

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

July 12, 2010

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of July 12, 2010 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY STAFF - Fred Heerbrandt Engineer, Timothy Misner Solicitor, Patti Strite Treasurer, Jerry Bakner Sewer Treatment Plant Operator, Larson Wenger Maintenance Supervisor and Patricia Kocek Recording Secretary

INVOCATION - P. Kocek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

Jean Ditch - Dust caused by the Water Haulers

J. Ditch asked if the Authority could water down the parking lot at the Borough shed so that the dust isn't a problem when the water haulers go in and out of the lot.

J. Ditch is only concerned with the dust problem not the hours they haul.

Daryl Crider Water Hauler - D. Crider arrived at 6:35 p.m. and Chairperson D. Monn invited him to join the discussion.

Members of the Authority, J. Ditch, D. Crider and Dennis Monn discussed the dust situation and solutions to correct the problem.

Chairman D. Monn told J. Ditch that the Authority will look into putting down calcium. It will have to be determined if calcium can be used because of the proximity of the land to the stream. J. Ditch will be informed if the Authority gets approval to put down calcium.

Chairman D. Monn asked Dennis Monn to instruct L. Wenger to contact the state to see if calcium can be used on the parking lot to keep the dust down.

J. Ditch left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Water Haulers Hours of operation - A letter was sent to the water haulers reminding them that the dust is a problem this time of the year and that the hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. through 9:30 p.m.

D. Crider came to the Authority meeting to discuss the hours of operation.

L. Wenger and P. Kocek told the members that the letter that was sent to the haulers was one that was used in July of 2004 when hours of operation were established.

After P. Kocek researched the Minutes for the summer of 2004 and 2009 it was determined that the hours of operation (7:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.) were rescinded. At this time there are no set hours of operation.

It was the consensus that the haulers hours remain the same, with haulers being considerate when they haul later in the evening and they should try to haul as early as they can but at this time there are no set hours for the haulers

P. Kocek was instructed to send a letter of apology to the haulers and apologize for any inconvenience the previous letter may have caused.

Chairman D. Monn thanked D. Crider for attending the meeting. D. Crider left at 6:56 p.m.

Dennis Monn - Mont Alto Borough Council representative

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2010 - S. Stymiest made a motion to accept the Financial Report of June 30, 2010 as submitted, S. Miller seconded, any further discussion, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

Sewer

Payment of Invoices

\$ 503.85 Wm. Hill & Assoc. Land Development Plan
\$ 2,648.72 Wm. Hill & Assoc. Sewer Treatment Plant Design
\$ 3,152.57

L. Wenger told the members that the Land Development Plan will be presented to Quincy Township for their approval on July 21, 2010.

T. Gilbert made a motion to pay the invoices as submitted, S. Stymiest seconded, any further discussion, hearing none any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

WATER

Payment of Invoices - Projects

P. Strite told the members that there aren't any project invoices but there is an invoice in the amount of \$442.58 for Hill to work on the water agreement for Quincy Township. Will discuss this invoice when the letter from Quincy Township is discussed later in the meeting.

S. Stymiest made a motion to pay the invoice against water, T. Gilbert seconded, any further discussion, hearing none any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 14, 2010 - Chairman D. Monn asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the Minutes for June 14, 2010, hearing none the Minutes of the Regular meeting of June 14, 2010 stand approved as submitted.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL OLD BUSINESS

The following two (2) items were brought up at the last regular Mont Alto Municipal Authority meeting.

1. MAVFD Water use for the tractor pull - Dennis Monn reported that the MAVFD used 1500 gallons of water. D. Monn talked to Charles Baker and he told D. Monn to have the Borough bill for the amount of water they used.

Chairman D. Monn: Let the record show that the Authority members agreed to handle the water usage for the tractor pull, to water down the track and traffic lanes, on a voluntary reporting basis. They will be billed per thousand gallons instead of the minimum usage.

2. Why the Borough vehicle sits behind the ambulance squad - Dennis Monn looked into this matter. When Chad Miller finishes his regular routine jobs he stops at the ambulance squad and takes his break on his way to the Sewer Plant to help J. Bakner.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL NEW BUSINESS

Water & Sewer Construction Specification Books - W. Hill & Associates provided these books for L. Wenger to review.

L. Wenger presented these books to the Authority for their acceptance. These are standard procedures for water and sewer installation.

The MAMA and Borough Council would have to adopt the spec books. These books would supersede any other rules and regulations and would become part of the Ordinance. The spec books will also be put on the website so that contractors can have access to the documents.

Discussion on various issues that would be covered by the spec books.

S. Stymiest made a motion to adopt the Developers Specifications Water Distribution System and Service Connection Installation April, 2010 and the Sanitary Sewer Construction and Material Specifications for Developers May, 2010 and that any provisions that are inconsistent are repealed insofar that they are inconsistent, T. Gilbert seconded, any objections to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries. Mont Alto Borough Council will also have to adopt the spec books.

