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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2007

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of October 8, 2007 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY STAFF - Maurice Gossert and Eric Hall Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc., Tim Misner Solicitor, Patti Strite Treasurer, Gary L. Calimer Maintenance Supervisor and Patricia Kocek Recording Secretary

INVOCATION - P. Kocek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

Dennis Monn Mont Alto Borough Council

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

September 30, 2007 - G. Eigenbrode made a motion to accept the September 30, 2007 Financial Report as submitted, S. Stymiest seconded, any further discussion or questions, hearing none, are there any objections as the motion was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

SEWER

Payment of Invoices - No invoices for presentation.

WATER

Payment of Invoices - Projects

\$ 2,222.50 PSI, Inc. Well #3 Project
\$ 3,175.00 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Well #3 Project
\$ 4,728.50 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Furnace Rd. Project
\$ 10,126.00

M. Gossert noted that this is the final payment for PSI. M. Gossert will review the information he received today from Monacacy and will present their final bill for payment at the next meeting. P. Strite told the members that there is enough money in the Line of Credit to pay the invoices.

S. Stymiest made a motion to authorize payment of the invoices for the projects as submitted, G. Eigenbrode 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.

Visitors

Richard Gsell arrived at 6:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes Special Meeting

August 28, 2007

Chairman D. Monn asked for corrections or additions to the Minutes of August 28, 2007. Hearing none they stand approved as submitted.

Minutes Regular Meeting

September 10, 2007

Page 6 2nd Paragraph 2nd Line "M. Gossert said..." change to "**Eric Hall said...**"

Page 7 3rd Paragraph 4th Line "Well #3." change to "**Furnace Road.**"

Chairman D. Monn asked if there were any more comments, hearing none the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2007 stand approved as corrected.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL

OLD BUSINESS-Digitized Sewer and Water Drawings - General discussion.

Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. will work on the maps as they receive information from the Municipal Authority or the Borough. Discussion on the items that will be included on the maps when they are completed.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL

NEW BUSINESS

MAVFD request for use of land - S. Stymiest asked if the MAVFD could use the MAMA land up on the hill behind the Sewer Plant to set off the fireworks during the carnival next year. Discussion about various items associated with using the MAMA land.

Chairman D. Monn asked that the request be made in writing and then the MAMA will reply in writing to the MAVFD. The MAVFD must contact Quincy Township because the land they have asked to use is in Quincy Township. If permission is given to use the land the MAVFD will have to provide liability insurance in the amount required by the MAMA insurance company.

Karen Smith/Glen & Reba Miller Subdivision - M. Gossert informed the Authority that this subdivision has been received by Mont Alto Borough Council.

M. Gossert reviewed the subdivision on behalf of Council and the MAMA.

There is a big lot on Park Street and they want to subdivide the lot. There is an existing lateral that serves the lot now. Members of the MAMA reviewed the drawing. They either have to provide a new lateral for the

new lot or if they are going to keep the existing sewer lateral then there will have to be a right of way through the original property.

There was a mobile home on the property in the past but it was moved out. Discussion.

M. Gossert told the Authority that the rest of the comments pertain to the subdivision ordinance and do not address sewer or water items.

Set meeting date for November - The November meeting will be held on November 19, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. T. Misner will advertise the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

SEWER

PMMA Region 4 Fall Meeting November 8, 2007 - Discussion on attending this Meeting. Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. will be sending someone to this meeting.

If any member of the Authority wants to attend this meeting please notify P. Kocek by October 26, 2007 so reservations can be made.

USDA Farm Service Agency Re: Farm Number: 3874 - M. Gossert reviewed the document and provided a Memo dated September 11, 2007. There doesn't have to be any action taken on this matter.

OLD BUSINESS - WATER

Chairman D. Monn stated that since R. Gsell is here to listen to the discussion regarding bulk water sales to Quincy Township that item will be addressed at this time.

Bulk Water Sales - Letter from Quincy Township dated 9-24-2007 - Chairman D. Monn told those present that T. Misner sent a letter to Quincy Township, on behalf of the MAMA, stating that the MAMA could supply them with 100 EDU's of water. Chairman D. Monn read the letter sent to Quincy Township regarding the sale of bulk water.

The Mont Alto Municipal Authority received a letter from Quincy Township in response to the letter sent to them stating that the MAMA could supply 100 EDU's. Chairman D. Monn read this letter to those present. The letter from Quincy Township states that they need the promise of an additional 100 EDU's before they would be interested in pursuing this matter. Quincy originally requested 100 EDU's but now they are changing their request.

