

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of September 10, 2007 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** - Staat Stymiest, David Monn, Tommy Gilbert, Sidney Miller and Gary Eigenbrode present.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY STAFF** - Maurice Gossert and Eric Hall Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc., Tim Misner Solicitor, Patti Strite Treasurer, Jerry L. Bakner Sewer Plant Operator and Patricia Kocek Recording Secretary

**INVOCATION** - P. Kocek

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

Dennis Monn Mont Alto Borough Council

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chairman D. Monn stated that he feels the Financial Reports are still too complicated to understand.

**August 31, 2007** - T. Gilbert made a motion to accept the August 31, 2007 Financial Report as presented, S. Stymiest seconded, any further discussion or questions, hearing none the motion carries.

**SEWER**

**Payment of Invoices** - No invoices for presentation.

**WATER**

**Payment of Invoices - Projects**

\$ 4,254.90 L/B Water Furnace Road Project

\$ 8,751.00 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Furnace Rd. Project

\$ 58,559.76 Marks Contracting, LTD Furnace Road Project

\$ 70,431.16

M. Gossert noted that the Marks invoice is not the final invoice. The Authority is retaining moneys until such time the final items for the project are completed.

G. Eigenbrode questioned why there were invoices from L/B Water for the Furnace Road Project. A lengthy discussion followed about why the MAMA would have bills for this Project when the Project was contracted out. P. Strite pulled the invoices and D. Monn reviewed.

The MAMA wants G. Calimer, Jr. to review the invoices. The Authority needs to know what they are paying for.

Discussion about pits for the water meters on Furnace Road and who is responsible to pay for the pits. P. Kocek to research the Water Ordinance for this information.

Chairman D. Monn told the members that the invoices for L/B Water should be paid, but itemized invoices should be requested, through the Borough, to tie into the invoices.

D. Monn told P. Kocek to provide a copy of the Water Ordinance to the members of the Authority. Discussion on Water and Sewer Ordinances. P. Kocek told Chairman D. Monn that she did provide a book with copies of all of the Sewer and Water Ordinances. Chairman D. Monn requested that this book be brought to each meeting.

T. Gilbert made a motion to authorize payment of the invoices as presented, S. Stymiest seconded, any further questions or discussion, hearing none is there any

objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to authorize a draw against the Line of Credit at 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Greencastle for the Furnace Road Project in the amount of \$37,485.16, S.

Stymiest seconded, any questions,

Chairman D. Monn said that he cannot follow the Financial Reports. P. Strite explained what is being done with the Line of Credit to pay the invoices this evening. The \$65,000.00 of Grant money is now used up.

Any further questions, any further discussion, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to pay the Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. invoice in the amount of \$3068.50, Well #3 Project, S.

Miller seconded, any further discussion,

Chairman D. Monn clarified that you can only borrow from the Line of Credit for the amount of invoices that accompany the draw.

Any further discussion or questions, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

S. Stymiest made a motion to authorize a Resolution to increase the Line of Credit by \$3068.50, T. Gilbert seconded, any further discussion or questions, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **Minutes Regular Meeting**

**August 13, 2007**

Page 8 "Slabtown Road" change to "**Route 233**"

Chairman D. Monn stated that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2007 stand approved as corrected.

#### **MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL**

##### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Digitized Sewer and Water Drawings**—M. Gossert reminded the members that he brought out the maps for review and he hasn't had any response as of this date.

Discussion on the items that will be included on the maps when they are completed.

T. Gilbert discussed curb stops on Creekstone Drive. There will be trouble finding some of the curb stops on Creekstone Drive because they are not in the traditional places and some of the curb stops used PVC pipe.

Curb stops will need to be shown on the water map. Chairman D. Monn said the map should be taken along and marked as work is done in the Borough and the information provided to Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. for inclusion on the map.

#### **MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL**

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget** — Chairman D. Monn stated that the members will work on the Budget with P. Strite at the end of this meeting but before adjournment. Chairman D. Monn said that anyone that cannot stay will be excused.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SEWER**

**Guilford Township/MAMA Sewer Connection** - Remove from Agenda.

**Letter from T. Misner and Quincy Township Sewer Authority** - Remove from Agenda. This item was taken care of at the Special Meeting of August 28, 2007.

**Travail Lift** - S. Stymiest provided pictures of the travail lift for the members to view. S. Miller and S. Stymiest commended the employees for the fine job they did. Chairman D. Monn stated, let the record show that the MAMA members recognize the good job the Borough employees did on the repairs that were made at the Sewer Plant. Chairman D. Monn asked Dennis Monn to forward this information to Mont Alto Borough Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS SEWER**

#### **Operations Report**

J. Bakner presented a verbal Operations Report.

1. Operations satisfactory for the past month
2. All tests are within limitation
3. Average flow 96,300 gallons
4. Maximum flow for the month was 154,300 gallons (Rain)
5. The I & I is better than it used to be

**Sewer Plant** - The MAMA owns the Sewer Plant. J. Baker needs a paper signed verifying that he is the Sewer Plant Operator. T. Misner reviewed the document. Chairman D. Monn will sign the document verifying that J. Bakner is the operator.

**I & I** - J. Bakner reported that G. Calimer, Jr. dug up a manhole for PSU because their backhoe was broken and then PSU had the problem fixed. Will check this manhole when it rains to see if there are any more problems. Continued discussion.

**USDA Farm Service Agency Re: Farm Number: 3874** - Short discussion about the letter that was received. Turn over to the engineer to review.

**PMMA Region 4 Fall Meeting November 8, 2007.** Reservations have to be made by November 1, 2007 for this meeting. Think about until next meeting and decide if anyone is going to the meeting. Table until October meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS - WATER**

**Guilford Township emergency interconnection** - Remove from Agenda.

**Well #3 Project** - M. Gossert reported that he still waiting for the O & M Manual and the As BUILTS. Carry this item one more month on the Agenda.

**Furnace Road 12" Water Line Project Final Report Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc.** - M. Gossert reported that this project is essentially complete except for a few odds and ends. M. Gossert commended Marks Contracting for the excellent job they did on this Project. Discussion.

**Jack Bishop property** - M. Gossert reported that there is a low spot at the end of sidewalk at the Bishop property and water pooled there during the heavy rain event at the end of August. J. Bishop is complaining about the ponding water. (See Memo dated September 13, 2007).

Marks Contracting feels it was a preexisting condition. Quincy Township feels it was not a preexisting condition and that it occurred after the water line was placed. J. Bishop feels that the ponding is occurring because of the two-foot shoulder Kerry Bumbaugh of Quincy Township had Marks Contracting install.

Marks Contracting installed a 2' shoulder at the insistence of Kerry Bumbaugh. Chairman D. Monn stated that K. Bumbaugh did not have the authority to insist that this be installed.

A lengthy discussion followed on solutions to correct the problem at the Bishop property.

Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. to provide elevations and preliminary plans to correct the problem. Discussion.

Solicitor T. Misner stated this wasn't in the Agreement with J. Bishop. The Agreement was made to put it back the way it was and Quincy Township said otherwise.

Tell J. Bishop to go to Quincy Township about this problem. Eric Hall said that he told J. Bishop this.

After more discussion it was decided that the Mont Alto Municipal Authority is not going to do anything about this problem.

Eric Hall will direct any calls from Jack Bishop to T. Misner and he will handle them.

**Letter from the MAMA to Quincy Township in regards to Bulk Water Sales** - T. Misner has prepared a letter to send to Quincy Township relative to selling bulk water to Quincy Township but M. Gossert raised an issue about water pressure that should be discussed before sending the letter.

A lengthy discussion followed about the water pressure and whether or not to include information about water pressure in the letter that T. Misner is sending to Quincy.

T. Misner will include at the end of the first paragraph "no specific pressure is guaranteed, however."

T. Misner will email the letter to P. Kocek tomorrow for distribution by mail.

**Water Rate Analysis Report** - M. Gossert is not to do any further work on this until payment is received from Quincy Township. The MAMA will have to decide if they are going to include debt service and maintaining and operating the distribution system in the rate study.

**D. Monn Mont Alto Borough Council** - D. Monn of Mont Alto Borough Council expressed his displeasure on hearing that the MAMA is going to sell bulk water to Quincy Township. He felt the Authority was going to wait until such time there was more history on Well #3 before doing this. D. Monn also had a question about the purpose of the Special Meeting of August 28, 2007.

D. Monn said that he is very, very upset about selling water to Quincy Township and his decision on what to do about Council after his term ends, may hinge on this. D. Monn is also upset because he did not receive notification about the Special Meeting.

T. Misner explained why the Special Meeting was held. He came back from vacation and prepared the paperwork to make

a draw on the Line of Credit. T. Misner received a call from the Bank and was told that the draw was for more than the amount that was remaining on the Line of Credit. The Special Meeting was called to discuss how the Authority was going to finance the invoices. The day before the meeting the Authority received \$65,000.00 from a grant for Furnace Road. This money was used to pay the invoices and no further action was needed.

**Bulk Water Quincy Township** - Discussion between Dennis Monn and the members of the Authority on selling bulk water to Quincy Township. T. Misner stated that the Authority is only telling Quincy Township that there is water available. Chairman D. Monn explained to D. Monn that there were two letters in hand by the time the Special Meeting was called.

