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**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of September 14, 2009 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

**INVOCATION** - P. Kocek

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

Dennis Monn                      Mont Alto Borough Council

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

**August 31, 2009** - There weren't any questions on the Financial Report. Chairman D. Monn stated that the Financial Report for August 31, 2009 stands approved as submitted.

**SEWER**

**Payment of Invoices**

\$16,449.50 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Upgrade STP Facilities  
\$ 553.00 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Sludge Tank  
\$17,002.50 Total

Chairman D. Monn pointed out that the Treasurer has provided additional sheets for the members to use to track the Project.

T. Gilbert made a motion to pay the invoices as submitted against the Project, S. Miller seconded, further questions, hearing none are there any objections to motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

**WATER**

**Payment of Invoices - Projects**

No invoices for consideration this evening.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes Regular Meeting**

**August 10, 2009**

Chairman D. Monn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes of August 10, 2009, hearing none the Minutes of the August meeting stand approved as submitted.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Land Development Plan Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade** - T. Gilbert asked S. Longstreth when this was going to be submitted to Quincy Township.

S. Longstreth said this would be submitted to Quincy Township by Wednesday September 16, 2009. He also told the members that construction is still planned to begin in April of 2010.

S. Longstreth will drop off a copy of the Land Development Plan for the MAMA records.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Utility Write Offs** - P. Kocek submitted a total of \$389.52 Water and Sewer invoices to be considered as write offs.

Chairman D. Monn suggests submitting these names to the Credit Bureau which would put a black mark against the person. The Borough does not belong to the Credit Bureau.

T. Gilbert made a motion to write off \$389.52 in Sewer and Water invoices in the billing system, S. Stymiest seconded, any further discussion, any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

T. Misner pointed out that bankruptcy water and sewer invoices are still the responsibility of the property and not the owner. P. Kocek instructed to watch the Sheriff Sale Notices and when one of the bankruptcy properties is listed a letter should be sent to the Sheriff's Department notifying them that there are outstanding invoices against the property.

Chairman D. Monn suggested putting liens against the properties that have delinquent invoices.

T. Misner told the members that the most effective way of collecting delinquent invoices is cutting off services to the property.

The cost for cutting off delinquent water is \$10.00 off and \$10.00 on.

Dennis Monn, P. Kocek, P. Strite and L. Wenger will work up a cost for the employees to cut off the water to see if this rate needs to be raised.

**Destruction of tape recordings for MAMA meetings** - T. Misner told the members that there isn't any good reason to keep the tapes beyond the current meeting.

T. Gilbert made a motion to destroy the tapes of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority meetings after the official Minutes are approved, S. Miller seconded, further discussion, any objections to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

**Apex Minimum charges for Water and Sewer** - Gregory Pellathy sent an email requesting relief from paying minimum water and sewer invoices for the 28 units at Apex that are not occupied.

The members discussed the request:

1. Talk to M. Hansen (Zoning Officer) to see if the water can be turned off in the vacant units since these buildings have a sprinkler system - Dennis Monn will talk to M. Hansen
2. The Ordinance states that water can be turned off at the customers request when the turn off/on fee is paid
3. Can the units be turned off from an insurance standpoint - Responsibility of the owner to check this out
4. Call and find out which units are fully occupied

The sprinkler system makes this situation unique. Table until further information is obtained.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SEWER**

**Sewer Plant Upgrade - Financing Options** - G. Eigenbrode is out of town and could not attend the Special Meeting this afternoon or the meeting this evening.

Chairman D. Monn asked if the Board wants to make a decision to hire G. Walker without all of the members being present.

After discussion it was decided to inform G. Eigenbrode that the tape of the Special Meeting will be ready for his review once he returns to town. P. Kocek will email this information to him. T. Misner will advertise a Special Meeting for Thursday or Friday of next week to discuss the financing for the Upgrade of the Sewer Treatment Plant.

P. Kocek to determine when the meeting will be held and then contact T. Misner to advertise the Special Meeting.

**MAMA Sewer Plant Upgrade** - L. Wenger requested that S. Longstreth provide the Authority with an updated schedule for the Upgrade of the Sewer Treatment Plant.

S. Longstreth told the Authority that he is working on the Permit Application for DEP and hopes to have that submitted by the end of next week.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SEWER**

**Operations Report** - J. Bakner presented the following verbal report.

1. Operations are satisfactory
2. All tests within limitations
3. Maximum flow 129,700 gallons
4. Average flow 105,100 gallons

### **Tank Project**

Monday September 28, 2009 - Haul sludge

Tuesday September 29 - Friday October 2, 2009 - Clean Tank

Monday October 5, 2009 - Mid Atlantic will bring in rings to raise the Tank and begin that process  
PSI will move in their parts

**OLD BUSINESS WATER** - Nothing.

### **NEW BUSINESS - WATER**

**Operations Report** - L. Wenger gave the following verbal report:

1. Average flow for the month 140,000 gallons
2. Hydrant flushing has been completed
3. Curb stops are 50% completed - There are approximately 15-20 that cannot be found. Will look for later.
4. Main valves have been exercised. There are two that can't be opened. Will work on at a later date.

**Curb Stop 526 Park Street** - L. Wenger reported that they did locate the curb stop for 526 Park Street. The curb stop is on Grist Mill Drive. The owner will hook to water within the next day or two.

**Water Hauler's Meter Shed 3 N Main Street** - L. Wenger would like to remove the small shed located on the parking lot and put in a curb box. It is the consensus of the Authority that L. Wenger proceed with this Project.

Chairman D. Monn reported that he spoke to Maurice Gossert and M. Gossert will be in contact with his office, but M. Gossert will begin treatments next week for his condition.

**Adjournment** - T. Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2009 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 7:34 p.m., S. Stymiest seconded, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia A. Kocek*

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Mont Alto Municipal Authority  
Recording Secretary

Submitted to Mont Alto  
Municipal Authority for their  
approval on October 12, 2009.