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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MARCH 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of March 9, 2009 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY STAFF - Maurice Gossert and Scott Longstreth Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc., Timothy Misner Solicitor, Patti Strite Treasurer, 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

February 28, 2009 - S. Stymiest made a motion to accept the February 28, 2009 Financial Report as submitted, G. Eigenbrode seconded, any further questions, is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

SEWER

Payment of Invoices

\$ 6,754.50 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Upgrade Sewer Treat Plant
\$16,275.50 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Design Sewer Treat Plant
\$ 1,264.00 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Design Sewer Treat Plant
\$24,298.00

Discussion on the percentage of the engineering work that has been completed on the Upgrade to the Sewer Treatment Plant Project.

For the next meeting P. Strite is to provide the total amount that has been spent on engineering for the Project to date.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to approve payment of the Project invoices for the Sewer Treatment Upgrade Project, 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.

CD Matures 3-10-2009 - This was a three (3) month CD at Susquehanna Bank.

Discussion on where to invest the money from the CD that is maturing. The members of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority authorized S. Stymiest and T. Misner to invest the \$10,000.00 from the CD that is maturing on 3-10-2009 at the best interest and the best terms they can find.

WATER

Payment of Invoices - Projects

No invoices for consideration this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes Regular Meeting

February 9, 2009

Chairman D. Monn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes of February 9, 2009, hearing no corrections or additions the Minutes stand approved as submitted.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL

OLD BUSINESS

Fixed Assets - Treasurer P. Strite reported that the Fixed Assets list for the Authority has been completed.

Pipe - S. Stymiest reminded the Authority members that the black pipe that was installed several years ago at the old pump house is still laying up there. This needs to be moved because it is on State Land.

It was decided that the maintenance employees will remove this pipe when the weather is warmer.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss status of Willis Hess/Water & Sewer license - Dennis Monn reminded the members that W. Hess is still on a retainer and is used only as a backup. Discussion. It was decided to continue to keep W. Hess on a retainer until T. Sharrah has more experience running the Water Plant.

OLD BUSINESS

SEWER

MAMA Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade - The members discussed the plans presented by the Committee for approval this evening.

T. Gilbert made a motion to accept the floor plan as submitted for approval to proceed, S. Miller seconded, any further discussion, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none we will proceed with the plans as submitted.

Sludge Tank - The capacity of the sludge tank needs to be increased because of the upgrade to the Sewer Treatment Plant.

T. Misner reported that this will have to be put out for bid because it is going to cost approximately \$80,000.00. T. Misner is concerned about borrowing money in the economic situation that exists now.

Discussion about financing the sludge tank and Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade.

The sludge tank needs to be raised prior to the new plant being constructed. It will take approximately 9-10 days to raise the tank. A good time to do the work would be in the fall right after the sludge has been hauled out of the tank.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation to proceed with the sludge tank portion of this Project now versus later, S. Stymiest seconded, any further comments or questions,

M. Gossert reviewed with those present the tentative schedule for raising the sludge tank. It is a tight schedule and the engineers will proceed as quickly as possible.

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

Short discussion on financing the \$3 million needed for the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

Allen Mills - Sewer Agreement - The Mont Alto Municipal Authority received a copy of a letter from R. Lee Royer & Associates that was sent to Quincy Township regarding an Agreement between Quincy Township, Mont Alto Municipal Authority and A. Mills.

The members of the Authority discussed this letter at great length.

T. Misner will write a letter to R. Lee Royer & Associates advising him that the Authority does not agree with Paragraph 6 and this is not what was said at the meeting. The MAMA wants the customers to be customers of the Authority and not Quincy Township customers.

Discussion about 4. "Quincy gets paid \$1,000.00 at the time of building permit applications." M. Gossert reviewed the breakdown of the sewer tap fees with the members of the Authority.

Corps of Engineers Agreement - M. Gossert reported that the revisions have been received. T. Misner reviewed the revisions and has signed the document. M. Gossert will have Chairman D. Monn sign the document after the meeting and M. Gossert will send in the documents.

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER

Operations Report - L. Wenger presented the following verbal report.

1. Operations are satisfactory
2. All tests within limitations
3. Maximum flow 156,000 gallons
4. Average flow 124,400 gallons

Chapter 94 Report - M. Gossert presented copies of the Chapter 94 Report for the Authority members to review. The report has to be submitted by March 31, 2009 but M. Gossert will submit it to DEP on March 16, 2009 unless he receives comments from the members by Friday March 13, 2009.

M. Gossert briefly reviewed certain pages in the report with those present.

Per instructions from M. Gossert L. Wenger is to have J. Bakner review the report and call M. Gossert.

Chairman D. Monn will sign the Chapter 94 Report so it can be submitted.

Discuss H2o PA Grant - M. Gossert submitted a request in the amount of \$1,550,000.00 on behalf of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority.

