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**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING APRIL 14, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of April 14, 2008 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY STAFF** - Maurice Gossert  
Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc., Patti Strite Treasurer and Jerry L. Bakner Sewer  
Plant Operator

**INVOCATION** - Staat Stymiest      **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

Dennis Monn	Mont Alto Borough Council
Thomas Lowson	Mont Alto Borough Council
Jonathan Martin	Water Invoice

Chairman D. Monn recognized J. Martin. J. Martin said a month ago he noticed that his water bill was way out of wack and he found a leak at the meter. The housing was sitting on top of the line and when it was dug up and he pulled the housing out there was a smashed pipe and at that point. J. Martin asked if the water bills could be adjusted. J. Martin said it took this long to notice the increased water usage because he has someone else write the checks. J. Martin said G. Calimer, Jr. was present when the meter was pulled.

The meter was located in the lane so the meter location was moved somewhat so this does not happen again.

Discussion on whether or not the meter is located on SESCO or the Horst property. It appears to be on the Horst property, but J. Martin isn't sure.

The members and J. Martin discussed his normal water readings and the high readings for the past several months.

Chairman D. Monn explained that it is the policy of the Board to not make adjustments, but since the Authority is partially responsible because the meter was not installed correctly he feels an adjustment should be made.

Chairman D. Monn told J. Martin that he and Mr. Horst should take responsibility for marking the meter so that vehicles do not run over it.

Chairman D. Monn told J. Martin that we will go on record, under New Business, that the Authority will charge you 20,000 gallons of water for each of the high usage months and that you or the landowner will take responsibility for putting up a protective post or posts in the area of the water meter.

A lengthy discussion followed about the different political entities the Horst farm is located in.

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

**March 31, 2008** - S. Stymiest made a motion to accept the March 31, 2008 Financial Report as submitted, T. Gilbert seconded, any further discussion, any questions on the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

**SEWER**

**Payment of Invoices** - None

**WATER**

**Payment of Invoices - Projects**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**Page 10 5<sup>th</sup> Paragraph "Air gun" change to "Heat gun"**

Chairman D. Monn said Hearing no further corrections the Minutes will stand approved as corrected.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL  
OLD BUSINESS**

**Emergency Response Plan** - M. Gossert reported that he gave the document to Dennis Monn for his review. Dennis Monn reviewed the document and returned it to M. Gossert. M. Gossert is in the process of finishing up this document.

**Sewer/Water Plant Operator** - Dennis Monn provided Chairman D. Monn with the applications that have been received. Chairman D. Monn does not have a report tonight.

Dennis Monn told the Authority that both new employees have expressed a desire to work on getting sewer and/or water license. Dennis Monn would like to work with them first and then move on from there.

Dennis Monn, T. Gilbert and Chairman D. Monn will work out a plan to get the new employees trained. Discussion.

**Trench Box** - Chairman D. Monn reminded the Authority that they would borrow trenching equipment from Waynesboro Borough and if they needed

additional equipment the Authority would purchase the extra equipment. At that point the equipment would be shared between the two entities. Waynesboro Borough has approved the mutual use of the equipment.

A Memo of Understanding will be signed between the two entities. The equipment purchased by the Authority will be listed on the Authority inventory.

T. Gilbert made a motion to purchase trenching equipment to complement the equipment owned by the Borough of Waynesboro at a cost of \$2,202.00, 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.

**Minutes** - T. Gilbert asked if there is any reason why we can't get a copy of these Minutes one or two days after the meeting instead of waiting until the end of the month. Chairman D. Monn said he had asked about this also.

Dennis Monn and T. Lowson told the Authority that they are working on this.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL  
NEW BUSINESS**

**PMAA Newsletter** - For your information.

**MSA Altair 4 Gas Meter** - Dennis Monn said this is needed to sniff for gas leaks. The one the Borough owns is no longer functional. Dennis Monn suggests purchasing one from Moul Enterprises at a cost of \$1041.00.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to approve the purchase of a gas meter at a cost of \$1041.00, S. Stymiest 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.

Chairman D. Monn instructed P. Strite to divide the cost of this equipment between the Water and Sewer funds.

**OLD BUSINESS  
SEWER**

**MAMA Sewer Plant Upgrade** - M. Gossert told the Authority that they had a meeting with Kappe & Associates to get an idea of what the Plant is going to look like. Kappe is going to provide estimates on some of the equipment.

M. Gossert wants some input from the Authority to determine what type of building, what size of building and where the building is to be located, the lagoon, etc. A work session will be held to discuss these matters.

The Authority continued to discuss various matters associated with the upgrade of the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade.

Chairman D. Monn appointed the following committee to compile information on the upgrade of the Sewer Treatment Plant so that a Work Session can be held to update the remainder of the Authority members: T. Gilbert, S. Miller, J. Bakner, Dennis Monn, M. Gossert and T. Lawson.

M. Gossert will spearhead the committee and he will try to arrange a meeting in the next week or so.

**Sewer inspections/Memo from T. Lawson** - T. Lawson contacted Accredited Services, Inc. and they are willing to do the

Sewer Inspections at a cost of \$25.00 per hour. T. Lawson told the Authority that this is the same amount that Accredited charges the Borough for the duties they perform within the Borough.

T. Gilbert inquired why you would pay someone else to do the inspections when J. Bakner already does the inspections. Discussion.

Chairman D. Monn told the members that he discussed this matter with J. Bakner and J. Bakner stated that he has no problem with having this task taken off of his shoulders.

Discussion on the cost for the sewer inspections. T. Lawson explained that Accredited Services, Inc. will be in the Borough doing other duties and at times may be able to combine the inspections and their other duties. Discussion on the pros and cons of having Accredited Services do the sewer inspections.

S. Miller made a motion to approve Accredited Services, Inc.'s rate to do the Sewer Inspections for the Mont Alto Municipal Authority, G. Eigenbrode seconded, any further discussion, hearing none, Chairman D. Monn called for a Roll Call vote,

G. Eigenbrode	Yes	S. Stymiest	Yes
T. Gilbert	No	S. Miller	Yes
D. Monn	Yes		

4 Yes, 1 No, motion carried.

**Sewer Plant Communitor area** - Dennis Monn reported that G. W. Electric Co., Inc. fixed the lights in this area. The lights are explosion proof.

**Blower motor** - G. W. Electric Co., Inc. fixed the switch on the blower but then the motor wasn't working. R. Wolf worked on the motor and fixed it.

**Chlorine indicator** - G. McCullough of Foxcroft fixed/replaced the indicator. Dennis Monn reported that the insurance company wants a response back in 30 days stating how this problem was corrected.

**Blocked sewer line on Willow Street** - Dennis Monn told the members of the Authority that the invoice for this clog has been paid.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SEWER**

**Operations Report** - J. Bakner reported that:

1. All tests are within limitations
2. Average flow was 185,000 and maximum flow was 585,000
3. Communitor is back in operation temporarily. J. Bakner is waiting for the gear box for the communitor.
4. Rebuilt blower is on line and running. There is a six month warranty on the rebuilt blower so J. Bakner is going to keep it on line.

Short discussion on the I & I problems.

**Nutrient levels** - Chairman D. Monn instructed J. Bakner to pull the samples twice a month and have them tested instead of once a month.

Discussion on the test results from previous tests that have been taken.

**Chapter 94 Annual Report** - M. Gossert provided the Report for review and told the members if they had questions to contact him and he would go over the Report with them. This report was mailed to DEP on March 19, 2008.

**Resurfacing of Ash Street/Penn Dot/Sewer manhole risers** - M. Gossert filled out the forms and they were signed by Chairman D. Monn. This has been finalized and sent in.

**Capitalization Sewer Plant** - M. Gossert informed the Authority members that he has the depreciated numbers to help prepare the report.

### **OLD BUSINESS - WATER**

**Status check valves Project Reservoir** - Dennis Monn reported that G. Calimer, Jr. will put stone in and a footer to set the vault on.

**Well #1 Recording Meter Status** - Dennis Monn said this problem has been solved. The phase monitor that was installed at Well #1 was loose and G. W. Electric, Inc. tightened it. R. Nowell reported to Dennis Monn that there hasn't been a problem since the monitor was tightened.

**Furnace Road Project Repairs** - M. Gossert told the Authority members that the Zeek property driveway was sinking. Marks Contracting will repair the driveway.

### **NEW BUSINESS - WATER**

**Operations Report** - No report has been provided by Antrim Township. Discussion. The Daily Flow Report has been received on a daily basis and a copy forwarded to Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. and G. Calimer, Jr. each day.

**Well #3 Shutdown** - Well #3 went back on line on April 1, 2008.  
Discussion.

**Weir** - Chairman D. Monn pointed out that S. Miller discovered that a fairly large tree toppled down near the weir. M. Gossert will follow up on this.

**Water invoices Jonathan Martin** - This item was discussed previously in the meeting.

T. Gilbert made a motion to charge J. Martin for 20,000 gallons of water for the past four (4) months, S. Stymiest 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.

**Adjournment** - T. Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of April 14, 2008 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority, S. Stymiest seconded, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted, Submitted to Mont Alto  
Municipal Authority for their  
approval on May 12, 2008

Patricia A. Kocek  
Municipal  
Authority Recording Secretary

Mont Alto

**P. Kocek did not attend the April 14, 2008 Mont Alto Municipal Authority Meeting, but transcribed the Minutes from tapes and notes provided by P. Strite.**