A lengthy discussion followed about all aspects of supplying bulk water to Quincy Township. R. Gsell stated that he is just sitting back and allowing the MAMA and Quincy Township talk this out. He stated that the homes to be built in his development will not be built immediately but over a period of time.

Tarburner - Report from meeting of September 21, 2007 - S. Stymiest and D. Monn attended this meeting. The MAMA does not receive credit for the water that goes into the stream below the weir. This water would help the

MAMA. DEP did not give an answer at the meeting but will report back. Continued discussion.

T. Misner stated that we have reached an impasse and the MAMA should send no further correspondence to Quincy

Township regarding the matter of bulk sales.

Correspondence from Antrim Township Re: Bulk Water/Quincy Township - The items addressed in this correspondence would have to be addressed if/when the MAMA would provide bulk water sales to Quincy Township. Nothing to be done at this time.

NEW BUSINESS SEWER

Operations Report

G. Calimer, Jr. presented a verbal Operations Report.

1. Everything is within limitation
2. Average flow 101,300 gallons
3. Maximum flow for the month was 127,900 gallons

Rettew Training Class - Rettew is offering Comprehensive Wastewater Training for wastewater operators at the local level. There was a lengthy discussion about the future and training and obtaining wastewater treatment operators for the MAMA Plant. The Authority needs an employee coming up through the ranks.

M. Gossert stated that J. L. Bakner does not need this class because he could probably teach the class. No action to be taken.

OLD BUSINESS - WATER

Well #3 Project - M. Gossert told the members that the final payment was approved this evening for PSI. He received the data from Monacacy today and he will review the information and recommend finalization at the November 2007 meeting.

G. Calimer, Jr. asked when will the keys be turned over for the generators? He reported that the main generator hasn't been starting. Eric Hall will look into this matter. M. Gossert said that we don't want to finalize the payment until such time this problem is corrected. G. Calimer, Jr. needs to report this type of problem.

Chairman D. Monn read Paragraph 3 from the MAMA Meeting Water Report prepared by Antrim Township - "Well 3 operation continues to improve. Blow-off valve failure alarms diminished almost completely after Gavin McCulloch, Foxcroft, made some adjustments of the valves' internal micro-limit switches." Discussion about this problem. The turbidity is less and the problem has decreased.

Well #1 & 3 both work at the same time. This was done to avoid problems with replenishing the ground water because of the monitoring that has to be done for DEP.

G. Calimer, Jr. - G. Calimer, Jr. expressed his displeasure at not receiving reports, not being notified about things that are going on at the Water Plant, J.L. Bakner being called about water problems, valves being left open, etc.

G. Eigenbrode said that the Authority shouldn't be discussing this, it is the Borough's jurisdiction. T. Misner stated that the Authority does not have control of the Water Plant Operator, it is the responsibility of the Borough.

Discussion about the steps taken to get the Spring off line. Discussion about the hatch being left open all weekend. G. Calimer, Jr. said things like this need to be taken care of.

Web Site - E. Hall told those present that there is a website that shows all activity at the water and sewer plant.

G. Calimer, Jr. said he gets annoyed because, I am the one supposed to be taking care of it and then someone else is doing it and I don't know anything about it.

G. Eigenbrode pointed out that G. Calimer, Jr. is maintenance and not operations.

G. Calimer, Jr. just wants to be notified. I've got a sewer operator that ain't supposed to be doing water why is he getting involved in water when he's not supposed to.

T. Misner stated that J.L. Bakner is a person of last resort, it's a small town, small employee force, you go to the person of last resort when you have a question.

G. Calimer, Jr. - Fine.

Furnace Road 12" Water Line Project - Letter from Mark's Contracting - Marks Contracting is asking for an additional \$8000.00 payment for the Furnace Road Project because of additional pavement they say they installed and some other items they consider additional work. E. Hall told the Authority that a Change Order was not requested for this Project. Marks Contracting asked that this request before the Authority. Discussion. E. Hall of Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. does not feel the MAMA owes this additional money to Mark's Contracting because they got paid for what they did. E. Hall will send a Memo to Marks stating that the request for an additional payment has been rejected.

Land/Well site - G. Eigenbrode provided the information to M. Gossert. M. Gossert reported that the site is about 300' higher than Route 233 and is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile up Oak Road.

T. Misner has a copy of the survey as recorded at the Courthouse. There are approximately six acres available in this tract of land.

G. Eigenbrode has spoken further with the owner:

1. He is mainly interested in selling the land below the road and he stated it is equal on both sides of the road.

2. The owner thinks the MAMA might want this land to supply water to Quincy Township. He is not happy with water being sold to Quincy Township. G. Eigenbrode stated that the gentlemen would donate the land if the water would only be going to residents of the Borough of Mont Alto.

