

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

Regular Meeting

April 12, 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, and Traci Horning, Municipal Authority Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Bryan Walker, to approve the March 8, 2023, Municipal Authority minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Walker, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period of March 8, 2023, to April 11, 2023. Motion carried.

Gary Leister stated a site visit was done with Kukurin Contracting to go over the punch list to finish the project. Deem field is still wet going to dig a ditch along the easement way to find the drainage lines and fix. 1798 Albright, 1785 Klotz and 1776 Hay going to drag the ditch and line with rip raft/rock. 1952 Croner going to do an asphalt apron at the driveway to make the transition from the driveway to the roadway. 109 Ritchey Way going to raise the storm drainpipe on the downstream side up 6 inches. All bare spots with no grass in yards along the water line will be hydroseeded. Closing date of May 26, 2023, to have the punch list items finished and close the project. Priority on the punch list is Deems field and the ditches. An amendment to owner-engineer agreement was executed in November 2022 for additional services provided and anticipated to conclude the White Horse Road and Stadium Street transmission replacement project. An hourly rate basis to the close-out of this project up to a value of \$3000.

Update on the PA Small Water and Sewer grant will need to move the matching funds to engineering costs by doing this will not have to follow the federal requirements.

On March 22, 2023, Chet Cyga, Dan Buck and Gary Leister visited various spring locations to determine if Spring 3 appears to be in use or not. After inspecting Spring 3 was unable to identify any piping within the spring house that would convey water to the treatment facility. No water circulating or moving in or out of the spring house. For the water allocation permit application for Spring 3 going to put on hold not going to get permitted.

The Comprehensive Monitoring Plan the DEP does not agree with how the blending of the water is being done. May need to do more water sampling. The springs are hard to control on blending. Quarterly water sampling would be the best choice. Going to try to do quarterly sampling if DEP will allow due to being able to have the variance. DEP wants to know if the wells and springs are parallel or sequence. They are all parallel.

Permit for Well 6 will need to be moved to a reserve well due to only using when necessary.

Motion by Bryan Walker, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve The EADS Group to do the necessary paperwork to file with the SEP to do quarterly water sampling. Motion carried.

Motion by Mashal Engleka, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve The Easement between the Municipal Authority of Borough of Berlin and Pennsylvania Electric Company 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308 for an easement and right-of-way for a strip of land being ten (10) feet wide, lying five (5) feet on each side on Parcel Number S08-010-030-00. Motion carried.

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

Every three years preventive maintenance on the Hydro Series 900 vacuum is done by a factory trained technician. Repairs were needed at that time.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Marshal Engleka to approve the Heritage Environmental Invoice for preventive maintenance repairs on the Hydro 6" remote meter, Hydro vacuum ejector, Hydro CV-230 auto valve, tubing and fitting, test and calibrate chlorine gas detector, new CL2 sensor in the amount of \$1,591. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Walker, seconded by Marshal Engleka to approve the Industrial Service Solutions Invoice for field labor to install repaired pump of the Chicago Model VPMLMC-6 in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Walker, seconded by Charles Rhodes to approve the Industrial Service Solutions Quote to repair (4 bearings, 2 lip seals, 3 gaskets, impeller bolt, packing and shark bit) on the Wemco Model 4X4 C pump in the amount of \$6,632.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Walker, seconded by Charles Rhodes to approve the Industrial Service Solutions Quote for field labor to re-install repaired Wemco Model 4X4 C pump in the amount of \$780.00. Motion carried.

Excelsior Blower System removed the one blower and motor to determine the damage from wear. Waiting for the estimate of repair or a new one.

TheMeterGuy, LLC for the remote monitoring system is about 80% fixed.

Well 10 issues with the numbers that are being reported to the SRBC are being looked into. Probs that are in Well 10 has to be looked at.

The sewer treatment plant roof is leaking. The roof is a rubberized roof will need to find a roofer to repair the leaks. Chet and Marshal to get me some names to call.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received the 2023-2025 Monitoring Waiver Application Form requesting monitoring waivers for Synthetic Organic Chemical (SOC). TCDD (Dioxin) 2, 3, 7, 8 and PCB's have been approved.

Daily Water Withdrawal/Instream Flow Requirement for the Municipal Authority had an average of 81, 929 gallons of water a day for the month of March 2023.

PA Rural Water has started the Source Water Protection Technical Assistance Program Information Request to do a revised/new well protection plan.

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) has a Groundwater Level Monitoring Grant Program available. After a discussion among council members don't have anything to fall under this grant now.

The three parts that were damaged from the power surge at the well site will need to be ordered.

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

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Brian Walker to approve the quote to provide lawn care service at the sewage treatment plant and designated area at the entry point, reservoir, wells 6, 9, and 10 not to exceed \$250.00 per month. The months include May, June, July, August, September, October 2023. Motion carried.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is being worked on by Chet Cyga.

Michael and Sherry Oakes have requested 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. There is a total of 32 pumps that were approved to be attached to the sewer system line years ago. Michael and Sherry Oakes can tap into the sewer system.

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Dale Miller to approve the tap in fee of \$1,500.00 to the sewer system on Shady Lane. Motion carried.

Lead and copper water lines for the residents of the borough. Each customer has to have a three-part survey done by October 16, 2024.

1. Inspect or verify main water line to the curb box is lead free.
2. The curb box to the home has to verify 18 inches is lead free.
3. Must visually inspect the entrance inside the home is lead free.

EPA is to be doing all the inspecting. Every home that is on the water line must be entered into the database from the DEP and EPA. Taking up to ½ hour per home to be entered. An ordinance may have to be drawn up to give the Municipal Authority permission to enter onto the owner's private property to verify the 18 inches from the curb box to the home due to EPA regulations.

A proposal for Geotechnical Engineering/Geologic Study was received from Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering Inc. to study the effects that the PA Turnpike Commission (PTC) project will have on the Berlin Borough Municipal Water Authority water wells and springs. Engineering company is going to need information to start their study. Chet Cyga is to release what information is needed to do the study. The proposal does not give us the drilling samples that are going to be needed. Bryan Walker to talk with

Pa Turnpike Commission to see if we can get the results of the drilling samples that they did with their study.

2023 CDBG Entitlement Funds with Somerset Redevelopment Authority has no areas of concern with the Municipal Authority for these grant funds.

Snyder of Berlin Lagoon results and the WWTP Effluent Lab Results up to March 22, 2023, has been presented to the board.

Various water and sewer issues for the past month have been presented to the board.

Youghiogheny River Conservation Plan: Part 1 Headwaters to Dunbar Creek – Municipal Survey was presented and decided not to do the survey.

DEP letter changes to the PA Safe Drinking Water (SDW) regulations. Changes are all ok nothing to worry about.

The Authorities PA Municipal Authorities Association letter and booklet was handed out to read.

DEP Drinking Water News for March 2023 was handed out to read.

PA Rural Water training papers have been handed out.

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Bryan Walker, to approve payment of pending and previously paid bills of the general fund, water system, and sanitary sewer system for the period of March 7, 2023, to April 11, 2023. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting of The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Berlin is scheduled for June 14, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:27 P.M. a motion was made by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Bryan Walker to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried.

Traci Horning

Submitted By: Traci Horning, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer