

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
February 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by Terry Bryant on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ATTENDANCE: Wellsboro Municipal Authority Members James Bodine, Grant Cavanaugh, and Terry Bryant, constituting a quorum.

OTHER'S PRESENT: Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Grant Cavanaugh, seconded by Jim Bodine, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

ITEMS:

1. The EQT Royalty this month came in at \$48,657.71.
2. Filling Station - Permitted and running. Currently, a DEP gas permitting issue has our haulers shut down but they hope to be back to hauling this week
3. Fish Hatchery – Scot spoke with DCNR's district manager. DCNR's interest is in the building only. The next step is a meeting between the DCNR folks in Harrisburg and the authority and other potential partners. DCNR is possibly looking at bringing in other agencies into the mix to help with the transfer if a partnership can get the property, (Fish and Boat, for example)
4. Radio Reads – As of the last batch of radio reads installed, 43% of the borough has radio reads, continuing to make the crew more efficient when reading meters. The Borough and Authority continue to move towards readings being sent to borough office instead of physically reading meters. Jim Bodine made a motion to authorize purchase of another 108 radio read MXU's. Grant Cavanaugh seconded the motion and it carried.
5. Updates
 - a. Slow Sand Filter – Scott Bray is working on pricing and hauling for new sand for both Slow Sand Filters. Both filters have sand levels that will require new sand this year. The amount of sand in the filters decreases after the crew scrapes that top level off annually. Currently, both sand filters are off-line. (Once sand and hauling are secured, these items will be brought before the board).
 - b. We got the permit for the Clark Well Access Road box culvert. Scott Bray will be sending out to bid (for your approval)

- c. Water/sewer rates – the council committee continues to move toward increasing the water rates to a level where the borough re-coups its costs to treat water.
The rate increase will affect the higher volume users who are currently getting water for less than half of what it costs the borough to produce and treat the water.
- d. DEP NOV - we have signed the Consent Order Agreement. Our proposed plan for an automated shut-down of the sand filters has been submitted to DEP for their review.
- e. Tree removal at the Water Plant – the pine trees around the water treatment facility are dying and starting to fall on the fence. We are currently getting prices on dropping the trees so they don't damage the fence. Price will be for dropping, not removal.
- f. Water Loan of approx. \$16,000/month has 1 payment left

March meeting – Jim Bodine and Scot Boyce will be absent for training out of town.

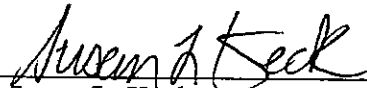
Pay Bills- Jim Bodine made a motion to ratify the payment of bills and pay bills. Grant Cavanaugh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comments-None

Next meeting is on March 17, 2020 at 4pm

ADJOURN: Adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by



Susan L. Keck