Stimulus Package - The State of Pennsylvania is reportedly receiving \$150,000,000.00 from the Stimulus Package for this type of system. Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. is checking into this and M. Gossert will let the Municipal Authority know if it is feasible to acquisition any of this money.

OLD BUSINESS - WATER

Fire and Security System - Dennis Monn told the members that the fire alarm and security alarm rings into the SCADA System and it notifies L. Wenger.

Wednesday Glessner's is coming back with a technician. Dennis Monn will have Glessner's look at the Water Plant and the wells to make sure the fire and security systems are sufficient.

Nothing will be done at the Sewer Plant at this time in regards to a security system because of the upgrade.

Dennis Monn feels that the Municipal Authority buildings are in good shape as far as security and fire alarms are concerned.

Discussion about putting cameras at the water plant to survey the fence to keep someone from coming in and cutting the liner. Dennis Monn will ask for an estimate for this item.

New well site(s) Casselberry - M. Gossert reported that the Koons site is not suitable because it is too close to the flood plain.

J. Casselberry has not yet looked at the land owned by the Authority. J. Casselberry will look at this and report back to the Authority.

Washington Township Well - Chairman D. Monn presented an article out of the Record Herald concerning the Hess Two well being developed in Washington Township. Chairman Monn is interested in knowing why Washington Township can do this and the Authority was unable to complete flushing Well #2 because of the same concerns. Chairman Monn wants to go on record as presenting these articles and voicing his concern about not being able to complete Well #2.

Chairman D. Monn said that since Penn State is installing an athletic field in proximity to Well #2 he suggests contacting Penn State and asking them if they would be willing to accept the water that is pumped from Well #2 in an effort to clear up that well. The water could be used to establish the grass at the athletic field. If this would be feasible any expense would be Penn State's responsibility.

M. Gossert will provide T. Misner with a copy of the license for Well #2. T. Misner will research to see if the license would prohibit the water being used in this manner.

Emergency Interconnection Guildford Township - Short discussion about an emergency interconnection with Guilford Township.

NEW BUSINESS - WATER

Operations Report - L. Wenger reported that the average daily flow for the month is 133,000 gallons. L. Wenger also gave an update on the water reports that have been completed and sent at this time.

L. Wenger will also provide the information that J. Casselberry needs to complete his reports.

Letter from Quincy Township dated 2/20/2009 - T. Misner, M. Gossert and the members discussed the letter from Quincy Township that once again asks the MAMA to supply them with 200 EDU's of water. The members and T. Misner agree that the Authority previously stated that they could only provide 100 EDU's to Quincy Township. Quincy Township is also asking for a copy of the latest Annual Permit Compliance Report.

T. Misner said the report is public knowledge so L. Wenger is to provide the report to Quincy Township.

Open Records Policy - When the Borough adopts the Open Records Policy, P. Kocek is to put this item on the MAMA Agenda so that the Authority can adopt the same policy.

Replacement of water meter & letter from property owner - L. Wenger explained the circumstances surrounding the replacement of the water meter

at the George Carbaugh property. The property owner was responsible for the broken meter because he failed to place the meter in a protected spot where it would not freeze.

G. Carbaugh is refusing to pay for the replacement meter because he feels only the bottom needed to be replaced. The Borough does not replace bottoms only. L. Wenger said there is too much of a chance that other things in the meter are damaged when the meter freezes.

Discussion on adopting a policy on the replacement of water meters that are broken because of the negligence of the property owner.

T. Misner will look into this to see what the Authority can do to resolve this problem since the properties are in Quincy Township. T. Misner will try to find out who the mortgage company is for the house on Furnace Road that is connected to the Carbaugh water line.

Terminating water to the house on Furnace Road connected to the Carbaugh water line - The property at the Daryl Bakner property on Furnace Road was to be temporarily hooked to the Carbaugh water line until the Furnace Road water line was put into use.

The tap fees have been paid but the water has not been hooked up to the Furnace Road water line. It is up to G. Carbaugh to terminate the hookup to the house on Furnace Road. Discussion on how to get this problem resolved. There is only one turn off valve for the trailers and the house on Furnace Road. Continued discussion on the two subjects above. T. Misner pointed out that the Borough acts for the MAMA in turning off the water.

P. Kocek to bill G. Carbaugh for the off/on fee for turning the water off/on when the meter froze and broke.

P. Kocek to send a letter to G. Carbaugh telling him that it has been the policy of this Board to require replacement of the water meters when broken by negligence.

If he does not pay after receiving this letter then add the cost of the meter to his water bill.

Adjournment - T. Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2009 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 8:43 p.m., S. Stymiest seconded, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Kocek

Submitted to Mont Alto
Municipal Authority for their
approval on April 13, 2009.

Patricia A. Kocek
Mont Alto Municipal Authority
Recording Secretary