1. Letter from Quincy Township requesting 100 EDU's of bulk water
2. Letter from David Rahauser requesting that the MAMA meet with the Quincy Sewer Authority to discuss forming a new Authority for sewer

The Authority handled the first thing the legal notice said (Well #3 Payment of invoice) and the legal notice stated "and any other business that may come before the Authority."

The above two letters were discussed and acted upon at the Special Meeting.

Letter #2 - T. Misner was instructed at the Special Meeting to answer this letter and tell D. Rahauser that the MAMA was not interested in a joint authority at the present time.

Letter #1 - There was a lengthy discussion and review of a report presented by Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. at the August 28, 2007 Special Meeting.

There is some risk because there isn't any long term history for Well #3, but Chairman D. Monn felt that the decision had to be made in favor of more revenue Vs the risk factor. The motion was made and a Roll Call vote was taken. G. Eigenbrode, S. Miller, S. Stymiest and D. Monn votes Yes. T. Gilbert voted No, because he felt that Quincy Township should pay for all of the engineering fees involved in the studies by Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc.

T. Misner was directed to write a letter to Quincy Township advising them that the Authority could provide them with 100 EDU's. The letter discussed earlier this evening is a result of the Special Meeting.

Dennie Monn said he still thought the Authority was going to wait until there was more of history on Well #3 before making a commitment to sell water to Quincy.

Chairman D. Monn told D. Monn that the Authority answered their letter, taking a risk that there would not be any supply problems.

Dennis Monn said that he did not like the risk.

Chairman D. Monn said the Authority, based on the motion, that the income was more important, was higher to us than the risk we were taking on not having the water.

Dennis Monn told the Authority that he does not feel we're doing the right thing.

T. Misner explained that M. Gossert's calculations are based on the worst case scenario and the 100 EDU's would still be available during the worst case scenario. Chairman D. Monn also explained that Quincy Township is trying to help the Authority get the excess water from Tarburner.

T. Gilbert made a motion to send the letter to Quincy Township as corrected, S. Stymiest seconded, any further discussion, any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none, the motion carries.

**Tarburner**—M. Gossert reported that there will be a meeting at the Quincy Township Office on September 21, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. DEP will be represented, Todd Rock will be in attendance and any members of Borough Council and the Mont Alto Municipal Authority that wish to attend may do so. This meeting is to discuss the bypass of water by PSU from Tarburner. The Authority members can go and listen to the presentation but not participate. P. Kocek to notify T. Lowson about this meeting because Dennis Monn will be out of town.

**Chairman D. Monn** - Chairman D. Monn apologized to Dennis Monn and said he was sorry that D. Monn did not receive all of the information relative to the Special Meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **WATER**

#### **Operations Report**

Antrim Township provided a written Operations Report. P. Kocek also included the reports for the last five days showing the levels of the wells. The Authority members briefly reviewed the reports. Dennis Monn will check with Roger Nowell about the various readings on the well levels and bring the information back to the next meeting.

**Permit Requirement Reminder** - M. Gossert told the members of the Authority that this is just a reminder to get a permit if work is done on the system.

**CDBG Grant** - M. Gossert reported that Dan Wolf is waiting to receive the Agreement from the State. D. Wolf will call M. Gossert as soon as he receives the Agreement and then the Chairman has to sign the Agreement.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to authorize Chairman D. Monn to sign the CDBG requisition, S. Stymiest seconded, any further discussion, any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

**Veteran's Day** - T. Misner told the members that Veteran's Day this year is being observed on November 12, 2007 and that is also the regular meeting night for the Authority. Put this item on the Agenda for the October meeting. Will decide that night when to hold the November 2007 meeting.

**Land for a possible well site** - G. Eigenbrode told the members that the land is  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from Route 233 and the elevation is 200-250'. There is approximately 6-7 acres available. The owner said he will consider selling, but he is not sure exactly where the land is. G. Eigenbrode said that the owner wants to remain anonymous for the time being. G. Eigenbrode will provide the information to T.

Misner and he will research the records. G. Eigenbrode and M. Gossert will also ride up and look at the site. The members discussed the pros and cons of the location of this land for a well site.

T. Gilbert and S. Miller left the meeting prior to the Budget discussion.

**Budget** - MAMA members and P. Strite reviewed preliminary Budget figures for the various funds.

**Adjournment** - S. Stymiest made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of September 10, 2007 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 9:08 p.m., G. Eigenbrode seconded, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Mont Alto  
Municipal Authority for their  
approval on October 8, 2007

Patricia A. Kocek  
Mont Alto Municipal  
Authority Recording Secretary