

MINUTES OF THE 12/16/2020 MEETING

A meeting of The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Lewistown was held at 70 Chestnut St., Lewistown, a teleconference option was offered due to COVID social distancing restrictions.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bargo, Berrier, Laite, Rager, Rocco (teleconference)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

BOARD MEMBERS LATE: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bubb, Hassinger, Searer (teleconference),
Ward (teleconference)

OTHERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS LATE: None

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A Laite/Rager motion was made to approve the 11/18/20 minutes as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

A Bargo/Laite motion was made to approve the 11/23/20 special meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was presented by Bargo. The budget report was approved 5-0 on a Laite/Bargo motion.

The voucher report was approved 4-1 (Berrier-No) on a Bargo/Rager motion.

The Cozen O'Connor invoice in the amount of \$84,313.95 for November services rendered was reviewed by Solicitor Searer and approved by a 3-2 vote on a Laite/Rocco motion (Berrier-No, Rager-No).

The Cozen O'Conner invoice in the amount of \$108,568.33 for services rendered to date in December was reviewed by Solicitor Searer and approved by a 3-2 vote on a Bargo/Laite motion.

A Rocco/Bargo motion to by-pass any unnecessary lengthy discussions and any non-essential issues be held, due to the winter storm warning in effect, and only urgent issues be brought before the Board was approved by a 3-2 vote (Berrier-No, Rager-No).

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

Hassinger's presented her written report.

A Rocco/Bargo motion to approve the Arbitrage Report for Series A of 2015 and a positive arbitrage payment to the IRS in the amount of \$227,552.67 passed 5-0.

Hassinger reported the position of Chief Filter Plant Operator has been filled and the new hire, Patrick Hough, has a tentative start date of 01/04/21.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bubb presented his written report.

A new project on 2nd St, Milroy (Brown's Addition) to address dirty water complaints at the last customer on a dead-end main will be scheduled by the end of the year.

Flow Data is scheduled to be on site week of Dec 7th to install SCADA components.

MABL will be replacing the 10" waterline on Valley Street ahead of the paving schedule. A utility coordination meeting is scheduled for 12/22/20 to discuss the proposed project and impact to utilities. Uni Tec will attend the meeting with MABL Staff.

All work on the roof replacement project at the Filter Plant and the Mechanic St pump house has been completed. The final inspection will be scheduled by Uni Tec.

Truck #17 has been delivered.

The report issue at the Filter Plant has been addressed and unaccounted for water calculations can resume.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ward presented his written report.

The 2020 DEP Dam annual inspection work is complete. Ward reported the inspection overall was good. A list of eleven (11) minor issues are included. A brief review of the in-depth seepage evaluation two years ago was reviewed. Ward also noted DEP just completed their field inspection for 2020. Bubb didn't have any issues with the report and concurred with the findings and recommended approval of the report and the submission to DEP. A Bargo/Laite motion to approve the 2020 Laurel Creek Reservoir Inspection Report and Uni Tec's submission to DEP was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Ward advised of his annual budget certification letter would be generated after the 2021 budget has been approved. This will satisfy the Trust Indenture requirements. Ward noted the final draft budget did meet the certification requirements. The debt service coverage met the minimum requirement with no excess fund coverage.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Searer presented his written report.

Searer advised all work since the last meeting has been focused on settlement with the Borough of Lewistown. A court ruling by Judge Grine is pending.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A Bargo/Laite motion to approve BRIF Requisition #2020-12 in the amount of \$26,688.00 was approved 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget – The final drafts of the 2021 operating and capital budget were presented for review and discussion. A Laite/Bargo motion to approve the 2021 Capital Budget in the amount of \$900,186 (2020 Bond Projects \$2,550,000) was approved by a 5-0 vote. A Bargo/Laite motion to approve the 2021 final draft of the Operating and Maintenance Budget was approved by a 5-0 vote.

A Rager/Laite motion to approve Rate Resolution 4-2020, with a 0% rate increase, was approved by a 5-0 vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

A Rager/Laite motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 p.m. was approved with no opposition.

Attested by:

Barry Bargo
Secretary

CC: Borough Manager via mail