

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

Regular Meeting

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

Approved and Official Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bryan Walker

Council Attending:

C. Scott Miller - Absent

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, Gerald Walker, Commissioner and Traci Horning, Municipal Authority Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Marshal Engleka, to approve the February 8, 2023, Municipal Authority minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of February 8, 2023, to March 7, 2023. Motion carried.

Citizens comments. Gerald Walker, Commissioner spoke about the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Allegheny Tunnel Transportation Improvement Project.

Gary Leister stated the drain ditch between 1798 and 1785 Whitehorse Road needs to have warranty work done due to the washing out. Would like to start finishing the items on the punch list for the water line and have all finished by end of May 2023. Gary will contact Billy Kukurin to have him start the punch list items. Discussion on the stream crossing to have it pressured tested in August before the year warranty is up in September. SRBC waiting on response on the permit. Spring 3 water allocation through the DEP excludes Spring 3 will need to get a quote for EADS to do this and has a \$25 application fee.

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve The EADS Group to do Spring 3 water allocation application in the amount not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan needs to be looked over by Gary Leister and Chet Cyga to get it finished up.

Gary Leister questioned how the Water Authority are doing with identifying the lead lines. Identifying the lead lines has started working mainly on Main Street from Vine Street to Hay Street.

Gary Leister gave a copy of the finalization drawings of the water line.

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Charles Rhodes, to approve the changes of the Easement from Pennsylvania Electric Company for underground distribution of electric current. Motion carried.

Jeremy Broadwater, FirstEnergy will present the easement agreement to their attorney with the corrections from the Municipal Water Authority 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.

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission letter for the Allegheny Tunnel Transportation Improvement Project. Bryan Walker contacted Garvin Boward Beitko to see if interested in doing a geotechnical engineering/geologic study.

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

Heritage Environmental quote for a new Hydro 900 vacuum regulators. Current equipment is dated and showing signs of wear.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Marshal Engleka to approve the purchase of a new Hydro 900 vacuum in the amount of \$2,600. Motion carried.

TheMeterGuy, LLC for the new remote monitoring system for the well sites has been ordered and will inform us with an install date.

Department of Emergency Services Annual Update Off Site Response Plan SARA Title III has been completed and submitted.

Motion by Dale Miller, seconded by Marshal Engleka to approve the purchase of 10 8 inch $\frac{3}{4}$ inch brass double strap service saddle from LB Water Service, Inc. in the amount of \$1,915.50. Motion carried.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Marshal Engleka to approve the payment of invoices for National Road Utility Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$9,399.21, \$73,695.00 and LB Water Service, Inc. in the amount of \$1,916.50. Motion carried.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) is conducting a survey for promoting the use of water conservation and reuse practices to improve the resilience of local water resources. Bryan Walker took the survey to fill out.

DCED Annual Report for August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022 is due. Waiting on Joe Pison from Friedline Pison & Co to complete.

DEP Annual Permit Compliance Report for calendar year 2021 has been completed.

DEP Drinking Water News has an article on lead lines. Service Line Inventory has a deadline of submitting to the DEP is October 16, 2024. Work has been started to inventory and verify the service lines within the borough.

PA Rural Water training papers have been handed out.

Proposals offer ways to better inform residents article was handed out.

Mowing at the wells and facilities still waiting for Tanner Walker to call Chet Cyga and Dan Buck to walk the premises.

Presented up to February 15, 2023, Snyder's Lagoon results.

Gave an update on the water issues for the past month. 905 Main Street lead line has been replaced. Water line for the fire hydrant was hit at Snyder of Berlin the line will need to be charged.

Michael and Sherry Oakes have requested to permission to tap into the sewer system. Bryan Walker to look over the engineer drawings from when the sewer system was done for Shady Lane.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Marshal Engleka, to approve payment of pending and previously paid bills of the general fund, water system, and sanitary sewer system for the period of February 8, 2023, to March 8, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:15 P.M. was made by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Dale Miller. Motion carried.

At 8:15 P.M., the council adjourned to executive session to review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege, or lead to the disclosure of information and confidentiality protected by law, including matters related to the initiation and conduct of investigations of possible or certain violations of the law and quasi-judicial deliberations.

Motion to adjourn to regular session at 8:26 P.M. was made by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Dale Miller. Motion carried.

Need to get pricing on a new well on the mountain and locate where to put the well.

Next regular meeting of The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Berlin is scheduled for May 10, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:33 P.M. a motion was made by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Dale Miller to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried.

Traci Horning

Submitted By: Traci Horning, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer