

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

March 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by R. Robert DeCamp on Tuesday, March 17, 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, R. Robert DeCamp, Ed Owlett, and Terry Bryant, constituting a quorum.

OTHER'S PRESENT: Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Scott Bray, Borough Engineer, and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Terry Bryant, seconded by Jim Bodine, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

ITEMS:

EQT Royalty – This month the royalty number is \$26,537.56. The unit price last August was \$1.75, then it went up to \$2.00, and now it is at \$1.75 again.

Sand bids: One bid received, from Andrulonis Enterprises out of Troy, PA at \$57.25 a ton delivered. This is higher than US Silica. The cost is \$63.00 a ton for the sand alone. Hauling in from New Jersey is the same amount. This is the only place nearby that meets the sand specifications. Terry Bryant made a motion to reject the bid. Ed Owlett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Cost share with Borough for purchase of trackhoe: This mini-hoe is at a Costars price of \$51,000 which includes a savings of \$18,000 from retail. We currently spend \$2,100 a week renting the trackhoe, and have several projects lined up that we will use it for. We would ask the Authority to pay \$35,000 towards the purchase, with the Borough paying the remainder. Jim Bodine made a motion to pay \$35,000.00 toward the purchase. Grant Cavanaugh seconded the motion and it carried.

We have four new sewer and three new water hookups so far this year. One (sewer) is a failed on-lot system on Central Avenue.

The Borough is scheduled to put in place a water rate increase, which will raise residential rates by a quarter (\$.25), and will increase high user rates to cover the actual costs of treating the water. This is scheduled to go into effect in April.

Comments were raised about the failure of some of the old terracotta laterals on Main Street. These might be something that can be sleeved.

The box culvert bid is ready to be advertised. The well building(s) package is ready also. Rob Cleveland fixed the damage caused by a heater on the inside of one of the buildings and replaced the heater with a different model. This will be changed on the new (well) building specs.

Scott Bray mentioned the minor amendment for the water plant will need an application and \$750.00 check for the payment. Jim Bodine made a motion to authorize the check for the minor amendment. Grant Cavanaugh seconded the motion and it carried.

Pay Bills

Ed Owlett made a motion to ratify the payment of bills and pay bills. Jim Bodine seconded the motion and it carried.

Other Business

Public Comments-none

Adjourn – Next meeting is on April 21, 2020 at 4pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by



Susan L. Keck