PMAA Newsletter - For your information.

OLD BUSINESS - SEWER

Sewer Plant Upgrade Project F. Heerbrandt

Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Review - For your information. This Plan has been approved.

Land Development Plan - This will be presented to Quincy Township on July 21, 2010.

PA DEP Part II Construction Permit - F. Heerbrandt reported that the Permit has been moved to the top of the pile at DEP. F. Heerbrandt will be meeting with a representative from DEP on Wednesday July 14, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. and F. Heerbrandt will answer general questions concerning the plans for the project.

The plans are being reviewed by the structural engineers and the electrical engineers at Wm. Hill & Associates.

The Part II Permit is the biggest unknown in the schedule. Hopefully with the meeting on Wednesday the Part II Permit will be returned in a timely manner. This Permit is the only thing that would hold up the time schedule for the Project.

Grants - Discussion concerning going out for grants for the Sewer Project.

F. Heerbrandt suggested putting in paperwork for Penn Vest and RUS. These entities require a survey to determine that the Authority customers fall in the low to moderate income level.

There is an agency that will conduct the survey utilizing some of the local staff and the cost is minimal compared to conducting the survey yourself. F. Heerbrandt reviewed how the survey would be conducted.

F. Heerbrandt will set up a meeting with Penn Vest and RUS to discuss the likelihood of the Authority obtaining a grant from them.

Shuster - Discussion on whether or not the Authority can obtain any money through Shuster's office. T. Misner will contact Harry Bittle to see if there is any possibility of obtaining money through this channel.

F. Heerbrandt indicated that his contact at the Corps of Engineers indicated there may be more money for construction for the MAMA. F. Heerbrandt to continue to talk to his contact at the Corps.

Helman Hold Harmless Agreement - L. Wenger will get the Agreement signed within the next few days.

Guilford Township Sewer - Remove from the Agenda.

Sewer rate increase - The members of the Authority reviewed the work sheet presented by William Hill & Associates, Inc.

The members discussed bank loans, debt service and interest rates, when the increase would be effective, the public reaction to the increases and whether or not the work sheet is correct in stating there would be another 20% increase in January 2011. F. Heerbrandt will check to see if this should be January 2012 instead of January 2011.

F. Heerbrandt indicated that he would be available to answer public comments concerning the rate increases.

T. Misner feels the increase should go into effect as soon as possible.

S. Stymiest made a motion to increase the sewer rate and garbage disposal rate 20% on the September 1, 2010 invoice, S. Miller seconded, any further discussion,

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - SEWER

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

1. Operations are satisfactory
2. Maximum flow 134,300 gallons
3. All tests were within limitations
4. Average daily flow 95,500 gallons

Blower - J. Bakner reported that a blower was ordered and will be delivered around August 11, 2010.

Sewer line backup - L. Wenger informed the members that there was a sewer backup at the Bumbaugh property on Park Street. He ran the roto-rooter down the line and then put the camera through. There were roots in the line.

There is a list of 7 or 8 residences that the maintenance employees put chemicals down the line on a regular basis to help with the root problem.

L. Wenger told the members about Mr. Rehab from Harrisburg that would come in and cut the roots out and grout the joints and that line would never have to be dug up to be repaired.

L. Wenger will camera the lines that are on the list to see where the roots are located, homeowner's property or Borough property.

The members discussed offering this service to the homeowner's at the same time the Authority would have them come in, if the Authority decides to go this way.

The homeowner would have to make their own contract with Mr. Rehab but it could be done the same time they would be doing work for the Authority.

Short discussion about having a public presentation by Mr. Rehab.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER

Inter-municipal Agreement Quincy Township - T. Misner sent the letter to Quincy Twp. along with the invoice to be paid. The check for the invoice was received but Quincy Township did not set up an escrow account.

T. Misner feels that it has to come to a point where the two (2) entities sit down together and discuss the matter. The Authority doesn't want to set up a special meeting until after the escrow account is established because there will be attorney and engineering fees

P. Kocek told the members that Quincy Township has not paid for the water that was used to test the water line on Furnace Road. This amount is \$171.60.

T. Gilbert made a motion advising T. Misner to write a letter to Quincy Township telling them that once the escrow account is established and the bill paid for the water used to test the Furnace Road water line, a special meeting will be set up to discuss all facets of an inter-municipal agreement with Quincy Township, S. Stymiest seconded, further questions, any further discussion on the motion, any objections to the motion as it was made and seconded, motion carried.

P. Strite is to hold the invoice from Hill Associates for work on the inter-governmental agreement.

Paving driveway to Well #1 (Country Power Washing & SESCO) - Country Power Washing & SESCO are asking the MAMA to pay 1/3 of the cost to pave a portion of the driveway that services SESCO, Country Power Washing and Well #1. The improved section would not even go as far as Well #1.

