

September 15, 2022 - Minutes

The Telford Borough Authority Meeting held this date was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman John Harrell. The following members were in attendance: Dan Cole, Erik Kratz, and Robert Nice. Also present were Solicitor Jim Jacquette, Engineer Patrick DiGangi, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, and Recording Secretary Diane Windfelder. David Musselman was absent. In the audience was Dale Nice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the August 18, 2022, Authority meeting were approved unanimously (4-0) by a Kratz/Cole motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Service to Almont Region: Update:

Patrick DiGangi reported that he had been in contact with West Rockhill and there was discussion on our agreements. West Rockhill indicated that they want to see us provide sanitary sewer to Circle Drive before we can service the Almont region along Ridge Road.

After a lengthy discussion, A Nice/Kratz motion carried unanimously (4-0) authorizing Patrick DiGangi to do a feasibility study and to look at how much it will cost to provide sanitary sewer services to the Hidden Valley development along County Line Road and Cathill Road.

2. Awarding the Backhoe on Muncibid:

Public Works Director Gary Yoder reported that we put our 1998 Case Backhoe on muncibid. The bid ended on Tuesday, September 13th. The highest bidder was Brian Keeler in the amount of \$25,100.00 and we would need a motion to award the bid to him.

A Cole/Nice motion carried unanimously (4-0) awarding the bid to Brian Keeler in the amount of \$25,100.00 for the 1998 Case Backhoe.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted as presented.

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

Public Works Director Gary Yoder reported that he got a quote from Galco Communications in the amount of \$6,750.00 regarding the phone system at the Public Works Garage. He would like to have the same phone system at the garage that the office staff and the WWTF currently has and would like to get this done this year.

After a brief discussion, a Coll/Kratz motion carried unanimously (4-0) authorizing the purchase of a new phone system to be installed at the Public Works Garage in the amount of \$6,750.00.

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

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

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Jim Jacquette provided a verbal report.

Mr. Jacquette reported that he completed the capacity agreement for Home Depot and the streambank easement agreements.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman John Harrell reported to the board that Gary Yoder will be going out on surgery on Monday and wished him a speedy recovery.

Payment of bills and requisitions for the month of July in the amount of \$598,332.74 was approved unanimously (4-0) by a Kratz/Cole motion.

Payment of bills and requisitions for the month of August in the amount of \$160,882.94 was approved unanimously (4-0) by a Nice/Kratz motion.

PENDING ITEMS:

*A letter should be sent to all customers on the excess usage list with an explanation as to why TBA is reviewing accounts and announcing a new rate program being considered by TBA. The Solicitor, Engineer, Manager and Chairman will continue to work on this letter.

*Mr. DiGangi to prepare a proposal with recommendations as to how to improve treatment and flow at the WWTF.

*Pursue cost information (lease vs. purchase) for generators at TBA's wells; also, research used equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm by a Coll/Kratz motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Windfelder

Recording Secretary