

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of August 8, 2011 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - David Monn, Staat Stymiest, Tommy Gilbert, Curtis Finney and Sid Miller present.

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

INVOCATION - Staat Stymiest

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AWARD BIDS VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - F. Heerbrandt and T. Misner reviewed the bids and D. L. George and Sons are the apparent low bidders. F. Heerbrandt recommends awarding the contract to D. L. George & Sons.

Discussion on the two (2) bids that were received and the difference in the price of the bids and why there would be such a big difference.

S. Stymiest made a motion to accept the bid from D. L. George & Sons and to authorize the Authority Chairman to sign the documents, C. Finney seconded, any further questions or discussion.

Roll Call Vote

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| C. Finney | Yes | S. Stymiest | Yes |
| T. Gilbert | Yes | S. Miller | Yes |
| D. Monn | Yes | | |

Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Dennis Monn - Mont Alto Borough Council representative

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

There was a lengthy discussion on the amount of money that is in the sewer checking account, in the Money Market and CD accounts and whether to transfer some of the money in checking to a Money Market of CD.

Then a discussion was held concerning the amount in the sewer checking account and whether this amount is correct. P. Strite left the room to gather further information.

The Authority also discussed possible reasons to hold the money in the present accounts in case it needs to be withdrawn for an unknown expense.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Quincy Water Project (Escrow Account)

Payment of invoices

\$ 261.45 Wm. F. Hill & Assoc.
\$ 2,605.50 Timothy Misner, Solicitor
\$ 2,866.95 **Total**

Chairman D. Monn stated that the Minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting stand approved as corrected and submitted.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL

OLD BUSINESS

Debit & Credit Card - P. Kocek reported that the credit card package has been approved by Borough Council. The Contract has signed and returned to the Company. More information will be received in the near future.

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT (Continued)

P. Strite provided the information and after this discussion it was decided that the amount is correct. It was decided that no money will be transferred at this time.

P. Strite was instructed to keep the members informed as to the amount in the Sewer Authority checking account.

D. Monn stated that after the above discussion, the Financial Report is accepted as submitted.

Sewer

Payment of Invoices

\$290,430.00 Conewago (May 2011) STP Upgrade
\$111,870.00 PSI, Inc. (June 2011) STP Upgrade
\$ 2,591.88 West Power Contract STP Upgrade
\$ 7,828.53 William H. Hill & Assoc. Upgrade
\$412,720.41 Total

F. Heerbrandt explained to the members that all Project invoices are reviewed prior to submission to the Authority for payment.

T. Gilbert made a motion to pay the four (4) Project invoices as submitted, C. Finney seconded, any further questions or discussion, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

Water

Payment of invoices - Remove this item from the Agenda until such time it is needed.

Quincy Water Project (Escrow Account)

Payment of invoices

\$ 87.15 Wm. F. Hill & Assoc.
\$ 87.15 Total

T. Gilbert made a motion to authorize payment of the invoice out of the Escrow account, 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.

MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL

NEW BUSINESS

Suggestions for cutting costs for the MAMA - The following items were discussed:

1. Hold a meeting to look at all of the figures prior to cutting costs in any area
2. Limit the number of paid employees attending the meetings - Several members noted that the paid employees should continue to attend the meetings until the Sewer Project is significantly completed
3. New Sewer Treatment should be more cost effective than the old Plant
4. Cost of paying the Authority members for attendance at meetings - It was noted that this expense is paid from Borough funds

Chairman D. Monn said let the record reflect that the Authority is looking at and taking measures to decrease the cost of the operations for the Authority.

OLD BUSINESS - SEWER

Sewer Plant Upgrade

West Penn Power Company Agreement - T. Misner reviewed this Agreement prior to the meeting. There was a discussion concerning whether or not the Authority could shop for power.

F. Heerbrandt reported that this is a five (5) year Agreement for construction of the electric lines for the Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade. The Authority's share of the cost is \$2591.88.

In order to have West Penn pay for a portion of the installation of the service the Authority has to sign this Agreement and be locked into their rates for five (5) years.

Columbia Gas - S. Stymiest noted that the Authority will be changing to natural gas at the new Plant. What will happen to the tanks? It was the consensus that they would be sold because they belong to the Authority.

Generator - L. Wenger told the members that the new generator will be operational in the next two (2) months. What will be done with the old generator? Discussion. L. Wenger will contact PSI and find out the name of a company that purchases used generators.

West Penn Power Company Agreement (continued)

S. Stymiest made a motion to sign the Agreement and authorize the proper people to sign the Agreement, T. Gilbert seconded,

any further questions or discussion, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing no objections to the motion the motion stands approved.

NEW BUSINESS - SEWER

Operations Report - L. Wenger presented the following verbal Report.

1. Operations are satisfactory
2. All tests are within limitations
3. Average daily flow 60,500 gallons
4. Maximum daily 70,600 flow gallons
5. The analyzer flow meter stopped working as L. Wenger reported last month. J. Bakner and L. Wenger are continuing to monitor the flows per instructions from DEP

OLD BUSINESS - SEWER (continued)

Sewer Plant Upgrade - F. Heerbrandt gave a progress report on the work that has been completed at the Sewer Treatment Plant. Discussed the progress on the electrical portion of the Project and F. Heerbrandt will keep an eye on the progress of the electrical work.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER

Inter-municipal Agreement Quincy Township - No one is here tonight to talk about the Agreement and the Authority has not received any written communication from Quincy Township.

Digging wells in the Borough of Mont Alto - Discussion on whether or not the Authority should pursue writing a Resolution concerning digging wells in the Borough. T. Misner discussed this issue with someone from Washington Township and they are writing an Ordinance because of the Geo-Thermal systems that requires digging wells.

F. Heerbrandt provided a sample Ordinance for P. Kocek to distribute for review. After review the Ordinance will be discussed at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - Water

Operations Report

L. Wenger presented the following verbal report:

1. Average daily flow 176,000
2. Water hauler usage is high - 1.2 million gallons last month
3. L. Wenger, J. Bakner and T. Sharrah attended mandatory Security Training for Water and Sewer Plants. All operators must have this training by 2014.
4. SOC Testing - The second round of SOC testing came back with no violations. J. McNally found out that only one (1) waiver has been issued. It is her recommendation to just do the next two rounds of tests that are needed and forget applying for the waiver.

Sign for new Sewer Plant - Discussion about placing a sign at the new sewer plant after it is completed to let people know what is located there. No decision at this time. T. Misner told the members that if the Authority was using government money a sign would have been provided and erected by this time.

Adjournment - S. Stymiest made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2011 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 7.52 p.m., T. Gilbert seconded, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Mont Alto
Municipal Authority
for their approval on
September 12, 2011.

Patricia A. Kocek

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Recording Secretary