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**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of December 8, 2008 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY STAFF** - Timothy Misner Solicitor, Maurice Gossert and Scott Longstreth Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc., Patti Strite Treasurer, Larson Wenger Maintenance Supervisor, Jerry Bakner Sewer Plant Operator and Patricia A. Kocek Recording Secretary.

**INVOCATION** - P. Kocek

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

Dennis Monn Mont Alto Borough Council

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

**November 30, 2008** - Chairman D. Monn asked if there were any questions or comments on the November 30, 2008 Financial Report. If not, the Financial Report is approved as submitted.

**Corps of Engineer Grant money** - P. Strite reported that the grant money in the amount of \$326,462.58 was received on November 18, 2008.

The grant money is designated for the Well #3 Project.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to apply the \$326,462.58 grant money to the outstanding liability against the loan for the Well #3 Project, S. Miller seconded, any further discussion, any question on the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

**2009 Water Budget** - The 2009 Water Budget is balanced and ready for approval this evening.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to approve the 2009 Water Budget, S. Stymiest seconded, any further questions or discussion, hearing none the motion carries.

**2009 Sewer Budget** - G. Eigenbrode made a motion to approve the final version of the 2009 Sewer Budget, S. Stymiest seconded, any further questions or discussion, hearing none the motion carries.

**SEWER**

**Payment of Invoices**

\$15,558.00 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Upgrade Sewer Treat Plant  
\$ 1,969.50 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Survey Upgrade ST Plant

S. Stymiest made a motion to approve payment of the two invoices for the Sewer Treatment Upgrade Project, G. Eigenbrode seconded, any further discussion or questions, hearing none the motion stands approved.

**Sewer Tap Fees for Educational Property Group, Inc.** - The Authority received \$61,065.00 for the Sewer Tap Fees.

T. Misner questioned why there is only \$30,000 + - in the Sewer Fund after receiving \$61,065.00.

P. Strite explained that there were bills that needed to be paid or reimbursed.

The Sewer Fund and Water Fund owed money to the Borough for their portion of the Storm Water Project on University Drive. Discussion on why the Authority owed money for a Storm Water Project. There were manholes and valve covers to be raised and other work related to the sewer and water system.

D. Monn Mont Alto Borough Council feels the Authority should have been notified prior to the start of the Project.

**Sewer Plant Upgrade** - Chairman D. Monn directed M. Gossert to provide an update on the Project by the next meeting and his best projection of a time line for the Project. M.Gossert wants to meet with the Committee to discuss various aspects of the Project.

**Letter from T. Misner to financial institutions Re: Letter of Credit** - T. Misner told the members that the quotes are due in his office on Friday December 12, 2008.

**Set date for Special Meeting to review quotes for the Line of Credit** - S. Stymiest made a motion to hold the Special Meeting on Tuesday December 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., S. Miller seconded, any further discussion or questions, any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none, the motion carries.

T. Misner will advertise the Special Meeting.

P. Kocek is to call and remind the members about the Special Meeting.

**WATER**

**Payment of Invoices - Projects**

No invoices for consideration this evening.

**Water Tap Fees for Educational Property Group, Inc.** - The Mont Alto Municipal Authority received \$60,542.00 for the Water Tap Fees.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes Regular Meeting**

**November 10, 2008**

Chairman D. Monn asked if there were any corrections or additions to these Minutes, hearing none the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2008 stand approved as submitted.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Set time for meetings for 2009** - Chairman D. Monn suggested changing the meeting time to day time in order to save money. T. Misner previously told D. Monn that four (4) meetings should be held in the evening to accommodate citizens that work.

P. Strite Treasurer researched and determined that \$1913.00 would be saved by having the meetings in the day time. But the savings would be less than that if four (4) meetings were held in the evening. Continued discussion on the pros and cons of changing the meeting time.

S. Miller made a motion to maintain the second Monday evening of the month at 6:30 p.m. as the Mont Alto Municipal Authority meeting dates for 2009, G. Eigenbrode seconded, further discussion, hearing none, any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

P. Kocek will provide a list of the meeting dates to the members and staff.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Capitol Hill Authority Report** - For your information.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SEWER**

**MAMA Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade** - Scott Longstreth gave an update on the MAMA Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade.

M. Gossert will arrange a meeting with the Steering Committee and will then have a full report for the January meeting.

The Committee is: S. Stymiest, J. Bakner, L. Wenger, T. Lowson, T. Gilbert and Dennis Monn.

**Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Plans** - M. Gossert will drop off plans for the upgrade prior to the Steering Committee meeting for review by the Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SEWER**

**Operations Report** - J. Bakner gave the following report.

1. Operations are satisfactory
2. Maximum flow 120,800 gallons
3. Average flow 102,300 gallons

105,000 gallons of sludge was spread on the Authority sludge site.

**Grease** - There is still a grease problem at the Sewer Plant.

**Water Flow Vs Sewer Flow** - The members discussed the amount of water leaving the Water Plant and the amount of flow coming into the Sewer Plant.

**Letter from DEP Re: Notice of Intent** - M. Gossert reported that this letter lists some additional items that need to be added to and/or corrected on the Sludge Report. M. Gossert will make sure these items are taken care of.

P. Kocek instructed to provide copies of this type of letter to L. Wenger and J. Bakner when they are received in the office.

**OLD BUSINESS - WATER**

**Allen Mills 2 Lot Subdivision Plan**

**Memo from L. Royer**

**Information from Quincy Township**

**Agreement** - T. Misner reported that he and M. Gossert met with A. Mills and developed the Agreement in your packet this evening.

A. Mills has agreed to loop the water line.

T. Misner told the members of the Authority that A. Mills has a Right of Way Agreement with Quincy Township. A. Mills allowed Quincy Township a right of way to come across his property with their sewer line. In exchange A. Mills was told he would be allowed to hook his new subdivision to Mont Alto Sewer.

In the letter that the Authority received from Quincy Township, they state that "that any further development by Mr. Mills of the residue shall require connection to Quincy Township sewer and water, if available."

T. Misner suggested to A. Mills that he contact an attorney concerning this Right of Way Agreement.

T. Misner is suggesting that the Mont Alto Municipal Authority approve the Agreement but not execute the Agreement until such time the sewer issue is cleared up.

A. Mills will pursue obtaining an Agreement from Quincy Township for the Right of Way across his property.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to approve the Agreement as prepared by the Solicitor, S. Stymiest seconded, any further discussion, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none, the motion carries.

**Antrim Township Water Agreement** - J. Evans was going to contact J. Lisko of Antrim Township to find out the status of this document.

The MAMA feels this is a moot point since the Agreement runs out the end of this year and R. Nowell is no longer running the Water Plant.

**Security System** - Keep on Agenda until further notice.

#### **Water Agreement**

**Letter to Quincy Township** - T. Misner sent a letter to Quincy Township regarding the Water Agreement they propose for Furnace Road. A copy of this letter was provided for your information.

**Well #2** - Chairman D. Monn was concerned that the work that PSU is doing on the ball field will impact Well #2. Is this going to interfere with the Wellhead Protection Area? M. Gossert will check this out.

T. Misner and M. Gossert have reviewed the papers dealing with Well #2. The following items were discussed at length.

1. PSU has now obtained the land that the MAMA had a right of way across to access Well #2.
2. After Well #2 the MAMA was going to have to develop a new road to access the well.
3. It is not known whether or not the Authority has been paying the \$50.00 yearly rental fee for Well #2
4. It is not known whether the Authority has ever posted the \$5000.00 Bond in case of abandonment of Well #2.
5. There is a moratorium on drilling wells, but M. Kusko has no problem with the Authority continuing with Well #2.

M. Gossert and T. Misner feel that it will be expensive to bring Well #2 in compliance. Discussion on how to dispose of the water that would have to be pumped in order to clear up Well #2. Chairman D. Monn is concerned that if the Authority gives up the rights to Well #2 that Quincy Township will try to obtain the rights to this well.

G. Eigenbrode said the Authority needs to find out what is required to maintain the Authority's interest in Well #2.

**Well #3** - It was pointed out that Well #3 is on licensed land and the State could pull the license at any time.

**Dennis Koons property** - D. Koons has asked M. Gossert if the MAMA would be interested in drilling a well on his property. M. Gossert said that Casselberry would have to look at this land and give his opinion on the feasibility of drilling in that area.

It was the consensus of the Authority members to have Casselberry look at the Koons property. M. Gossert will contact Casselberry.

**Boundaries** - Discussion about establishing the boundaries of the Borough. Borough Council has asked Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. to provide a cost estimate for establishing the Borough boundaries.

T. Misner suggested that the Borough go through a specific Court procedure to establish the boundaries rather than paying surveyors to do the work. T. Misner said that boundaries can only be established through Court proceedings.

M. Gossert stated that they have all of the meets and bounds and there have been four annexations to the Borough. Continued discussion about this subject.

L. Wenger suggested that if this work is done that it be digitally captured and stored.

Continued discussion concerning Well #2.

#### **NEW BUSINESS - WATER**

**Operations Report** - L. Wenger provided a written report. (COPY ON FILE)

L. Wenger was instructed to only provide an "exceptions" report each month.

L. Wenger reported that the water break on Beech Street has been repaired and should hold until summer, but it will be permanently fixed this summer.

Dennis Monn thanked the employees for a job well done on Thanksgiving Day at the water break on Beech Street.

**Digging** - Chairman D. Monn told the members that he has instructed Dennis Monn to have an employee on site anytime a resident has a private concern come in to dig when they are digging near the Borough sewer and water lines.

It is not known for sure, but the pipe on Beech Street that broke on Thanksgiving Day could have been caught by a backhoe sometime in the past.

Discussion on how to know that digging is taking place in the Borough.

**Adjournment** – S. Stymiest made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2008 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 7:58 p.m., G. Eigenbrode seconded, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia A. Kocek*

Submitted to Mont Alto  
Municipal Authority for their  
approval on January 12, 2008

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Authority Recording Secretary