

RIDGWAY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 7, 2017 at Ridgway Township Municipal Building
1537 Montmorenci, Ridgway Pa 15853

Present: Board Members Ed Lavelle, Vic Moore, Jeff Marzella, Butch Brunner, Bob Bogacki; Superintendents Carl Gosnell and Chris Klase; Engineer Brian Shura; Accountant Jeff Schutz.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Lavelle at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vic made a motion to approve November 2, 2017 minutes with a second by Jeff. Motion carried with all in favor.

No Visitors

Correspondence:

Caroline Armanini has submitted her resignation as recording secretary effective immediately. Caroline has software on her PC that will need returned or disconnected.

Letter received on November 13, 2017 as a notice from George and Elizabeth Amacher that they have filed a law suit against RTMA. Work Superintendent Carl Gosnell reports that the solicitor, insurance company and now the board members have been notified of the suit. Nothing has come back from the insurance company.

Adjourn for Executive Session at 7:13pm.
Reconvened at 7:48pm.

Bob made a motion to authorize the solicitor to take whatever action is necessary to respond to, and defend RTMA on the law suit with George and Elizabeth Amacher, including; making contact with the insurer to ask them to provide a cost for defense. Butch second and motion carried with all in favor.

Bob made a motion to authorize the solicitor to communicate with the Ridgway Borough in conjunction with the utility rate council, to discuss the rate dispute, and try to resolve the issue. Jeff second and motion carried with all in favor.

Financial Report:

Jeff Schutz provided a financial report for the period of November 1 through November 30, 2017 reflecting a cash flow balance of \$118,657.87 which is a decrease in funds of \$566.32, accounts payable total of \$84,071.88 and payroll total of \$6,420.30. The current EDU Savings reflects \$50,185.90.

See attached report for all ending balances as of November 2017.

Bob made a motion to approve the 2018 Budget, Butch second and motion carried with all in favor.

Operations:

Works Superintendent provided a written report for November 2017 activity. **Activity Report Attached.**

Engineer Report:

Brian Shura provided a design from the feasibility report for the Evergreen Drive low pressure sewer line. A rough design reflects a 2" HTP line which could support the church and 17 possible homes, or 18 total. If there would be a need for more homes or buildings, the line would need to be increased and it would be difficult to serve as one facility line. Brian provided a map showing three different zones to serve full capacity.

The Grant Road bridge wing wall replacement project was discussed with Brian. Carl reported that due to the design of the wing wall the main sewer line will need to be relocated. The relocation of the line is going to affect a new right of way and could carry a cost of 50% to RTMA with the other cost accrued by PennDot. PennDot had noted that if the line was in an existing private right of way they would assist in acquiring more of that right of way, but due to the fact that the line is in the PennDot right of way and the new design of the wall is not supporting the same location, they could not assist in acquiring the right of ways. Chris asked Brian if it would be possible for the line to be hung on the side of the bridge. Brian did say that it could, but it is typically determined case by case, with approval by PennDot engineers. Pre-construction meeting will be held in January.

Jeff made a motion to accept the Letter of Agreement and Retainer between Stiffler McGraw and Ridgway Township Municipal Authority, Vic second and with all in favor motion carried.

Old Business:

Chris reported on the repairs on the Evergreen Tank due to a hole and low water pressure. It was put back to a normal operating level. Ice started to build up so a lift operator was hired to repair the hole. The hole was repaired with a rubber seal and plug as a temporary fix. Mid Atlantic was contacted to provide a quote and options to address the problems. The quote to rehab inside and the outside of the tank as well as adding a level sensor was given at a cost of \$25,000. **Bob made a motion to accept the quote and to schedule the work with Mid Atlantic. Vic second and motion carried with all in favor.**

The SCADA System needed to be rebooted, after the Emerson data base server had been down due a virus. After rebooting all the machines they could not pick all the points off the data base, so there is now a need to manually monitor and turn the pumps on by hand. Emerson is going to send a new server and field engineer to service the system. The Purchase Order will not exceed \$9500. Due to Emerson requiring an upgrade within the next two years, and the current problems Chris will pursue a quote on a new VZR-SCADA System with a copy of their tech support contract. Both Carl and Chris did attend a webinar on the VZR-SCADA System and seemed to feel that this system would work better and meet all their needs.

Butch made a motion to pay the bills, Bob second and motion carried with all in favor.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:16, Butch second and motion carried with no further business.

Respectfully submitted

by Michelle Bogacki _____