T. Misner feels the Authority should not pay 1/3 of the cost of this project because proportionately the Authority does not use the right of way as much as the other two (2) entities.

The Authority has a right of way but nothing can be found showing that the Authority is responsible for the maintenance of the right of way.

L. Wenger to inform SESCO and Country Power Washing that the Authority did not approve this expenditure.

Yew Street water line - L. Wenger told those in attendance that

Cathy Fogelsonger and Bob Angle appeared before Council last week. C. Fogelsonger is pursuing a right of way to Constitution Avenue to run a water line for the proposed new house on Yew Street or to go to Main Street through their own property but there may not be sufficient room for an easement to Main Street.

Dennis Monn said that the Subdivision Ordinance states that the subdivider is responsible for any requirements for water, sewer etc. so the Fogelsongers would be responsible for installing the new water line on Yew Street.

If the Fogelsongers go to Constitution Avenue this will have to be shown on the subdivision plan. The Borough is waiting for the Fogelsongers to make a decision and come back with the proper documentation.

L. Wenger told the members of the Authority that the $\frac{3}{4}$ " line on the upper side of Yew Street that serves the house on Main Street also serves a trailer on Yew Street. The line for the trailer is serviced through a line and meter on the house on Main Street. There was a discussion on the possibility of the Authority helping to pay to upgrade the $\frac{3}{4}$ " line in order to have the trailer on Yew Street hooked to a main line instead of being fed by a line through an existing dwelling.

Rex Benchhoff owns the house on Main Street and the trailer on Yew Street. If R. Benchhoff would sell and split the two properties then the trailer would have to be supplied by a separate service line.

L. Wenger will contact the Fogelsongers and ask if they would be interested in sharing the cost to run a water line for their proposed subdivision.

NEW BUSINESS - Water Operations Report

L. Wenger gave the following report:

1. Average daily flow 193,000 gallons for the month of June
2. Water leaks - Three water leaks (two repaired) and the other leak will be repaired on Thursday
3. Dirty water problem on Aspen and now Verdier - L. Wenger will alternate opening and shutting the hydrants/valves on these streets to keep the water clean
4. Through Jim O'Shea, DEP Water Inspector, L. Wenger found out that the Police Station at PSU is connected to the 2" water line that serves Knouse Food. PSU pays Knouse Food for the water used at the Police Station

Discussion on what to do about the Police Station being hooked to the Mont Alto System without the Authority being aware of the fact. Knouse is

selling water and they should not be in the water business. A separate meter for the Police Station and Knouse Foods will have to be installed. Continued discussion.

L. Wenger and Dennis Monn will look into the matter discussed above.

Water Restrictions - L. Wenger questioned cutting off the water haulers if the lack of rain continues.

T. Misner pointed out there is a step to step procedure for water restrictions.

The first response to a lack of water is to cut off the water haulers. This can be done without any action from the Authority.

Chairman D. Monn asked how you can talk about this subject and still consider giving water to Quincy Township. The Agreement with Quincy will have a clause that states they could only receive water depending on the ability of the Authority to supply water to them.

L. Wenger informed the members of the status of Well #1, Well #3 and the Spring. The spring water going over the weir is holding up very well.

L. Wenger is not asking to have something done at this time about restricting water usage but just wanted to bring it to the attention of the Authority.

Chairman D. Monn told the Authority he feels they need to look at another well or consider revisiting Well #2. F. Heerbrandt pointed out that you can ask a large subdivider to provide a well (water source) for new subdivisions.

Dennis Koons property - L. Wenger provided the following information.

1. D. Koons is building a house and wants to hook to public water
2. A 1" line crosses the stream and stops
3. D. Koons wants to come off of the Y and run it to the new house
4. There was a meeting with Soil Conservation - stream permit says you have to stay 50' out of the center of the stream
5. L. Wenger suggested putting in a sleeve - what size line to put in?
6. L. Wenger told D. Koons he should probably put in a large enough line to handle what he wants to do in the future
7. D. Koons will notify Soil Conservation as to what size line he wants to put in
8. The new shed that D. Koons built is in the Borough
9. The shed is not hooked to Borough water or sewer
10. D. Koons will need to do a Subdivision or Land Development Plan to build the new house

11. If he is going to ask for Borough water, does the Authority make him tie into a 1" line and only hook up the one house or do you make him hook up the new shed also?
12. The sewer is another issue because the shed is commercial use without sewer
13. If he hooks to the Borough sewer he has to do a stream crossing to get back out to Penn Street
14. If he hooks to Quincy sewer, Quincy already has a sewer line on his side of the stream

No action to be taken at this time, but for the Authority's consideration.

Adjournment - T. Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2010 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 8:55 p.m., S. Stymiest seconded, any objections to the motion, hearing none, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Mont Alto
Mont Alto Municipal Authority
for their approval on

August 9, 2010.

Patricia A. Kocek

Patricia A. Kocek
Recording Secretary