

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of October 11, 2010 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY STAFF** - William Hill 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

**John Kahl** - Discuss progress of the Furnace Road water line  
(arrived at 6:37 p.m.)

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

**September 30, 2010** - Chairman D. Monn stated hearing no comments, or questions or objections, the Financial Report of September 30, 2010 stands accepted as presented.

**Sewer**

**Payment of Invoices**

\$ 9,319.26 Wm. Hill & Assoc. Wastewater Treatment Plant Design

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to pay the invoices against the Sewer Project, 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**

**September 13, 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 September 13, 2010 stand approved as submitted.

**Chairman D. Monn recognized visitor J. Kahl** - J. Kahl and those present discussed the many aspects of providing water to Quincy Township for the water line that was installed on Furnace Road. Quincy Township was asked to establish an escrow account. As of

this date the MAMA is not sure if this account has been established. J. Kahl will check with Quincy Township to ascertain whether or not this account was established. J. Kahl told them he appreciated them listening to his concerns and thanked them for their time.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Town Meeting** - There was a rumor going around that T. Misner told the members of the Authority not to participate in the Town Meeting. This was not true. T. Misner urged them to participate in the Meeting. F. Heerbrandt Engineer and S. Stymiest Authority member will represent the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at the Town Meeting. S. Miller will attend if S. Stymiest cannot make it to the meeting.

Council President described how the meeting will be structured.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Set date for Budget Meeting** - P. Strite would like to set a date for the Budget meeting. The Budget should be done before the November meeting.

October 27, 2010 9:00 a.m. - W. Hill will have F. Heerbrandt on hand at 10:30 a.m. to answer any questions the Authority may have about the Budget for 2011 as it concerns debt service on the Sewer Treatment Plant Project and any other issues.

Short discussion on sewer rate increases that have to be set up at different times during the construction phase of the Project.

W. Hill reminded the Authority that there is still grant money for engineering fees through construction.

**OLD BUSINESS - SEWER**

**Sewer Plant Upgrade**

T. Gilbert reported that the Committee reviewed the final plans for the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade with F. Heerbrandt. The Project is ready to go out for bids.

W. Hill reported the following:

1. H2O Grants will be awarded on November 16, 2010 and the findings will be published on November 17, 2010. The Authority does not have to hold up the bid process because of this.
2. The Construction Agreement was given to T. Misner for review
3. The State wage scale will have to be used for the Project
4. Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Committee Bid opening - December 9, 2010 1:00 p.m. - No action to be taken
5. Solicitor review bids prior to the regular MAMA meeting on December 13, 2010

- 6. Action on the Bid Opening will take place at the December 13, 2010 meeting
- 7. Pre Bid Meeting November 17, 2010 1:00 p.m.

T. Lowson will be notified of the Bid Opening on December 9, 2010.

W. Hill thanked the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Committee for their work on this Project.

T. Gilbert made a motion to authorize William Hill and Associates, Inc. to put the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade plans out for bid, S. Stymiest seconded, any further discussion or questions, hearing none, any objections to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

**Letter of Commitment Orrstown Bank** - Members of the Authority had this letter in their packets for review prior to the meeting. Chairman D. Monn commented on Paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Commitment Letter. T. Misner told D. Monn that the situation addressed in Paragraph 3 is why you have Bond Counsel. This is the type of thing they take care of if this situation would occur.

The Bond Closing date is incorrect in the Letter of Commitment. After speaking with Bond Counsel and Chad Rosenberger the date will be changed to December 14, 2010.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to approve signing the Letter of Commitment with Orrstown Bank, subject to review and the closing date being changed from November 11, 2010 to December 14, 2010, S. Stymiest seconded, any further discussion or questions, Chairman D. Monn called for a Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Letter of Engagement Bond Counsel** - T. Misner contacted Liz Havey and he has a letter of Engagement from Pepper Hamilton, LLP for the Authority to consider this evening. This is the same firm that represented the Authority during the last round of funding to secure a loan for the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade.

T. Misner told the members that it will cost approximately \$22,000 to \$23,000.00 to obtain the loan. This will include closing costs and the cost for Bond Counsel.

S. Stymiest made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter to secure Bond Counsel for the Mont Alto Municipal Authority, T. Gilbert seconded, any further discussion or questions, Chairman D. Monn called for a Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Helman Hold Harmless Agreement** - L. Wenger received the Hold Harmless Agreement today signed by the Helman's. The Authority has to sign the Agreement. The proper insurance certificates have been received.

**Disposal of old blowers (2)** - The Authority discussed the disposal of the old blowers from the STP.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS - SEWER**

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

1. Operations are satisfactory
2. Average daily flow 119,000 gallons
3. Maximum daily flow 386,000 gallons

L. Wenger dye tested a storm water drain to see if it was going into the Sewer Plant. Will test another area of town when there is another significant rain fall.

**Camering the sewer lines** - L. Wenger told the members that there is a new company at Letterkenny that cameras and repairs sewer lines. They are camering some sections of the Mont Alto Sewer lines for training. This is at no cost to the Authority. The Authority members discussed some of the lines that may have to be repaired. The Authority will consider some repairs to the sewer system in the 2011 Budget.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **WATER**

**Inter-municipal Agreement Quincy Township** - Discussed previously.

**Yew Street water line** - Members of the Authority and those present had a lengthy discussion about the Yew Street water line and the Rex Benchhoff right of way.

P. Kocek to contact J. Evans and determine if R. Benchhoff has been notified about the request for a right of way through his property.

The Fogelsongers are required to install the water line according to the Subdivision Ordinance.

**Knouse Foods water line** - Remove from Agenda.

**Dennis Koons property** - Remove from Agenda.

**Stream Withdrawal** - Short discussion concerning people, entities that draw water from the stream for personal or business use. L. Wenger told the members that this is a DCNR problem not a problem of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority.

**NEW BUSINESS - Water Operations Report**

L. Wenger gave the following verbal report:

1. Average daily flow 140,000 gallons for the month of September
2. Water haulers hauling has picked up
3. The wells never got to drought stage
4. T. Sharrah has received his Class C license
5. There have been customers complaining of high readings - L. Wenger has met with a few of them

**Drought Watch/Warning Letter from DEP** - For your information. Dennis Monn will check to see if the Drought Warning has been lifted.

**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. This causes a problem if the tenant won't let them into their apartment to gain access to the basement.

L. Wenger is asking the Authority to think about this situation but is not asking for an answer this evening.

It was suggested that the meters be located outside or that the Landlord pay the water/sewer bills for the entire building. P. Kocek to contact the owner to see what he would like to do with the situation as it exists now.

**Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association Legislative Alert - HB 1196 Residential Fire Alarm Systems** - Discussion regarding the size of the water meters that would have to be installed if this legislation passes and related items such as the ability of the water system to supply a sprinkler system.

**Well #3 Condition of grounds** - L. Wenger contacted DCNR as to what extent the Authority had the right to maintain the grounds at Well #3. L. Wenger

met with Joe Baker of DCNR and he approved moving the stones further back from the road so maintenance can mow that area.

L. Wenger showed J. Baker a 90' white pine that is dead at the entrance of the Water Plant. L. Wenger told the Authority that if this tree falls it would take out the electric lines to the Water Plant and Well #3. J. Baker will notify L. Wenger if the tree can be removed.

**Adjournment** - G. Eigenbrode made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2010 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 8:24 p.m., S. Stymiest seconded, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Mont Alto  
Municipal Authority  
for their approval on  
November 8, 2010.

***Patricia A. Kocek***

Patricia A. Kocek  
Recording Secretary

Minutes provided: 10/18/2010 1:52 PM