

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

Regular Meeting

November 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, Bret Horning, Heather Karchner, Municipal Authority Office Clerk, and Traci Horning, Municipal Authority Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Gary Leister gave an update on the 4-log. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) wants to restrict water flow with the valve due to contact time with. May look into putting it back to the way it was due to having to add more equipment. Waiting for response for permits from the DEP to fix it.

Gary is starting a Corrosion control treatment to keep pipes from rusting. DEP wants a feasible study and 20 samples. Municipal Authority has been doing samples for 20 years so requesting the last 20 years is our study that DEP wants.

Gary needs the past 2 years audits to look at to create a budget.

Scott Miller suggested about looking into drilling for a new well site on the 70 acres on the SRBC side. What impact would this have on well 9 and 10. Hank Fike did a study and found the 2 well sites (#9 and #10).

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Charles Rhodes, to approve the October 11, 2023, Municipal Authority minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Dale Miller, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of October 11, 2023, to November 7, 2023. Motion carried.

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

Industrial Services Solutions Hoffman Model VPMLMC-6 - Pump #2 (big blower) and the Toshiba 150HP Model B1502VLG3UM is the motor that goes with this pump. All parts are in, and the pump is being worked on and should be fixed next week.

Industrial Service Solutions Wemco Model 4 X 4 C – Sludge pump #2 still waiting to be looked at and a quote to fix. Looking to get a new pump and waiting on a quote for a new pump.

Lightning struck the treatment plant on July 9, 2023, and did damage to Digester #1 blower timer unit. Chet to call Luke we need to get an invoice for lightning strike repairs.

DRV Wemco pump – sludge pump #1 is fixed and running.

Denver repair quote for broken shaft on Digester #3 (on top of the hill) is \$14,049.55. Need a new quote to include the installation. Chet to get a quote on a new pump.

Waiting on information to submit to the insurance company for the July 9, 2023, lighting strike at the treatment plant.

The three parts that were damaged from the power surge at the well site will need to be ordered. Get with Dan and Chet.

Snyders is sending data for DAF but they are picking what days they want to send the data to Chet. The information from the DAF Unit is being sent by a third party. Data numbers are coming in too high and inconsistent. Snyder is to be paying for the samples and maintenance. The Municipal Authority pays for analysis. The plant is doing better but is behind on sampling. Act 94 Wastewater Report is being started will have to look over after it is finished.

The sewer treatment roof needs to be replaced, waiting on contractor for COSTARS information.

Daily Water Withdrawal/Instream Flow Requirement for the Municipal Authority had an average of 37,325 gallons of water a day for the month of October 2023.

Berlin Water and Waste To Do List. #16 C12 lines. Chet will check to see if this was already done.

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

A letter was sent to the Department of Environmental Protection to deny access to the sanitary sewer due to a petroleum leak in 2021 on the Valero premises. DEP has responded to the letter with they are finding alternative means for the discharged.

Lead line update - 14 lines from North Street to Hay Street all are done as of October 19, 2023.

Snyder of Berlin Lagoon results from September 6, 2023 through October 11, 2023 has been presented to the board. Chet is concerned with the BOD levels because they are all over the place. January 1, 2024, a wastewater operator is to be hired by Snyder's to work with just the lagoon.

Mobile Solid Solutions and Pile's Concrete Products invoices the council wants to send Snyder of Berlin the bill for these. Waiting for an update.

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 needed to be revised due to a location correction. A new easement was presented and approved.

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.

Will be getting a list from COSTARS for the new treatment plant truck for the Municipal Authority to see what is available. Need $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck with 8 ft bed and a single cab.

Will need to contact PA Rural Water to schedule a meeting to talk about the Protection Water Plan. Meeting will be with Chet Cyga, Bryan Walker, Scott Miller and Traci Horning to talk about contaminations and the geology study.

Rules and Regulation Water packet has been handed out. Will be discussed at the next meeting on December 13, 2023.

Received the PALCO quote for the generator. Need to see if Municipal Authority has an easement to the treatment plant with Brodrick's. If we do not have an easement, will get one with Easement by Prescription.

Andrew J Blazewicz Jr. sent information for Generations Forestry and Forest Land Services Inc.

Motioned by Charles Rhodes, seconded by Marshal Engleka for water deposit from home owners who paid the \$50 deposit to be reimbursed their \$50 after paying 12 months consecutive without being late. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Mike Oakes on Shady Lane still needs to pay water tap fee of \$1,500.00.

FC Investment Group installed the two-meter pits at 3467 Berlin Plank Road and 196 Town Hill Road that supply water to this business and resident. FC Investment Group paid a \$1,500 tap fee for water and set up a business account for the 3467 Berlin Plank Road property.

PA Rural Water Training papers were handed out for the courses that are being offered.

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

Water connection at D. Mason needs to have meter pit with a water meter installed to the cabin. Contact Mr. Mason to discuss this information and the \$1500 water tap fee.

Consideration of the approval of the payment of pending, as well as previously paid, general fund, sanitary sewer system fund, and water system fund bills for the period October 11, 2023 to November 8, 2023. Motioned by Bryan Walker, seconded by Dale Miller. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Marshal Engleka, seconded by Dale Miller to approve and advertise the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Berlin 2024 meeting dates. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Charles Rhodes will continue being on the Municipal Authority Council. Will need to have the Borough Council members approve this.

The next regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Berlin is scheduled for December 13, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:50 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