

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
November 16, 2021

The meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by Bob DeCamp on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Meeting in the Council Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street were Bob DeCamp, Terry Bryant, Ed Owlett, and Grant Cavanaugh, constituting a quorum. Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Amy Kane Perry were also in attendance. Representing Larson Design Group was Shawn Downey. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Minutes of the October 19, 2021 Meeting- Minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting were approved by motion of Grant Cavanaugh, seconded by Ed Owlett, and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items-none

Items:

Diversified Oil & Gas Royalty – We received a check from Diversified Oil & Gas this month in the amount of \$49,716.48.

Discussion with State Representative Owlett – Borough Manager Scot Boyce, Jr. recently met with State Representative Owlett regarding the permitting delays we are experiencing with permits for water sales. It has now been determined that permits are also required from the Susquehanna River Basin Council before water can be purchased because the water is to be placed in impoundment before use.

Credits – 230 credits of phosphorus have been purchased for the Waste Water Plant. We currently have 11,540 nitrogen credits to sell. Blossburg Borough has already agreed to purchase some of the nitrogen credits.

Charleston Township – Terry Bryant made a motion to accept the request from Charleston Township for (1) EDI for Timothy and Lori Keane on Fish Road for a new residence. Ed Owlett seconded the motion and it carried.

Headworks Project Update and Payment Application (Larson Design Group) – Shawn Downey from Larson Design Group reported that the Headworks Project has been up and running for about a week. The SCADA panel should be installed some time in December and programmed by Martz allowing for remote operation. Last Friday the plant experienced a CSO event and the new valves worked good making it much easier for the operator. Larson Design Group and Borough Manager Scot Boyce, Jr. have looked over the project and recommend accepting the Contractor's Application for Payment in the amount of \$245,432.70. Terry Bryant made a motion to accept and pay the request for payment in the amount of \$245,432.70. The motion was seconded by Bob DeCamp and carried.

Larson Design Update on Draft NPDES Permit – Shawn Downey reported that Larson Design Group has completed reviewing the draft NPDES permit renewal. The following are notable changes:

Total Copper Effluent Limit – DEP has raised the effluent copper limits which will limit the number of violations we have been seeing.

Total Residual Chlorine Limit – Permitted chlorine limits have been decreased. In order to become compliant with the new limits the options are dechlorination or UV disinfection. A cost study was previously done for a UV disinfection system but a new study will need to be completed for updated costs associated with the project.

Ed Owlett made a motion to have Larson Design Group revise the cost study for the UV disinfection system. The motion was seconded by Grant Cavanaugh and carried.

Effluent E. Coli – The draft now requires reporting monthly. This is a new requirement.

Additional Pollutant Limits and Monitoring Requirements – Larson feels a new sample should be submitted and depending on test results these limits should be removed.

Long Term Control Plan and CSO Requirements – Larson suggests clarification on CSO limits and on LTCP Implementation schedule dates.

Annual Fee – Annual fee is now \$7,500 for a major sewage facility with CSO. This is a \$2,500 increase.

Whole Effluent Toxicity Tests – These tests now need submitted on an annual basis. They use to be submitted with the Permit Renewal Application.

Nutrient Cap Loads – The previous cap load for Total Nitrogen was calculated incorrectly. This will affect the number of credits that are available for sale by the Authority. The Fact Sheet has not been updated to reflect the change.

Larson asks for the Authority to allow for them to prepare and submit a letter to DEP with the following comments/requests:

1. Request removal of Additional Pollutants, pending results of new sampling.
2. Request clarification on limit of 6 CSOs per year and clarification on LTCP Implementation Schedule dates.
3. Request revision of Fact Sheet to include updated Cap Load information.

Ed Owlett made a motion to allow Larson Design Group to prepare and submit a letter to DEP with the afore mentioned comments and requests. Grant Cavanaugh seconded the motion and it carried.

Pay Bills

Bob DeCamp made a motion to ratify the payment of bills and pay bills in the amount of \$41,100.35. Grant Cavanaugh seconded the motion and it carried.

Other Business

Planning for Future Projects – Authority member Terry Bryant suggested the Authority start researching future projects. There are many options for future projects. Grant Cavanaugh made a motion for Borough Manager Scot Boyce, Jr. to work with Larson Design Group to draft a list of possible projects with cost estimates. Bob DeCamp seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Comment - none

Adjourn – Bob DeCamp adjourned the meeting 5:00 p.m. Next meeting December 21st at 4pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Secretary/Treasurer