

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of **August 9, 2010** of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

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

INVOCATION - P. Kocek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

Christopher Bennett - Sewer rate increase and minimums on water and sewer

Dennis Monn - Mont Alto Borough Council representative

Chairman D. Monn recognized C. Bennett. C. Bennett asked the following questions:

Question: Why are the sewer rates being increased?

Answer:

1. DEP is requiring that the Mont Alto Sewer Treatment Plant be upgraded
2. The present Plant cannot meet the new requirements
3. Parts are not available to repair the present Plant
4. The need for an upgrade is not driven by construction but because the life of the Plant is at its end
5. In order to pay for the upgrade, rates need to be increased

Question: Minimum water and sewer rates - Why are the customers charged the same amount for water and sewer usage when you don't put the same amount of sewer back in the system? C. Bennett feels this is an unfair charge.

Answer:

1. The Authority has to be guaranteed a certain amount of income each month to meet expenses
2. If the Authority would go to a different system of billing the rates would have to be adjusted to realize the same amount of income each month

Question: After the discussion above, would the Authority consider sending out a letter explaining how the billing is calculated and the reason for the sewer rate increase.

Answer: Chairman D. Monn said that this would be taken under advisement.

C. Bennett and L. Wenger discussed the chlorine content in the water on Penn Street on weekends.

They also discussed the sewer traps in Bennett's house at 208 Park Street.

Council President Dennis Monn told those present that Mont Alto Borough Council will be tentatively mediating a Public Meeting on October 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the MAVFD for the citizens to air their concerns.

C. Bennett said that he would share what he has found out this evening.
C. Bennett left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

July 31, 2010 - Chairman D. Monn stated hearing no questions or discussion, the Financial Report of July 31, 2010 stands approved as submitted.

Sewer

Payment of Invoices

\$ 3,037.91	Wm. Hill & Assoc. Wastewater Treatment Plant Design
\$ 1,930.95	Wm. Hill & Assoc. Sewer Rate Study & Evaluation.....
\$ 468.83	Wm. Hill & Assoc. Land Dev Plan/E & S Plan Prop
\$ 5,437.69	Total

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

P. Strite, Treasurer will be informed that the \$246.75 for Developers Specs-Sewer System should not be paid out of the Project funds.

WATER

Payment of Invoices - Projects - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 12, 2010 - T. Misner told the members of the Authority that when the sewer rate increases were approved the garbage disposal rates should have been increased also. He feels this is what was intended to follow past practices but the Minutes of July 12, 2010 do not show this.

T. Misner recommends that the Minutes of July 12, 2010 be changed to reflect the garbage disposal increase in rates.

Chairman D. Monn - Any objection on the advice from our Solicitor, hearing none the meeting Minutes of July 12, 2010 will be amended as recommended by the Solicitor.

Any other questions on the Minutes of July 12, 2010?

S. Stymiest made a motion to approve the July 12, 2010 Minutes, T. Gilbert seconded, any questions on the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL

OLD BUSINESS - Nothing

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NEW BUSINESS

Capital Hill Authority Report - For your information.

OLD BUSINESS - SEWER

Sewer Plant Upgrade

Chairman D. Monn thanked F. Heerbrandt for doing an excellent job on answering C. Bennett's questions.

General Permit - F. Heerbrandt said that this Permit has been received. This permit is to install the outfall down by the stream.

PA DEP Part II Construction Permit - The Part II Permit is the only outstanding permit. F. Heerbrandt has submitted the response to the comments that was received from DEP on the initial application. Based on what J. Patil, the DEP reviewer told F. Heerbrandt the Authority should have the Permit by the next meeting. Once this permit is received the Project can proceed to bidding.

Discussion on permits, time constraints, cost increase for permits and Chesapeake Bay requirements effective dates.

Land Development Plan - The Land Development Plan is complete and signed by all parties. The Land Development Plan needs to be recorded at the Courthouse.

Funding for Sewer Plant Upgrade Penn Vest - F. Heerbrandt, D. Monn, S. Stymiest and the representative from Penn Vest met last week.

