

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of September 13, 2010 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

INVOCATION - P. Kocek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

Dennis Monn - Mont Alto Borough Council representative

Thomas Lawson - Mont Alto Borough Council representative

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

August 31, 2010 - Chairman D. Monn stated hearing no comments, or questions or objection, the Financial Report of August 31, 2010 stands accepted as presented.

Sewer

Payment of Invoices

\$ 3,777.14	Wm. Hill & Assoc. Wastewater Treatment Plant Design
\$ 536.55	Wm. Hill & Assoc. Penn Vest Sewer Treatment Plant
\$ 148.05	Wm. Hill & Assoc. Land Development Plan
\$ 4,461.74	Total

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

WATER

Payment of Invoices - Projects - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 9, 2010 - Chairman D. Monn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes as submitted, hearing no comments, questions or corrections the Minutes of August 9, 2010 stand approved as submitted.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL

OLD BUSINESS Sewer and Water Specifications - Chairman D. Monn asked for this to be included on the Agenda. When the Specs were approved at a previous meeting, Chairman D. Monn did not understand that plastic pipe could be used on main lines, he felt only ductile iron could be used.

After a lengthy discussion about ductile iron and plastic pipe for main lines it was agreed that since 2" and 4" ductile iron pipe is very hard to get and even though the specs say ductile iron the Authority can give a waiver for plastic pipe for a main line that is 4" or smaller.

Dennis Monn reported that J. Evans Borough Council Solicitor is reviewing the Specifications for approval by Council.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL

NEW BUSINESS

Membership in the Chamber of Commerce - T. Misner reported that if the MAMA joins the Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce they can participate in a group that offers lower electric rates to businesses. The Authority has several accounts outside of the Borough that are served by Allegheny Power which would allow the MAMA to participate in the plan for lower electric rates. The cost to join the Chamber would be \$158.00 per year.

T. Lowson explained this type of purchasing to the members of the Authority. T. Lowson feels it would be a good idea for the MAMA to participate.

T. Gilbert made a motion to join the Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce, S. Stymiest seconded, any discussion,

Chairman D. Monn asked who is going to administer this program.

T. Misner told the members that all they have to do is fax in copies of the last two electric bills with the application signed by an authorized representative of the Authority. They will then go to Allegheny Power and they will pull the Authority's records. The decision will be made on whether or not the Authority is eligible for this program. The only thing the Board is going to have to look at are what the rates we are paying now versus the rates the group is offering. The Authority does not have to attend any meetings or serve on committees. The only thing they have to do is pay the yearly dues.

T. Lowson said the Borough will help the Authority with the comparison of the electric rates.

Chairman D. Monn called for a vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS - SEWER

Sewer Plant Upgrade

PA DEP Part II Construction Permit - The Part II Permit has not been received but F. Heerbrandt expects to receive it momentarily.

F. Heerbrandt told the Authority that William Hill & Associates had a contract with the Municipal Authority to do work up through the Part II Permit. This work is done except:

1. Subcontractor is still working on the electrical design
2. There is small amount of work that the structural engineer has to complete

F. Heerbrandt reported that Hill is substantially under the contract amount for Phase I.

Phase II - F. Heerbrandt said that Part II is taking the Project to bid and reviewing the bids after they are received.

Army Corps of Engineers - F. Heerbrandt reminded the members that they have a Grant from the Corps of Engineers for design work for the Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade.

They will pay 75% of the design cost up to \$250,000.00 which is a combination of your share and their share. There is approximately \$78,000.00 left in the government (Corps) share. This means the Army Corps of Engineers can be billed for all that has been paid to Hill Associates for design work. The Authority can probably continue, since it is a 75/25 share, billing the Corps for the pre bid and maybe some of the post bid work.

The Treasurer should begin to collect cancelled checks and invoices from Hill Associates because they have to send that paperwork in as part of the application to be reimbursed for the Grant money.

F. Heerbrandt told the Authority that now is a very good time to go out for bids for the Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade because of the current economic situation.

Funding for Sewer Plant Upgrade - T. Misner met with Chad Rosenberry of Orrstown Bank. Orrstown Bank is still interested in funding the upgrade of the Sewer Treatment Plant.

T. Misner used the figure of \$3,200,000.00 to be financed. T. Misner does not have a Commitment Letter but Orrstown Bank offered the following:

18 month construction period

30 year term

4.13% interest rate for ten years fixed

80% of Prime with a floor of 3.39%

The previous proposal had an interest rate of 4.49% fixed for ten years and the floor was 3.25%. All of the other terms remained the same.

Discussion. G. Eigenbrode said he doesn't feel the people of Mont Alto can repay this loan.

T. Misner was instructed to contact C. Rosenberry of Orrstown Bank and request a binding Commitment Letter.

Helman Hold Harmless Agreement - L. Wenger doesn't have the Agreement. The Helman's do not want to purchase insurance until they are running steers on the land. They will sign and provide the Agreement when they are ready to run steers on the land.

Blower - The new blower has been received and if it is not used prior to the upgrade Kappe will guarantee the one year warranty from the date of start up of the new Plant.

The Authority is in compliance with DEP regulations by having the extra blower on the premises. It is not hooked up at this time but if the blower is needed it can be hooked up in a short time. The blower is sitting outside because it is too big to get in the building.

Flex hose - L. Wenger reported that the 6" black hose outside the building is going to be there until the upgrade is completed. The Authority is renting the flex hose but after three months rental it is cheaper to purchase the hose. A bill will be coming in for the purchase of the hose.

NEW BUSINESS - SEWER

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

1. Operations are satisfactory
2. Average daily flow 105,100 gallons
3. Maximum daily flow 130,900 gallons

OLD BUSINESS

WATER

Inter-municipal Agreement Quincy Township

Letter dated August 6, 2010 - Discussion. No action taken at this time.

Yew Street water line - Dennis Monn reported that it is now up to the developer to come back with plans.

L. Wenger told the members that there is not a right of way for the 3/4" water line going back Yew Street. William Hill is pursuing getting Benchoff's deed and obtaining a 10' right of way off of his deed.

L. Wenger asked if the Authority is satisfied with the Fogelsongers using 2" plastic for the Yew Street waterline. The members agreed this statement is true.

The MAMA will need an Agreement with the Fogelsongers for building the water line and an eighteen month maintenance period. After eighteen months the line would be turned over to the Borough.

Discussion. The Mont Alto Municipal Authority is not interested in completing this line to continue to the other end of Yew Street.

Knouse Foods water line - Dennis Monn and L. Wenger will talk to Penn State and Knouse Foods about this situation. The Penn State Police Station is hooked to this line.

Dennis Koons property - Nothing

NEW BUSINESS - Water Operations Report

L. Wenger gave the following report:

1. Average daily flow 173,000 gallons for the month of August
2. Three leaks fixed in July and another leak found this week
Flows went down after the leak was fixed in August
3. Water haulers are hauling out more water
4. Today the flow was diverted from the Pearl to the stream
5. Wells are holding up and are above the threshold
6. The wells will be running 24/7

Public Water Supply/Groundwater Rule Letter from DEP - DEP informed the Authority that they did not receive the report.

Janet McNally has completed the report and L. Wenger will sign it tomorrow and the report will be sent to DEP.

This is a new report monitoring the amount of chlorine at the entry points of the system. They want to make sure there is enough chlorine entering so that there is always chlorine in the system. L. Wenger explained the situation that caused this report to be required.

Well #2 Allegheny Power - L. Wenger received a call from Allegheny Power asking if the Authority wanted to continue to pay the minimum on this account or did the Authority want service disconnected.

After discussion it was the consensus to continue to pay the minimum each month.

Access to water meters

7 N Main Street (Old fire hall)- L. Wenger explained that there are four meters in the basement and one meter is in Apt. 5 at this address. To pull meters to any one of those units maintenance has to go through one of the apartments to gain access to the meters in the basement. The problem

is if a tenant doesn't pay their water bill maintenance has to go through someone's apartment to pull the meter.

L. Wenger offered two (2) suggestions:

1. Install a meter at the service line coming in that is big enough to run the whole building and the landlord is billed for all of the apartments. If the landlord doesn't pay the whole building is disconnected.
2. Need an outside access to get to the meters in the basement.

The landlord is coming up next week and L. Wenger will discuss this situation with her.

L. Wenger is not asking for a decision this evening. Think about until a future meeting.

Sewer Treatment Plant Project Committee Meeting - F. Heerbrandt will begin to put a plan set together for the members of the Committee to review before holding a Committee meeting.

F. Heerbrandt will send up three (3) copies of the plans when someone from his office comes up this way. A date for the Committee meeting will be decided at the next regular MAMA meeting.

F. Heerbrandt left the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman D. Monn called for an Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss Personnel matters.

Chairman D. Monn called the regular meeting of September 13, 2010 back to order at 8:27 p.m.

F. Heerbrandt will be asked to attend the Town Meeting on October 21, 2010 to represent the Mont Alto Municipal Authority. Chairman D. Monn and/or S. Stymiest will also attend the meeting.

Based on the discussion at the Executive Session the following motion was made.

T. Gilbert made a motion recommending that Borough Council pay Todd Sharrah a stipend of \$107.50 per month as the second licensed operator for the Water Plant, G. Eigenbrode seconded,

Roll Call Vote

G. Eigenbrode	Yes	T. Gilbert	Yes
S. Stymiest	Yes	D. Monn	No

Motion carries.

It was the consensus that the payments would begin January of 2011.

Borough Council also has to act on the above motion.

Adjournment - G. Eigenbrode made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2010 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 8:30 p.m., T. Gilbert seconded, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Mont Alto
Municipal Authority
for their approval on
October 11, 2010.

Patricia A. Kocek

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Recording Secretary