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**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JULY 13, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of July 13, 2009 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

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

**INVOCATION** - P. Kocek

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

Rex Benchoff	211 S Main Street Water/Sewer usage
Catherine Starkey	211 S Main Street Water/Sewer usage
Wanda (Jean) Ditch	Water Haulers Hours of operation
Dennis Monn	Mont Alto Borough Council

**Rex Benchoff**                    **211 S Main Street Water/Sewer usage**  
**Catherine Starkey**        **211 S Main Street Water/Sewer usage**  
Chairman D. Monn recognized R. Benchoff and C. Starkey.

R. Benchoff explained that his tenant (C. Starkey) received an invoice in June for 28,000 gallons of water and in July the amount used was 45,000 gallons.

R. Benchoff told the members of the Authority that he did have problems with commodes in the apartment and also the neighbor children turned on an outside faucet. The outside faucet has been disabled and the commodes have been fixed.

R. Benchoff appeared before the Authority to ask for some type of relief for some of the charges for water and sewer.

R. Benchoff said that these charges are causing a hardship for C. Starkey

P. Kocek left the meeting to process a print out for the Starkey account.

While P. Kocek was out of the room Chairman D. Monn recognized Wanda (Jean) Ditch.

**Wanda (Jean) Ditch Water Haulers Hours of operation**

W. Ditch appeared before the Authority to register a complaint about the hours of operation and the noise that one of the water haulers is making on her street. She told the members of the Authority that the hauler is coming in at 5:00 a.m. to haul water.

She asked if there are restrictions on the hours the haulers can haul water.

Dennis Monn told the members of the Authority that restrictions had been placed on the haulers but then were later removed. Dennis Monn had P. Kocek research the Minutes last week concerning this matter but he did not bring the papers with him this evening.

W. (Jean) Ditch left the meeting at this time.

Dennis Monn left the meeting to go get his copy of the Minutes that address the hours of operation for the water haulers.

**Rex Benchoff 211 S Main Street Water/Sewer usage**

**Catherine Starkey 211 S Main Street Water/Sewer usage**

P. Kocek provided a copy of the printout to the members of the Authority for their review. The Authority members discussed whether or not any relief can be given for the charges for this account.

The Mont Alto Municipal Authority made the following decision concerning the Water and Sewer invoices for the Starkey account.

1. The existing sewer penalty will be removed
2. A payment plan will be set up to allow Starkey to pay off the remaining balance for the water and sewer
  
3. No penalties will accrue on the unpaid water and sewer balance
4. The current (monthly) invoice must be paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month or the payment plan will become null and void

R. Benchoff and C. Starkey left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

**Water Haulers Hours of operation**

Dennis Monn returned to the meeting. According to the Minutes from June 14, 2004 the hours of operation for the Water Haulers was established by motion as 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. A letter was sent to the haulers informing them of the hours of operation.

The Minutes of July 12, 2004 reflect that D. Crider appeared before the Authority asking that the restricted hours of operation be lifted.

The Minutes show that the motion made to establish the hours of operation for the water haulers at the June 14, 2004 was rescinded at the July 12, 2004 meeting by motion.

After discussion, it was decided that L. Wenger will contact the haulers and ask them to cut back on the noise or restricted hours will be established for them.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

**June 30, 2009** - Chairman D. Monn informed the members of the Authority that C. Miller is working with J. Bakner at the Sewer Plant towards becoming licensed in sewer. This item was not included in the Budget.

**\$20,000.00 CD Grove Credit Union** - The CD matures on 7-19-2009.

Discussion on what to do with the money from this CD. P. Strite needs money for operating expenses. S. Stymiest was instructed to cash the CD and then it will be decided where to deposit the money.

Chairman D. Monn stated that the Financial Report for June 30, 2009 is approved as presented.

#### **SEWER**

##### **Payment of Invoices**

\$ 553.00	Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc.	Upgrade STP Facilities
\$ 9,124.50	Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc.	Upgrade STP Facilities (Land Development)
\$12,131.00	Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc.	Upgrade STP Facilities (Design)
\$ 1,738.00	Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc.	Upgrade STP Facilities (Grant Work)
\$ 592.50	Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc.	Sludge Tank Project
\$ 1,343.00	Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc.	Upgrade STP Facilities (Sewer Rate Study)
\$25,482.00	Total	

S. Stymiest made a motion to approve payment of the Project Invoices from the Line of Credit, T. Gilbert seconded, further discussion, questions, any objection to the 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**

**June 8, 2009**

Chairman D. Monn asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of June 8, 2009, hearing none the Minutes stand approved as submitted.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL  
OLD BUSINESS - Nothing.**

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

**PMAA Newsletter** - For your information.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SEWER**

**MAMA Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade**

**Land Development Plan Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade** - S. Longstreth reported that the Land Development Plan will be submitted to Quincy Township on Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

The Electric portion is 75% completed and he is working on

the DEP Part II report.

The estimated cost of the Project is 3.3 million dollars. T. Misner asked the Authority members if they would like him to informally contact area banks to see if they are interested in financing this Project.

The Authority will have to decide between using a Bank or a Bond to obtain the money for the Project. There will be less start up costs if bank financing can be obtained.

It was the consensus of the Authority members that T. Misner contact the banks informally concerning financing for the Sewer Project.

**Stimulus Money** - T. Misner did some extensive research to see if money would be available for the Sewer Treatment Plant Project.

T. Misner reported that he did not make any headway on obtaining stimulus money. Each place he called gave him the run around.

M. Gossert reported that S. Longstreth attended a seminar sponsored by PA DEP. S. Longstreth told the Authority members that the money is for shovel ready projects but the money has to be used for equipment for energy saving upgrades. S. Longstreth will share this information with Dennis Monn. The Borough could possibly apply for this money for their street light replacement project.

G. Eigenbrode is concerned about the cost of the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project and the impact it will have on the citizens of the Borough.

**Sewer Rate Increase** - M. Gossert provided tables for the members of the Authority to review. M. Gossert reviewed the tables with the members. The tables project different rate increases compared to the amount of 3 million dollars that will have to be borrowed.

M. Gossert also provided tables showing the amount that would be borrowed if the Authority receives the H2O Grant. These were reviewed by the members of the Authority.

T. Misner believes the 3 million dollar figure may be low because the Authority may need to borrow extra money to make the monthly payments on the loan.

Discussion on how much to increase the sewer rate.

S. Stymiest made a motion to increase the sewer rate by 25% with an effective date of July 15, 2009, G. Eigenbrode seconded, any further discussion, any questions,

How will the customers be notified of the increase? The information will be provided on the August 1, 2009 utility invoices.

Any other questions,

Chairman D. Monn called for a voice vote.

G. Eigenbrode	Yes	S. Stymiest	Yes
T. Gilbert	Yes	S. Miller	Yes
D. Monn	Yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

The new rate will be \$10.94 per thousand gallons. The minimum per month charge will be \$32.82.

Short discussion on how Mont Alto's monthly sewer rates compare to the surrounding communities.

**Chapter 94 Report** - The Mont Alto Municipal Authority received a letter stating that the Chapter 94 Report has been received and accepted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SEWER**

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

1. Operations are satisfactory
2. All tests within limitations
3. Maximum flow 244,600 gallons
4. Average flow 141,500 gallons

**Grease** - Discussion on sampling for grease at the Campus. Maintenance was instructed to sample for grease sometime after the students return to the Campus.

Short discussion on what is allowed to be dumped in the sewer system and what is not allowed.

Dennis Monn has information on a program that Greene Township started to pick up collected grease from residents.

**Infiltration Nursery property** - The sewer line belongs to the Campus and repairs have not been made to the line as of this date. It is the responsibility of Penn State to fix their line.

J. Bakner suggested waiting until there is a rainfall and then go check the line to confirm that it hasn't been fixed.

The MAMA has to repair the line where it enters the manhole because water is entering around the line at the manhole.

Discussed possible ways to bill for the wild water coming into the Mont Alto system.

#### **OLD BUSINESS - WATER**

**Fire and Security System Cameras for Water Plant (Fence)** Dennis Monn reported on the quotes he received for the Security System.

Discussion. No decision was made to move forward on this project.

**Pumping Well #2 Letter to J. Casselberry** - Nothing new at this time.

**Letter from Quincy Township (Robert Gunder) to DEP** - T. Misner told the members that they do not have to do anything about this letter. The Borough of Mont Alto responded to DEP at an earlier date just to emphasize that there is not an Agreement with Quincy Township to supply water to them for an extension on Furnace Road.

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

**Operations Report** - L. Wenger reported that the average daily flow for the month is 157,000 gallons. He attributes this to the increased hauling by the water haulers.

**Water hauling above the weir** - S. Miller told the members that he and Dennis Monn observed 5-8 trucks pulling water from the stream above the weir at the bridge.

This can cause a problem during a low water supply situation. At this time, it is not causing the report from the weir to be out of line.

The Authority paid \$30,000.00 to have the weir installed to meet their reporting requirements for the water system.

S. Miller did discuss the situation with DCNR and asked why there isn't a sign at that site stating that water cannot be drawn from the stream. Discussion.

**DEP Chapter 109 Safe Drinking Water Regulation/Rapid Response Systems - L.**

Wenger told the members that there are new regulations for notifying the public of possible water contamination. L. Wenger said that the MAMA notification system is good. L. Wenger will continue to look at this.

**Casselberry** - M. Gossert asked L. Wenger if Casselberry had provided the information for the water reports. He has not provided this information. L. Wenger will contact Casselberry and request the items he needs for the reports.

**PSU Water line to ball field** - Discussion. No action to be taken. PSU is irrigating the ball field.

**Water meters** - Chairman D. Monn asked if the schedule for replacing water meters has been followed. L. Wenger told him that only broken meters have been replaced.

**Curb Stops** - Chairman D. Monn asked about the progress of blowing out the curb stops. L. Wenger said that he hopes to have most of that project completed by Labor Day.

**Egolf Farm Well Site** - Chairman D. Monn asked if there is a possible well site on the Egolf farm. Chairman D. Monn told M. Gossert that Egolf has given permission to go on his land to check for well sites as long as the crops are not disturbed.

**SEWER (continued)**

**Notice to Proceed** - This needs to be signed by the Chairman. The Agreement has been signed by the contractor and returned to M. Gossert.

T. Gilbert made a motion to approve the Notice to Proceed for the Sludge Tank Project, S. Miller seconded, further questions or discussion, hearing none, any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

M. Gossert provided the Agreement to T. Misner for his review.

**Adjournment** – S. Stymiest made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2009 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 8:44 p.m., T. Gilbert seconded, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia A. Kocek*

Submitted to Mont Alto  
Municipal Authority for their  
approval on August 10, 2009.

Patricia A. Kocek  
Municipal Authority  
Recording Secretary

Mont Alto