M. Gossert suggested having Casselberry study the map and make comment on the potential for water in that area.

S. Stymiest made a motion to authorize the expenditure and have Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. contact Casselberry and have him do a study of the area indicated on the map, S. Miller 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.

Chairman D. Monn thanked G. Eigenbrode for the work he has done on this Project.

NEW BUSINESS

WATER

Operations Report

Antrim Township provided a written Operations Report. The members briefly reviewed the Operations Report. Short discussion about the left side scale that measures the

weight of the solution. Gavin of Foxcroft will be doing the repairs on the scale. Continued discussion about various items dealing with the water plant and the wells.

Antrim/Mont Alto Agreement Renewal - Dennis Monn feels the only course is to renew the Agreement with Antrim Township.

In the correspondence with Antrim there have been indications that there will not be a rate increase in the Agreement.

S. Miller thinks it is outrageous what the Authority is paying Antrim Township.

Discussion about the Borough having their own operator. Dennis Monn feels the cost would be about the same. The MAMA Plant is sophisticated and doesn't need a full time operator. Continued discussion.

Franklin County Planning Commission CDBG - M. Gossert received the documents and reviewed them. Chairman D. Monn signed the papers and they will be returned to Dan Wolf on 10-9-2007.

Antietam Water Shed Association - The Authority has been invited to attend a meeting on October 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. S. Miller said that he will attend this meeting.

Well #2 Penn State University Five Year Plan - Chairman D. Monn told the members that PSU is planning a Forestry Building and ball fields in their Five Year Plan and they will need water. Some food for thought is trading Well #2 for a portion of Tarburner.

Emergency Response Plan - Chairman D. Monn stated that the Emergency Response Plan has to be updated. The Weir and Well #3 need to be included since they have been put on line. G. Eigenbrode will work on this with members marking their paper copies and providing the information to G. Eigenbrode.

Well #1 & #3 - A lengthy discussion on whether or not Well #1 and #3 come on automatically or if they have to be turned on manually. The wells have to come on automatically or there would have to be an operator there full time to turn them off and on.

Budget - The members of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority will meet on Monday October 22, 2007 9:00 a.m. at an advertised Special Meeting to discuss the 2008 Budget and any other things that may be brought before the meeting. T. Misner and M. Gossert are to attend this meeting. T. Misner will advertise the Special Meeting.

A discussion followed on what items should be included in a Budget and what shouldn't be included.

Letter from M. Gossert in regards to the Quincy Township letter of September 24, 2007 - M. Gossert presented a letter to the members of the Authority. This letter is in response to the letter the Authority received from Quincy Township that was dated 9-24-2007. M. Gossert stated there were several things in the letter quoting responses he had made. The letter presented this evening clarified what he actually said in relationship to what the letter from Quincy Township stated. (Copies of both letters are on file.) M. Gossert told the members that he did not respond as indicated by the Quincy Township letter.

Work on curb stops and other non-emergency items for the water system - G. Calimer, Jr. asked when he could begin to work on curb stops and other non-emergency items for the water system. Chairman D. Monn stated that the water fund was in trouble and there isn't any history on the new income at this time. Chairman D. Monn said that he can't see approving unlimited hours at this time.

G. Calimer, Jr. expressed his confusion about why there isn't money to do this work when last year there were five full time employees and there are only four at this time and can't hire a new employee.

Chairman D. Monn told G. Calimer, Jr. that this subject is not the responsibility of the MAMA.

G. Eigenbrode asked, you're saying if there was more water money you could hire another employee.

G. Calimer, Jr. - Yes.

A long discussion followed on the work that needs to be done and when the work can be started. Emergency work has to be completed as the need arises. S. Stymiest briefly discussed the valves and curb stops on Creekstone Drive and the problems with finding these items.

Water Rate Increase - Following the discussion about the non-emergency work that needs to be done, T. Misner reminded the Authority that there will have to be another water rate increase next year because there will be loan payments to be made. Once all of the Grants are received then the decision will be made on the final amount to be amortized.

T. Misner suggested putting the curb stop repairs in the Budget.

Short discussion on other items that have to be budgeted for in the Sewer and Water.

Adjournment - S. Stymiest made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of October 8, 2007 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 8:45 p.m., S. Miller seconded, any objections, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted, Submitted to Mont Alto
Municipal Authority for their
approval on November 19, 2007

Patricia A. Kocek
Mont Alto Municipal
Authority Recording Secretary