

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

March 20, 2018

The meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by Terry Bryant on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 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 Grant Cavanaugh, Terry Bryant, and Jim Bodine.

OTHER'S PRESENT: Borough Manager Scot F. Boyce, Jr., Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, Engineer Scott Bray, and PA DCNR Service Forester Steve Hoover.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting were approved by motion of Grant Cavanaugh, seconded by Jim Bodine, and carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda Items-None

Steve Hoover- updated the authority on the Forest Stewardship inspection which was recently conducted. The plan is proceeding nicely on the 1051 acres. The WMA is considered a 'large landowner' so is sampled at a faster revisit than a small landowner. The last inspection in 2012 was a lengthy process. This year a cursory review was done. They will share observations and recommendations when it is completed. The WMA is good to go based on involvement and follow-through with the stewardship plan. The road system and the stand structure needs improvement. We need to condition our stands and collect data. The WMA did a selective cut in 2011-2012 for utility poles and then the leasing of the property occurred. Habitat projects were completed, wildlife management projects were put in place, and a 45 acre non-commercial felling project preserved the mass producing species. This will reveal great wildlife habitat in the next growing season. All in all the WMA has followed the stewardship plan.

Terry Bryant made a motion to have Kerry Gyekis take a look at the forest this year, working with Steve Hoover. Grant Cavanaugh seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Jim Bodine- The Authority welcomed Jim Bodine to the Board.

EQT Royalties- came in at approximately \$23,600.00 this month. We received a letter stating that royalties may take a dip soon. Seneca bought the Keck well lease, so we could see something happen there.

The Altitude valves were changed out today, correcting a 1.5 million gallon a year leak.

Water Sale at Water Tanks-The SRBC has not yet made a decision on this. Shell is ready to get going on the project. We will allow them to start construction, as they are confident the SRBC decision will be favorable. Scott Bray still has to approve Hunt Engineering's plan.

PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Application Submitted-The WMA match is \$21,000.00 for a total \$143,000.00 grant. Larson has put the application in and we will find out at the end of March whether the application is successful. We got a letter of support from Senator Scarnati for this application.

Infiltration and Inflow Inspections- In February and March we did 37 inspections. Now we are down a worker and have advertised for a new employee. We will resume inspections as we can fit them in. We've been systematically running the camera through sewer pipes in the borough to identify other I&I problem areas. DEP says we need to be more aggressive and show we have been working on this issue on our yearly report, so all this work is being documented. We could even be in a position to sell credits this year.

Charleston's allotment is 165,000 per day. In 2016, they were 92 days over and incurred the monthly penalty, in 2017 they were 120 days over, and in 2018, they are 28 days over so far.

Central Avenue Sewer Main Replacement- This project would begin at the old Mitchell garage and replace an old clay pipeline where we have identified a large I&I problem. We would set new manholes first. This has been the location of many problems over the years. If the project is approved, we would use Borough forces in the driest time of year to solve another I & I problem at an estimated cost of \$62,916.00. Jim Bodine made a motion to fund this project. Grant Cavanaugh seconded the motion and it carried.

Camera agreement with Blossburg- Grant Cavanaugh made a motion to sign the agreement that the solicitor has prepared for sharing use of the camera. Jim Bodine seconded the motion and it carried.

Buildings-The Authority has already committed to funding wellhead building replacement. A motion was made by Grant Cavanaugh to begin replacing these buildings at the Banik Well and Pump House well since they are closer to the road. Jim Bodine seconded the motion and it carried.

BILLS- A motion was made by Grant Cavanaugh, and seconded by Jim Bodine to ratify the payment of bills and pay bills for February and March. This motion was carried.

February;

C&N Bank (Loan Payment): \$16,437.13

First Citizens Bank (Loan Payment – PennVEST Sweep account): \$12,192.10

Tioga County Sandblasting (Sewer Blades): \$1,750.00

March:


C&N Bank (Loan Payment): \$16,437.13

First Citizens Bank (Loan Payment – PennVEST Sweep account): \$12,192.10

Public Comments: None

ADJOURN: Adjourned 4:58 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Susan L. Keck