

**WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**February 19, 2013**

The meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by R. Robert DeCamp on February 19, 2013 in the Council Room of the John E. Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were present.

**ATTENDANCE:** Wellsboro Municipal Authority Members: R. Robert DeCamp, Ed Owlett, Dennison Young, Grant Cavanaugh, and Tom Reindl.

**OTHER'S PRESENT:** Councilor Joan S. Hart, Councilor Terry Bryant, Councilor Mike Wood, Councilor Rudy Scharf, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Superintendent of Public Works Mark A. Dieffenbach, Water and Sewer Supervisor Daniel L. Brought, Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, Ariel Faber, Intern from Mansfield University, and Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting were approved by motion of Tom Reindl, seconded by Dennison Young, and carried 5-0.

**NEW OFFICE BUILDING-** Manager Strausser distributed architect Andrew Harding's picture of the new Borough Building which has been approved by Borough Council, and requested \$125,000.00 be given to the Borough from the Gas Lease funds. This would be used toward the renovation costs of the new borough building. Renovation would include inside, outside, macadam, concrete sidewalk. The building purchase was accomplished by a donation from Grow in the amount of \$15,000.00 and the Borough funded \$275,000.00 for a total of \$290,000.00. Manager Strausser explained that the total renovation costs would be between \$150,000.00 and \$200,000.00. A \$1,500.00 a month rent from the State is under a year to year lease agreement. This was assumed in the purchase. A sprinkler system will be installed in the building. An independent appraisal gave a value of \$346,000.00, so we have a lot of equity. There is also 50% tax exemption on the building for the State Store half. Edward Owlett made the motion to approve the contribution of \$125,000.00 to the Borough for this purpose. Dennison Young seconded and it carried 5-0.

**PALL MEMBRANE FILTER BIDS:** The Filter plant building location has been changed to save costs ie. one new electric versus 2 two new electric services. A second generator cost was saved, one new gas versus 2 new gas services. These changes brought the total scope of the project from \$1,196,037.00 down to \$1,140,333.00; a \$57,706.00 savings. Tom Reindl made the motion to approve the change of scope. Grant Cavanaugh seconded, and it carried 5-0. Manager Strausser went on to say we would issue the 5% check at the signing of the contract.

**SEWER PLANT SCREW PUMP:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> screw pump could not be fixed. An alternate method is being engineered that will employ a 20 horsepower pump that will pump 1725 gpm. In time all three screw pumps would be replaced by this method. The rails, pumps, and piping would all be put in place. The pump itself would cost

\$25,000.00, the controller between \$25,000 and \$50,000.00. Scott Bray, Mark Dieffenbach and Dan Brought have all reviewed this with the Borough Manager. Tom Reindl made a motion authorizing Dan to proceed as needed on this project. Ed Owlett seconded it, and it carried 5-0.

**TIMBER SALE:** Kerry Gyekis should be done this week on his estimate on the timber from the blow down. He will get the details to Dan Strausser who, in turn, will pass this on to the Authority members.

**LEASE REVENUE:** Mr. Strausser was authorized to negotiate a pay down of bank loans and to make sure it is an open ended L.O.C. by motion of Ed Owlett, seconded by Denny Young, and carried.

**BILLS:** Monthly loan payments and bills were authorized for payment in the following amounts by motion of Tom Reindl, seconded by Ed Owlett, and carried unanimously.

PENNVEST \$13,638.34

C&N \$16,437.00

LARSON \$2725.00

WMA MEMBERSHIP \$639.33

COX, STOKES AND LANTZ \$1,730.35

Meeting Adjourned 4:50 p.m.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by

  
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Susan Keck