

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

**Regular Meeting**

**October 11, 2023 - @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Approved and Official Minutes**

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

Council Attending:

C. Scott Miller - Present

Bryan Walker – Absent

Charles Rhodes Present

Marshal Engleka – Present

Dale Miller – Present

Other Attending – Chet Cyga, Water System Solutions, Inc., and Heather Karchner, Municipal Authority Office Clerk.

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve the September 13, 2023, Municipal Authority minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Charles Rhodes, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of September 13, 2023 to October 11, 2023. Motion carried.

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

Industrial Services Solutions Chicago Model VPMLMC-6. Pump #1 is installed and running. Pump #2 pump is scheduled to be fixed and returned by mid-October.

Industrial Service Solutions Wemco Model 4 X 4 C arrived and is being installed. Issue with floats to control the variable frequency drive. Waiting for Chet to speak to Clifton Controls. They said they have another recommendation.

Excelsior Blower System removed the one blower and motor. Chet spoke with Excelsior and the parts are in and should be fixed by the end of November.

Excelsior Toshiba 150 HP 495TS Frame ODP Model B1502VLG3UM. Waiting on parts.

Lightning struck the treatment plant on July 9, 2023. Chet has not received an invoice from Luke Thomas yet.

Digester #1 blower timer unit was fixed October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, by Luke Thomas.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve the quote from DVR Inc, 6 Commerce Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15239 to fix/repair the sludge pump in the amount of \$2,407.29. Motion carried.

Insurance claim for the lightning strike July 9, 2023, need information to submit to insurance.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve the invoice from Mobile Solids Solutions, 1505 Berlin Plank Road, Somerset, PA 15501 to dewater sludge from the Berlin Wastewater Treatment Plant at the mobile site at the corner of Stadium Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the amount of \$38,800.29. Motion carried.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve the invoice from Pile's Concrete Products, 115 Pickett Lane, Friedens, PA 15541 to transport sludge from the Berlin Wastewater Treatment Plant to the mobile site at the corner of Stadium Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the amount of \$6,312.50. Motion carried.

Daily Water Withdrawal/Instream Flow Requirement for the Municipal Authority had an average of 59,362 gallons of water a day for the month of September 2023. Chet and Scott said that the flows look good for how dry it is.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the referenced Public Water Supply Application No. 5623502 and has identified three (3) significant technical deficiencies.

Chet stated the samples from January to June look good. For July to December, we have 18 samples collected and are waiting for the results. Waiting to finish the rest of the water samples. Gary from EADS is working on Chet to call and follow up.

Boose Spring cattle gate update. It has been fixed and Chet and Charles say it looks great.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Sewage Inspection for September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chet notified Lisa Milsop to do the inspection. She took a sample while Pile's Concrete Products was pumping sludge to move to the mobile site. No violations were noted.

Berlin Water and Waste To Do List was updated on October 9, 2023.

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

Lead line update from North Street to Hay Street as of October 6, 2023, ten (10) lines are done.

Snyder of Berlin Lagoon results and the WWTP Effluent Lab Results up to August 30, 2023, has been presented to the board.

The Borough purchased a new zero turn mower and donated the old zero turn mower to the Municipal Authority. Scott thanked the Borough for the mower.

Mike Oakes- Shady Lane - is starting the process for tapping/connecting into the sewer system. He has Mike Fogle doing the work. Information was given to Mike for the purchase of the E-1 pump to work with the existing pumps. He has not paid the \$1500 tap fee.

FC Investment Group has had an increase in water usage monthly over the past year. PA Rural Water helped Roger determine there was a water line break (estimate of a gallon a minute- 1440 gallons per day) somewhere from the meter pit at Broderick's cement pad to the trailer at the gym. The leak was found and fixed by FC Investment. 2-meter pits were purchased, one for the trailer and one for the gym

to place water meters in them. Plan to put them in within the next week. Roger will make sure everything is installed correctly. The \$1,500 tap fee was paid and the \$50 deposit for the water account was set up.

PA Rural Water training papers have been handed out.

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 September 12, 2023, to October 11, 2023. Motion carried.

Charles Rhodes thinks the Municipal Authority should get with The EADS Group and look at the possibility of drilling for a well. Will work with The EADS Group on the cost estimate. Charles has a spot picked out for the well. More information to come.

Chet Cyga is thinking about looking at the east side of town and adding a pressure station and flow water from both sides. Scott Miller mentioned there was no research ever done to see if it is possible. More information to come.

The next regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Berlin is scheduled for November 8, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:03 P.M. a motion was made by Dale Miller, seconded by Marshal Engleka to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried.

Traci Horning

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Submitted By: Traci Horning, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer