

October 15, 2020 Minutes

The Telford Borough Authority Meeting held this date was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman John Harrell, with the following members in attendance: Dan Cole, Eric Kratz, David Musselman and Robert Nice. Also present were Manager Mark Fournier, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Solicitor Jim Jacquette, Engineer Patrick DiGangi and Recording Secretary Megan McShane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the September 17, 2020 Authority meeting were approved unanimously (5-0) by a Cole/Musselman motion.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: There were no comments from the audience.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Sale of Case Loader 480E

The 1989 Case Loader 480E was advertised on the Municibid auction site and there were 41 bids received. A Musselman/Kratz motion carried unanimously (5-0) authorizing the sale of the 1989 Case Loader 480E to the high bidder, Charles Mitman of Quakertown, PA, in the amount of \$4,100.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted as presented.

Manager Mark Fournier reported that TBA will not be taking in any tapping fees from the Lutheran Home in 2020 since their expansion project will not begin this year as they originally expected; Agreements will now be signed next year and construction should start on 34 units, Phases I and II, sometime next summer.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

Public Works Director Gary Yoder reported that during a recent sprinkler system inspection at the public works garage, the 4" backflow device on the fire line failed; it needs to be repaired and re-tested as soon as possible. The cost of the repair work will be \$5,864.00 and will be done by Tilley Fire Solutions, the company who does these inspections for the Authority.

COLLECTION REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

Mr. Yoder reported that the faceplate on the piping discharge is starting to wear out at the South Lift Station and has been budgeted to be replaced next year.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

Mr. Fournier informed the Board that TBA received a Notice of Violation from DEP pertaining to the 4 SSO events that occurred this year at the WWTF as a result of storm events. CKS has prepared a response as required and we await further DEP discussion.

PTWA REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: We did not receive a written report for the file.

Solicitor Jim Jacquette reported on his latest conversation with the attorney from Indian Ridge Provisions, and discussion with the Board ensued about the suggested billing format and timeline for the payment plan for Indian Ridge's excessive usage tapping fee payment.

Mr. Jacquette also provided an update on the TMDL matter. It was requested that Mr. Jacquette reach out to Steve Hann for an update from Franconia Township on their TMDL negotiations.

The Board then revisited their discussion about Fres-Co and moving forward with establishing an agreement and payment plan for their excessive usage.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

MANAGER'S REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

Mr. Fournier gave a brief overview of next year's budget, including an estimated projection for a rate increase. Mr. Fournier then distributed handouts pertaining to rate structures and a lengthy discussion ensued.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Payment of the bills and requisitions for the month of September in the amount of \$291,390.44 was approved unanimously (5-0) by a Musselman/Cole motion.

Signing of the check registers was approved unanimously (5-0) by a Musselman/Cole motion.

Board Member Dan Cole asked what the Board can do to begin the assessment process of the WWTF to prevent future SSOs. CKS was directed to prepare a proposal for this assessment process and submit it prior to next month's meeting.

Mr. Harrell asked Mr. Fournier for updates on the following items for the WWTF: phone system, fence and roof. Mr. Fournier provided updates on those items.

PENDING ITEMS:

- Mr. Jacquette to reach out to Steve Hann regarding TMDL negotiations.
- The Board will continue its discussion about implementing rate structures.
- CKS to submit a proposal for the completion of an assessment on TBA's WWTF prior to next month's meeting.
- Staff to reach out to the auditors to determine whether the engineering costs for projects could be capitalized or depreciated.
- Staff to contact A.C. Schultes for cost information for the budget for predictive ultrasonic inspections of rotating equipment on Wells and at the WWTF.
- Staff to obtain cost information pertaining to a hand held I.R. camera.
- Mr. Fournier, Mr. Jacquette & Ms. McShane will work on a summary of a plan to put commercial customers on notice for the surcharge structure, if TBA implements one.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm by a Nice/Kratz motion.

Respectfully submitted,

David Musselman

Secretary