

minutes

Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority Meeting

Date | time June 3, 2020 | 6:30 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Regularly Scheduled

In Attendance

Authority members: Patty Alworth, Dan Burkett, Gary Fowler, Mike Graham, Greg Haws, ~~Vacancy 1~~
~~Vacancy 2~~

Also Present: Kyle Schwabenbauer, P.E./ EADS Group; Roger Crick, President/ Rimersburg Borough Council; Frank McNaughton/ Rimersburg Borough Maintenance Sup.

Call to Order

The June 3, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman, Mike Graham, at 6:30 p.m.

Persons to Be Heard

March, April, and May water reports were available for Authority review.

Frank informed the Authority that the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order prevented University Korner from upgrading the water at the gas station and car wash on Main St. by the April 20 deadline. However, the owner contacted Frank and the contractor has been communicating with Frank since then. They have sent two sets of equipment specs, the first was rejected. The second was received today and Kyle/ EADS Group accepted and mentioned to Frank that no conduit was shown in the specs for the MXUs on the wall. Frank will discuss with the contractor. Authority members would like to see the upgrades completed by July 8, 60 days from the May 8, 2020 date that construction was allowed to resume. If Frank sees an issue with completion by this date, he will notify the Borough Secretary to send a letter with the deadline.

At the April meeting, Casey Bliss had wanted to discuss with the Authority possible public water upgrade and adding sewer to Senior Center property for future development out Rt. 68 in Madison Twp. Frank contacted him earlier today to see if he wanted to attend tonight's meeting, but was unable to reach him.

Frank stated that Columbia Gas will be replacing gas lines up Cherry Run Street to Lawsonham, Main St. to Monterey, and Monterey to Chestnut and will have fill available. He asked if the Authority would like him to claim it for use at the sewer plant or elsewhere. A consensus was soon reached that he should claim all he can as it can be used many places.

A sink hole appeared on or near Mike Boltz' property and Frank contacted PennDOT as it was believed they had a storm drain at or near the site. PennDOT came out to evaluate, accepted the responsibility, and will repair.

Approval of Minutes

The March 4, 2020 minutes were read and approved by a motion from Greg, second by Patty, and a unanimous vote. April and May meetings were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and PA Governor Stay at Home Order.

Financial

All Authority and Borough bank account balances were provided as well as Toby debt service loan balances.

The following bills were presented for payment:

A. EADS invoices - ck. 001107

- I. 227720 \$169.05, ½ of the total \$338.10 for Rules & Regs. clarification drawings was approved by a motion from Greg, second from Gary, and a unanimous vote.
- II. 227721 \$169.05, Unint. Svc. Plan, Corr. Action Plan was approved by a motion from Gary, second from Patty, and a unanimous vote.
- III. 227722 \$300.00, Q1 2020 Mtg. attendance was approved by a motion from Patty, second from Gary, and a unanimous vote.
- IV. 227723 \$3,648.30 Back up Gen prep., specs Wtr. Pump St. was approved by a motion from Greg, second from Gary, and a unanimous vote.
- V. 227724 \$1,487.40 Sloan St. Swr. Proj. draft specs., misc. was approved by a motion from Patty, second from Gary, and a unanimous vote.
- VI. 227725 \$169.05, ½ of the total \$338.10 GIS Wtr. System mapping was approved by a motion from Patty, second from Gary, and a unanimous vote.

B. EADS invoices - ck. 001104

- I. 227977 \$144.90 Auth. portion Rules & Regs., is ½ of the total
- II. 227980 \$4,402.68 Sloan St. Sewer Proj. final specs., drawings, bid docs.
- III. 227981 \$1,565.56 Auth. portion of GIS water mapping/ DEP, is ½ of the total
- IV. 228257 \$812.29 Univ. Korner gas and carwash upgrades coord. w/FM, Terra Works, L/B Water
- V. 228258 \$184.02 Sloan St. Sewer Proj. Addend. #3/ COVID-19
- VI. 228259 \$67.05 Auth. portion of final GIS mapping edits & website login

EADS check 001104 was approved in its entirety by a motion from Patty, second from Gary, and a unanimous vote.

C. EADS ck. 001108 invoice 227979 \$1,656.54 Back up Generator. specs. was approved by a motion from Gary, second from Greg, and a unanimous vote.

D. Courier Express: ck. 001102 \$187.86 Sloan St. bid adv.; ck. 001105 \$40.18 Auth. mtg. adv./ COVID-19 was approved by a motion from Patty, second from Gary, and a unanimous vote.

E. Dale Woodard Gent McFate: ck. 001103 for inv. 11312-001M 34 \$35.00; ck. 001106 \$17.50 remote mtgs. email was approved by a motion from Gary, second from Patty, and a unanimous vote.

The balance after all above activity is \$232,029.37 in NW Bank checking.

Unfinished Business

Fire Hydrant maintenance requirements, process, and funding discussion was originally scheduled for April meeting. Imposing a hydrant rate on the water rates was proposed. Borough Secretary will email all previous hydrant information and emails to Mike and Roger to review and the matter was tabled until the next meeting, July 1, 2020.

Projects

EADS Group Engineer Report attached to these minutes.

Patty made a motion to approve submission of the NPDES Permit renewal application by EADS Group once final lab results are received. Gary seconded her motion and it received a unanimous vote in favor.

The Back up generator electrical study and specifications for Water Pump Station were completed with drawings. The unit can be purchased through COSTARS. Kyle has a price of \$48,000 from Cummins for a 125kW diesel generator and is waiting for a quote from Kohler. Members asked about this being a COSTARS purchase. Otherwise, it would have to be bid out. It is believed it is, but will be confirmed. Questions were asked about the wiring design. Frank is to have West Penn come onsite to inspect the wiring and design.

Borough Maintenance will construct the cement pad according to generator specifications. **Greg made a motion to purchase the Cummins generator at \$48,000 or the Kohler if it is less and if pricing given is COSTARS. Gary gave his motion a second and there was a unanimous vote in favor.**

The Sloan Street Sewer Project came up for discussion. Two bids were received. The Chairman and Treasurer opened the bids. Eagle construction bid \$115,975 and Mealy Construction bid \$106,402. Immediate consensus was the bids were much higher than expected given that another contractor had estimated the work to be approximately \$23,200 the previous year (see 12/04/2019 minutes). Dan found, looking through the bids that restoration was not the bulk of the cost and others speculated that concerns about possible rock issues may be the culprit. Greg asked if others present thought the Authority could afford to move ahead with the project at this time. Mike responded that he did not feel funds of this size are free for use at this time with two grant applications out requiring matching funds and a Sewer Plant Project in the future. **Patty made a motion to reject all bids, seconded by Dan, and unanimously approved.**

In the meantime, all easements necessary for the Sloan Street Sewer Project have been received except William and Penelope Coradi's and Charles McQueeney's. Mr. Coradi told Frank recently that he would approve their easement. Coradis waiting for return phone call from McQueeney estate attorney on his easement.

During a discussion involving Mike, Frank, and Mr. Coradi in March, Mr. Coradi stated that his sewer (septic) overflow is hooked into the public sewer. He stated that it was connected to Jerry Dean's sewer line, when it was still a church approximately forty years prior, and out to the main. This was not known to Borough staff, etc. and Mr. Coradi has never been charged the tap and monthly fees for sewer. General consensus was reached that Mr. Coradi shall be billed for sewer service from March 1, 2020 forward. Frank to speak with him about getting easements for possible future rebid and possibly tap fee. General consensus also reached that Authority is willing to wave the tap fee and theft of services in exchange for easements.

Regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project, the Hach influent meter rental will be returned tomorrow. There were no overflow events during the six months it was in place. The meter recorded data and there were a couple of storm flow events. Kyle stated that it would be important to consider whether equalization is a priority or collection system and decreasing I & I. Marty and another will put their thoughts together on these and meet with the Authority.

Frank proposed further cap off considerations for services left off for a period of time. Authority members tossed around ideas of 6 months or 2 years. 2 years is the guideline the gas company uses. Mike asked Kyle if he knew of any other guidelines. He will look into it and share what he finds with the Authority.

Correspondence

An invitation to attend this evening's meeting was emailed 2020/05/20 to Toby and Madison Townships with request for response and names of those attending. No response was received from either township. Toby monthly update email was sent, no response from Toby Twp.

New Business

Since Borough Council's meeting is after the Authority meeting next month, the Authority will take a volunteer at next month's meeting to attend the Council meeting.

Kyle attended a PennVest seminar in which they announced grant funds to be available spring 2021 for lead service line replacement. Lead and copper tests would be a qualifier. Kyle and Frank to consult about possibilities in our service area. Mike stated that there may be lead services on Chestnut and Main Streets.

Frank informed members that Ridgeview Drive restoration has not been completed by the contractors. This includes cutting pipes down, cementing, seeding road sides, etc. Justin did not pay the maintenance bond which covers these types of repairs. Frampton did and has 2 years to fix the outstanding items. Authority members requested a letter be sent to all involved property owners of Ridgeview Drive to get

their contractors to restore the area per Rules & Regulations. Without this restoration, the Authority will not take responsibility for the line. Borough Secretary to get a list of deficiencies from Frank.

GIS mapping results were discussed with Kyle and some inaccuracies were noted, particularly with sewer lines. Kyle stated this is more an inventory of the lines instead of a pinpoint accuracy reference. Borough Maintenance would need survey quality equipment to use that feature of GIS mapping. Ideally, we would add attachments such as as-builts, etc. that would aid in finding the lines. However, in some areas, the line is shown on the wrong side of the road, for instance, which would prove problematic for those after Frank who do not know where the inaccuracies are as opposed to actual unknowns. Kyle confirmed that there can be color coding that would mark unknowns/uncertainties versus knowns, etc. Members asked Kyle how much it would cost to get the sewer GIS accurate. Kyle will discuss with Sarah/EADS to get an estimate. Both parties agreed that it would be essential for Sarah and Frank to meet and go through the edits together and incorporate existing as-builts, etc.

Roger mentioned that Ron Fox has the Rimersburg Borough boundaries established. Ron will print up his findings and meet with Roger to get his thoughts. If satisfactory, markers will be installed. Kyle confirmed that this information can be added to GIS mapping.

Adjournment

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 | 6:30 p.m., is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority at the Rimersburg Borough Building.

Patty motioned for adjournment and Greg seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida
Borough Secretary