F. Heerbrandt explained how Penn Vest awards money. Penn Vest scores the entity on their financial needs and DEP scores the entity on their environmental needs.

The DEP representative did not attend the meeting. F. Heerbrandt talked to him and the DEP representative told F. Heerbrandt that the Authority does not score very high in the environmental needs category because they are not polluting a stream or causing other environmental issues.

F. Heerbrandt told the members that it doesn't look like the Authority will have a very good chance of receiving an offer from Penn Vest for

financing based on the scores. It would cost approximately \$6000.00 to apply for the Penn Vest Grant.

Consensus of the Authority is not to pursue Penn Vest funding.

Helman Hold Harmless Agreement - L. Wenger spoke to the Helman's and they told him they would drop off the signed Agreement at the office today. This has not been received.

The Helman's will provide the necessary insurance per the Agreement. L. Wenger told the Helman's they cannot put cattle on the land until the Mont Alto Municipal Authority has a copy of the insurance policy.

L. Wenger will contact the Helman's about the Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS - SEWER

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

1. Operations are satisfactory
2. All tests were within limitations
3. DEP was at the Plant on 7-27-10 and all of the field tests are satisfactory
4. Blowers - 7-29-10 both the front and back blower went down on this date. At this point the Plant was going dead.

PSI came in and moved a blower from the sludge tank to the Sewer Plant on the same date and the Plant was up and running that evening.

J. Bakner reported that there is now one blower at the Sludge Tank and one at the Sewer Treatment Plant. There is one blower on order and it should arrive in this week or next. This blower will be hooked up at the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Sludge Tank Blower - Discussion on ordering an extra blower for the sludge tank. DEP does not require a back up blower for sludge tanks so this blower could not be ordered without bidding because it is not an emergency purchase.

Mr. Rehab - L. Wenger told the members that the staff is camering sewer lines. When he has more information he will contact Mr. Rehab. Table this until a future meeting.

Financing of Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade - The members of the Authority discussed which financial institutions to approach to obtain funding for the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade. T. Misner was instructed to contact Orrstown Bank first and if their terms are not satisfactory T. Misner was given the authority to contact other financial institutions.

A short discussion on when the Project will be bid.

T. Misner reminded the members that they will need Bond Counsel because of the complexity of borrowing this large amount of money. T. Misner will contact the firm from Philadelphia that the Authority used previously.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER

Inter-municipal Agreement Quincy Township

Water/Furnace Road

Letter to Quincy Township/Reply from Quincy Township - The Authority briefly discussed arranging a meeting between the Authority and Quincy Township because the Authority has a new engineer and Quincy Township also has a new engineering firm.

F. Heerbrandt reminded the Authority that the lines, meters, etc. have to be installed to the Authority's specifications.

The letter from Quincy Township was just received today and the Authority needs time to review the letter before taking any action.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to table the letter from Quincy Township dated August 6, 2010 to the next meeting, T. Gilbert seconded, further discussion or questions, hearing none, any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

Chairman D. Monn is concerned that the Authority has committed to supplying Quincy Township in light of Agenda Item (E) Water restrictions.

At this time D. Monn asked L. Wenger to present his Operations Report for Water.

NEW BUSINESS - Water

Operations Report

L. Wenger gave the following report:

1. Average daily flow 178,000 gallons for the month of July
2. The wells have dropped approximately 5' this summer
3. Black Andy's is flowing well
4. The Spring did not have to be shut off yet this summer

SCADA system - L. Wenger told the Authority about the surges that affected Well #1, Well #3 and the SCADA system at the Water Plant.

Chairman D. Monn again expressed his concern on whether or not the Authority has enough water to supply Quincy Township with water. He does not want to see the townspeople put on water restrictions and then sell water to an outside entity.

D. Monn wants to know if we can still back out of this Agreement since the Authority doesn't have enough water to serve Quincy.

There are not any water restrictions in effect at this time.

Discussion on whether or not you can turn off the water to Quincy Township if the Authority is short of water or if they don't pay their bill. Water shortages would be addressed in the Agreement. At this time the Agreement has not been written.

G. Eigenbrode feels there is enough water to serve Quincy Township.

T. Misner reminded the Authority that selling water brings in revenue and keeps rates down.

The water restriction topic is only on the Agenda this evening because of the dry conditions this summer.

The Authority discussed the possibility of having Hill Associates do a study on the availability of water to serve Quincy Township.

F. Heerbrandt will review the Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. water study. T. Misner told F. Heerbrandt this may be hard to find. P. Kocek to look for the Water Study which was probably done prior to 2007.

If this information is not available then the Authority will discuss the possibility of Hill Associates doing a new Water Study.

Yew Street water line - Dennis Monn told the members:

1. 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.

2. 209-211 S Main Street - Rex Benchoff owns the house on Main Street and the trailer at 1 Yew Street. The trailer is provided water out of 209-211 S Main Street. L. Wenger is trying to get into the property to look at the hookups.

3. The Borough/MAMA may have a responsibility to help replace the water line because of the situation at 209-211 S Main Street.

4. Running the water hookup across private property from Constitution to the Fogelsonger proposed house just causes another problem

5. The Borough Solicitor is checking on the situation in #2 above to see if the trailer on Yew Street can be forced to hook to the Yew Street water line

6. Others on Council than D. Monn feel the need to help with the water line.

Chairman D. Monn will only agree to help with the water line if the Authority installs the whole line to loop Yew Street. He feels it would

be favoritism if the Authority paid for part of the line and Fogelsongers paid for the other part.

A very lengthy discussion followed on various scenarios to rectify the problem on Yew Street.

The Fogelsongers have also considered removing their trailer on Yew Street (not to be confused with the trailer on Yew Street served by the house on Main Street). If they remove their trailer the problem goes away because the proposed new house would hook up to the existing water service to the trailer.

The members also discussed the water line coming out of the old Dave Cluck property that supposedly services a home behind the old Cluck property. Dennis Monn will have to find out about the water lines for that property.

T. Misner pointed out that if the Fogelsongers pay for a portion of the water line that would not be doing them a favor.

The discussion continued but no decision was made at this time.

Dennis Monn said that Council will be discussing this matter at the midmonth meeting on August 17, 2010.

Knouse Foods water line - Table

Dennis Koons property - L. Wenger asked how can Koons run a business without being hooked up to the sewer or water.

Since the boundary survey has been completed it was discovered that this building is in the Borough.

T. Misner suggested that the Borough Zoning Ordinance look into this matter to make sure they have a Certificate of Occupancy and also look into the mandatory hookup of the water and sewer since the building is in the Borough.

Yew Street water line (continued) - The discussion was reopened about the Yew Street water line and the following were comments and discussions concerning various matters relating to the water line.

T. Misner stated unless an agreement is reached this evening it will be up to the Borough to decide whether or not to waive the Ordinance requirements.

T. Misner suggested:

1. Find out if the Fogelsongers are required to loop the line

2. If they are not, under the Borough Subdivision Ordinance the Authority is going to have to decide whether to loop the line and take cash from them in lieu of putting in the line.

T. Misner said the simplest thing to do would be for the Authority to loop the line and the Fogelsongers would pay their share. You have given them nothing, you have made them obey the Ordinance.

T. Misner doesn't think you can make the Fogelsongers loop the line.

F. Heerbrandt told the members that the decision on who would say how to put the line in and the type of line to be installed would be based on your Standard Specifications and the engineering judgment of your engineer.

If the Authority would have a letter from the engineers saying which way to go, that is the way the Authority should go.

Continued discussion on the Yew Street water line but no decision was reached this evening.

Water Restrictions - Covered previously.

NEW BUSINESS - Water

Operations Report - Covered previously.

Adjournment - T. Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2010 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 8:43 p.m., S. Stymiest seconded, any objections to the motion, hearing none, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Mont Alto
Municipal Authority
for their approval on
September 13, 2010.

Patricia A. Kocek

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Recording Secretary