

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018. PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. THOMAS, MR. FISHER, MR. SPOCK, CHUCK MADISON, STEWART SMITH, THE SOLICITOR, AND THE SECRETARY.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

The Board was very surprised and shocked that no citizens were present at the meeting. The Authority mailed a letter informing customers Freeland Borough Council had made a motion to look into dissolving the Freeland Municipal Authority at their monthly meeting held on April 26, 2018.

APPROVE APRIL MINUTES

Mr. Thomas made the motion and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0.

APPROVE APRIL PAID INVOICES

Mr. Spock made a motion to approve the April paid invoices for the Water Division totaling \$ 95,336.35 and the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$70,089.21, and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2136-A).

CURRENT INVOICES

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling \$ 52,794.17, the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$ 65,286.73, and the Sandy Run invoices totaling \$ 163.58. Mr. Thomas second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2136-B).

FINANCIAL STATUS

The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2136-C.

SEWER DIVISION REPORT

See Engineers Report. Reference 2136-D.

Samantha Albert of Borton Lawson said the PADEP Act 537 Special Study will need to be submitted soon.

I & I study we are looking into the problem areas to see where we need to repair lines and manholes. We have made repairs on 10 sewer manholes and that has helped the I & I tremendously.

Citterio has only provided our engineer with 2 samples for last month.

Mr. Kavitski asked Attorney Fagan if Foster Township Supervisors have passed the Pre-Treatment Ordinance from two months ago and the board was informed that Foster Twp Solicitor asked for a copy of the Pre Treatment Ordinance again. NOV draft is being developed by Attorney Nick Haros.

The updated sampling plan was prepared and submitted to EPA and it was approved on April 24, 2018.

Samantha Albert of Borton Lawson Engineering firm went over the Change Orders for the Birkbeck Street Reservoir Project:

1. Change Order #2 Hayden Inc. for \$ 9,912.00 for installation of a service connect outside the office building.
2. Change Order #3 Hayden Inc. for \$ 2,595.39 for adding a 200 amp breaker between main power panel and power feed to new pump building.

3. Change Order #4 Hayden Inc. for \$ 5,848.00 for requested electrical work at Well Houses 9, 10 and 17, which entails adding contacts for pumps, adding outlets, adding unit heater, relocating switch and adding light.
4. Change Order # 4 – LB Industries for \$ 8,835.30 for dewatering of the excavation area of the tank installation site. FMA and Engineer are recommending approval of pump rental of \$2,232.00 plus OH & P.
5. The Work Change Directive #1-FMA approved change to bedding and backfill material for yard piping. FMA requested change from stone to grass and request credit for difference from LB Industries.

Mr. Thomas made a motion is approved all change orders and the work change directive #1 listed above and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0. (Reference is the Engineers Report 2136-D).

Justin Tank Building quote was approved for John Gera Contracting, Inc. and FMA would like this completed by the fall of the year. Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 3-0. Mr. Spock abstained from vote due to receiving subcontracted work from this company. (Reference 2137-A).

DO Meters at the WWTP are 5 years old and need to be replaced. The quote is for replacing 2 meters with controllers. Will contact Moyer Instruments to install the meters. Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve replacement and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2137-B).

WATER DIVISION REPORT

Keystone Engineering proposal was approved for the Scada work for the Birkbeck Street Reservoir Project. Mr. Fisher made the motion and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2137-C).

Approve RUS Reimbursement Request #13 for \$ 8,191.68 motion was made by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2137-D).

Inner Tite, a company that deals with curb box locks, so when FMA turns water off for nonpayment the customer will not be able to turn the water back on. The board asked if this is a problem and Chuck Madison informed the board members it is. Mr. Fisher made the motion to purchase one curb box key and three or four curb lock boxes and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2137-E).

BORTON LAWSON INVOICES

Mr. Thomas made the motion to accept and Mr. Spock second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2137-F).

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Fagan recommended the board retain Attorney Jens H. Damgaard of Eckert Seamans Law Firm for bond counsel. Mr. Thomas made the motion to retain this attorney and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2137-G).

Attorney Fagan will also check on gathering paperwork together for preparation of the loan closing at the completion of the Birkbeck Street Project.

At 7:00 PM Mr. Thomas left the meeting at this time.

Attorney Fagan has gathered all the Well information and matched the deeds with all the Well houses and will forward all the information to Chuck Madison. He will copy all the information before sending the information to Meiser and Earl, the hydrogeologists.

MANAGERS REPORT

Chuck Madison stated the Wyoming St PS, Muffin Monster had jammed. Issue was taken care of and it is back in operation.

The WWTP is on dumpster #27 and 35.2 dry tons. Last year at this time was dumpster # 30 and 37.57 dry tons. 99% BOD removal and 98% TSS removal for the WWTP.

Spot hydrant flushing took place at Green, Cedar and Luzerne Streets this month.

The service line and curb box replacement for 9 Main St UL is completed and now a paying customer. New curb boxes and blow off valve were completed at 1 and 3 Prospect Road in Upper Lehigh.

Generator repairs are almost complete – 1 more sensor is needed yet.

Dynatech sent a maintenance contract for the generators and FMA declined it.

Hydrants repairs were made at Balas and the WWTP.

Attorney Goldberg declined to represent FMA in an HR issue because he has a conflict of interest. He represents the same Teamsters union FMA has here.

Kevin, our meter reader, is documenting all addresses where the touch pads need to be moved. We are working on them one address at a time. FMA wants to address all situations where the meter reader will not have to enter fenced in yards especially with dogs.

OTHER/OPEN ACTIONS

The Authority received a letter from Mr. Neil Leonard requesting he be excused from paying final bills on 920-922 Pine Street and the Board denied the request. The water meters are present at the property address and if they are the property is assessed the minimum charge. The new property owner, Mr. Murrillo, will also be assessed the minimum charge unless he contacts FMA for the removal of the water meters. Mr. Spock made the motion and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 3-0. (Reference 2138-A).

Attorney John Prevost was hired to assist FMA with the potential dissolve attempt by Freeland Borough Council and also with the HR issue. Mr. Fisher made the motion and Mr. Spock second. Vote 3-0.

Attorney Fagan said it is a very complicated process for Freeland Borough to dissolve the Freeland Municipal Authority because there are two other townships involved. The whole complexity of the situation with PennVest loans along with USDA loans and the monies in the accounts would still have to be used only for those two entities. These monies would not be able to be used for streets or equipment or payroll or the day to day operations of Freeland Borough.


Mrs. Jennifer Denion, whose dog bit our meter reader, is asking FMA to pay for all medical bills instead of turning this into her homeowners' insurance company. She feels we are to blame also, because FMA meter reader entered her fenced in yard with the dog present. Motion to pay the medical bills for her was made by Mr. Spock and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 3-0.

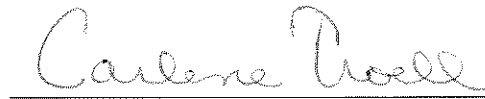
Two newly hired employees will start on the fourth of June.

ADJOURN

Mr. Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spock second. Vote 3-0.

These minutes are certified true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


James Fisher, Secretary


Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary