

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

January 19, 2021

The meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by R. Robert DeCamp on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Meeting in the Council Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street were R. Robert DeCamp, Ed Owlett, Terry Bryant, and Grant Cavanaugh, constituting a quorum. Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Susan Keck, and Recording Secretary Amy Kane Perry were also in attendance. Members of the Public included Nate Andregg. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Minutes of the December 15,2020 Meeting- Minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Ed Owlett, seconded by Grant Cavanaugh, and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items-none

Items:

Diversified Oil & Gas Royalty - The Diversified Gas Royalty Payment this month is \$25,260.26

Water Bond Renewal - The Water Bond has been received from Diversified dated August. There will be no lapse in coverage.

Delmar Follow-up - Delmar Township has paid the additional invoice that was issued for the connection at God's Family Fellowship and will now be billed monthly. There has been no resolution to the additional hookups discovered on the Peterson line. Delmar will need DEP approval and engineering to anything additional with the line. Two more connections have been found on the line but no one knows if they are tied in to the system. Delmar has contacted residents and may be performing dye tests to determine if they are.

In the Delmar border dispute, it has been determined that one property is located half in Delmar and half in the Borough. The land owner wishes to remain in the Borough so the Borough may be retaining one parcel.

Sand Filter Valve Project - The valves for the Sand Filter Valve Project are still on backorder. They are expected in two weeks. Crew began work on the vault today.

Update on Keck Well - Submission has been made by McNally proposing an option of utilizing the Keck Well in a way that would maintain consistent water levels. There has been no response.

Water Sales – Berger Septic out of Muncy, PA has finally gotten DEP approval to purchase 20,000 gallons of water a day.

Meeting with Senator Cris Dush – The Borough Manager recently meet with Senator Dush and discussed topics affecting local Boroughs. The primary topics were permitting fees and the redundancy of reporting. Scot has also written a letter stressing the impact of these topics on the Borough.

Dush is not a fan of permitting and says he plans to try and reduce or eliminate them. Right now, the Borough pays \$15,000 annually to permit the water and sewer systems.

Committed Projects – The Authority is currently committed to the following projects: \$500,000 bar screen at sewer plant, additional parts for the sand filter, and 2 remaining well houses to be placed.

Delmar Ridge – The idea of extending water service to Delmar Ridge is being looked into by Engineer Scot Bray.

Pay Bills

Terry Bryant made a motion to ratify the payment of bills and pay bills in the amount of \$23,591.10. Grant Cavanaugh seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comments

Nate Andregg, Charleston Township resident, spoke of a project he is involved with on his property working to reinforce stream banks to control sediment into Hamilton Lake. Hamilton Lake is currently waiting for final design for a dam project through the Wellsboro Borough Municipal Authority. Terry Bryant, who also holds a seat on that board, spoke of the progress of the project and will keep Mr. Andregg informed of meeting dates and updates to the project. The issue of removing sediment from the lake was also addressed. When an attempt was made to remove sediment from Nessmuk Lake it proved impossible due to equipment getting stuck in the soft terrain. Until the lake is drained it will be unknown what options there will be for removal.

Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. Next meeting February 16th at 4pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Amy Kane Perry
Recording Secretary