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve the January 11, 2023, Municipal Authority minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Walker, seconded by Marshal Engleka, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 13, 2023, to February 7, 2023. Motion carried.

Citizens comments were none.

Gary Leister stated Requisition #10 from The EADS Group in the amount of \$6,245.47 for services in January 2023 are to be paid from Somerset Trust. Gary is to submit payment to Somerset Trust.

Kukurin Contracting has not responded back to the various email from Gary Leister, The EADS Group relating to the outstanding punch list items that need finished. Going to wait till spring to start pursuing the issues with the punch list. Currently there are two outstanding invoices from PennDOT that has not been paid Kukurin is responsible to pay these invoices which was part of the contract.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) has all been submitted and notices have been sent now just waiting on SRBC to give us what to do.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit has been received and becomes effective March 1, 2023, and expires 2028.

The Public Water Supply (PWS) application for addition of corrosion control treatment is due March 17, 2023, and is being completed by The EADS group. This application is being done due to the Municipal Authority receiving a letter from John Thomas, DEP for not submitting a permit application for construction or modification of corrosion control treatment (CCT) facilities in 1993.

Discussion regarding the Department of Environmental (DEP) drinking water the January 2023 Special Edition – Regulatory Update. By October 16, 2024, need to submit an initial Service Line Inventory of lead lines within the borough.

Motion by Bryan Walker, seconded by Marshal Engleka, to approve Requisition No. 10 in the amount of \$6,245.47 from The EADS Group for professional services for the period ending January 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Jeremy Broadwater, FirstEnergy presented to the Municipal Authority an easement agreement to have access to the microwave tower on Parcel Number S08-010-030-00 on Whitehorse Road to run lines for the distribution of electric current, including communication facilities. Gave the easement to Attorney Lois Caton to review.

Chet Cyga gave an update on the various things being done.

Letter dated January 19, 2023, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) letter for the Lead and Copper Treatment and Monitoring – Data Submission Response PWSID No. 4560029. Will need to complete twenty (20) samples from the period January – June and July -December 2023. Need to submit a Water Supply Permit application for lead and copper corrosion control treatment as well as a request designation of optimized WQP treatment parameters within the next 120 days.

Letter dated January 31, 2023, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) letter for Waiver Renewal Application Return PWSID No. 4560029. Will need to submit a new waiver application for PCB's, Dioxin, and potentially other contaminants. A fee of \$150 (\$00 for the first contribution area, \$50 for the additional).

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Annual Permit Compliance Report for calendar year 2021. This is currently being worked on.

Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) annual report of Municipal Authorities (audit report for August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022) needs to be completed. Currently waiting for the audit to be done and returned.

Filed an insurance claim through EMC Insurance for the December 22, 2022, surge/power failure for Well 9.

Presented the full year of 2022 and January 2023 Snyder's Lagoon results.

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Bryan Walker, to approve quote in the amount of \$7,676.30 from LB Water for inventory for the new water line.

Mowing at the well sites and facilities was discussed.

Gave an update on various water issues that occurred the past month.

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) Water Conservation & Reuse Survey was presented to the board. Bryan Walker was going to do and return to be submitted.

SARA Title III off site response plan for entities with Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) needs to be completed and submitted. Chet Cyga will do the report and submit.

Presented to the board the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Drinking Water News to read.

PA Rural Water training papers have been handed out. Chet Cyga is offering two classes to have all his employees certified and trained.

Agreement was submitted to the attorney regarding FC Investment Group LLC.

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Charles Rhodes, to approve payment of pending and previously paid bills of the general fund, water system, and sanitary sewer system for the period of January 11, 2023, to February 7, 2023. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on doing a manhole study. Need to have Edward Slifco, Supervisor to look for a basin to fit in the manholes. Watching manhole on Mulberry and North. Discussion on what other municipalities do to repair manholes. Discussion was to have them refurbished. Chet Cyga offered to have a class on manholes.

Keith Largent requested a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Berlin. A copy of the December 1, 2021, minutes. All schematic drawings of typical detail of lines. Photos taken of the sewer line repair area.

At 9:15 P.M. a motion was made by Bryan Walker, seconded by Dale Miller to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried.

Traci Horning

Submitted By: Traci Horning, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer