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**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MAY 11, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman David Monn called the Regular meeting of May 11, 2009 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority to order at 6:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** - David Monn, Sidney Miller, Gary Eigenbrode present. Tommy Gilbert arrived at 6:33 p.m. Staat Stymiest absent.

**MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY STAFF** - Maurice Gossert and Scott Longstreth Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc., Timothy Misner Solicitor, Patti Strite Treasurer, Larson Wenger Maintenance Supervisor, Jerry Bakner Sewer Treatment Plant Operator and Patricia A. Kocek Recording Secretary.

**INVOCATION** - P. Kocek

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

Dennis Monn                      Mont Alto Borough Council  
George Salovich                 Storage Tank Bid Opening

**OPEN BIDS FOR SLUDGE TANK EXPANSION** - M. Gossert opened the one (1) bid that was received for the Sludge Tank Expansion Project 09-100. The request for bids was properly advertised in the Record Herald.

Mid-Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc.    \$138,711.00

M. Gossert & T. Misner briefly reviewed the bid documents and noted that the proper documents have been submitted.

M. Gossert recommends awarding the bid this evening so the project won't be delayed. The letter of Intent to Award can be sent and at the June meeting the Order to Proceed can be approved.

L. Wenger noted that this bid does not include the blowers because they will not be installed until after the upgrade to the Sewer Plant is completed.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to award the bid to Mid-Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc. at a cost of \$138,711.00, subject to review by the Engineer and Solicitor, S. Miller seconded, any further questions or discussion on

the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none are there any objections to the motion as it was made and seconded,

Solicitor T. Misner called for a voice vote.

G. Eigenbrode	Yes	T. Gilbert	Yes
S. Miller	Yes	D. Monn	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

George Solovich told the members that the company will begin work on the plans for the storage tank. Short discussion on the time table for the tank project.

G. Solovich left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Discussion on the shortfall of money in the Sewer Fund and how that relates to the Budget projections for 2009. It was noted that the money that paid for engineering for the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project prior to establishing the Line of Credit is what has caused a shortfall in the Sewer Fund.

The Line of Credit cannot be used to replace the funds that were paid for the Project prior to establishing the Line of Credit. That money will be replaced when the Corps of Engineer grant is received.

T. Misner told the members that there is a CD coming due in July and that will help build up the Sewer Fund.

**April 30, 2009** - G. Eigenbrode made a motion to accept the April 30, 2009 Financial Report as submitted, T. Gilbert seconded, any further discussion, is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

#### **SEWER**

##### **Payment of Invoices**

\$ 7,575.50 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Sludge Tank Expansion  
\$10,145.50 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Upgrade STP Facilities  
\$ 3,594.50 Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Land Development Plan  
\$21,315.50

T. Gilbert made a motion to approve payment of the Project invoices from the F & M Line of Credit for the Sewer Treatment Upgrade Project, G. Eigenbrode seconded, Short discussion on the cost of the engineering to date.

Any other questions, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

## **WATER**

### **Payment of Invoices - Projects**

No invoices for consideration this evening.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Minutes Regular Meeting**

**April 6, 2009**

Chairman D. Monn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes of April 6, 2009, hearing no corrections or additions the Minutes stand approved as submitted.

## **MONT ALTO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - GENERAL**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Engineer's Agreement** - M. Gossert told the members that a condition for making an application for funds from the Corps of Engineers grant is that a copy of the Engineer's Agreement with the Mont Alto Municipal Authority must be enclosed.

M. Gossert explained how the various agreements have been drawn up over the years for the Mont Alto Water Authority and the Mont Alto Sewer Authority.

The hourly rate listed in the Agreement to be submitted stays the same for the duration of the Project.

T. Misner told the members that the Engineering Agreement should be dated prior to the start of the Projects. This Agreement should be dated 1-1-2005.

G. Eigenbrode made a motion to approve signing the Engineering Agreement dated as of 1-1-2005, S. Miller seconded, further discussion, hearing none is there any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

**Corps of Engineers Grant** - P. Strite explained that there is a new procedure for the Direct Deposit of the money from the Corps of Engineers Grant. She has applied for a Dunn & Bradstreet number and will then complete the paperwork to have the money direct deposited for the Grant.

**PMAA Newsletter** - For your information.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SEWER**

#### **MAMA Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade**

**Memo from Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. Re: Public Notice** - M. Gossert reviewed the Public Notice and provided this memo.

There is no action to be taken on this matter.

## **Sludge Tank Construction**

### **Letter from Quincy Township Re: Sludge Tank**

**Quincy Township Land Development Permit** - M. Gossert sent a letter to Quincy Township asking if the Authority would have to obtain any type of permits to raise the storage tank.

The Authority received the letter from Quincy Township stating that the Authority will have to obtain a Land Development Permit. M. Gossert said it will cost approximately \$400.00 for the Permit.

T. Gilbert made a motion to instruct Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. to process the proper paperwork and pay the fees to obtain the required permit for this Project, S. Miller seconded, further discussion, hearing none any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

**Letter to and from F & M Trust Re: Line of Credit** - T. Misner reported that F & M Trust approved using the Line of Credit for construction costs for the Storage Tank Project.

**Land Development Plan Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade** - The Land Development Plan will be submitted within the next three (3) weeks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SEWER**

**Operations Report** - J. Bakner presented the following verbal report.

1. Operations are satisfactory
2. All tests within limitations
3. Maximum flow 147,500 gallons
4. Average flow 118,400 gallons

Short discussion about I & I problems including the problem found at PSU at the Nursery property.

**Application for funds from the Corps of Engineer's Grant** - M. Gossert reported that he is working on this and should have it ready to be signed by D. Monn in approximately two (2) weeks. P. Strite and M. Gossert will review the invoices to be submitted to obtain the grant money.

**Bail Out money** - The members of the Authority and T. Misner discussed obtaining money for the Storage Tank Project since it is shovel ready.

T. Misner will contact Senator Alloway to try to find out if there is money available from the stimulus money for this Project.

## **OLD BUSINESS - WATER**

**Fire and Security System Cameras for Water Plant (Fence)** Dennis Monn reported that he is still waiting for a quote for this project.

**Weekend monitoring of Water Plant** - Dennis Monn reported that this discussion came up at the Council meeting.

Dennis Monn feels the SCADA System was designed for and can handle the monitoring on the weekends and holidays.

Dennis Monn told the members of the Authority that Todd Rock/John Esser are willing to go to DEP and discuss this matter with them.

It is the consensus of the Authority that Dennis Monn should discuss this matter with Todd Rock/John Esser and ask for their help.

L. Wenger asked that if it is determined that the Plant doesn't have to be monitored on the weekends or holidays that a letter be provided stating that Mont Alto is exempt from these requirements/regulations.

**Wells in Quincy Township T. Misner** - T. Misner reported on his research on whether or not the MAMA can dig wells in Quincy Township. He also quoted sections of the Municipal Authority's Act.

In T. Misner's opinion he doesn't think Quincy Township can keep the Authority from drilling a well in Quincy Township (as long as certain conditions are met) nor can they take the Authority's existing wells. Discussion.

**Letter to DEP Re: Quincy Township Water Allocation Permit Request** - T. Misner and M. Gossert reviewed the document and sent this letter to DEP pointing out that Quincy Township does not have an agreement with the MAMA to supply them with water.

#### **NEW BUSINESS - WATER**

**Operations Report** - L. Wenger reported that the average daily flow for the month from the tank is 137,000 gallons.

L. Wenger told the members that Todd Sharrah has passed his General Water Tests and the Liquid and Chlorine Sub-classes but he did not pass his chemical addition.

T. Sharrah still has to take his Class E license test for the Borough's distribution system. T. Sharrah will retake the W7 test that he didn't pass when he takes his Class E test. T. Sharrah hopes to take these tests later this year.

The process is as follows:

1. Police Background check
2. Fill out application for the license
3. Application to be signed by Council
4. Submit application

At this time T. Sharrah cannot do anything more than he is doing right now. His license ID number won't be activated until the application is

submitted and proof is provided that he is working at a system and that he has enough experience to be issued a license. This process could be completed by the end of the summer or could take up to two (2) years.

**Water issues Carbaugh/Baker properties** - L. Wenger reported that the meter pit will probably be installed some time next week along the Slabtown Road.

T. Misner reported that the foreclosure on the Baker property is at a standstill because they can't locate D. Baker.

**CCR Report** - L. Wenger told the members that this report was mailed last week.

**AquaStore** - L. Wenger reported briefly on the trip he and C. Miller took to the AquaStore Plant.

**Email from PMAA Re: PA DEP's Chapter 109 Safe Drinking Water Regulations** - For your information.

**Water Quality Data Management Using Excel Request to attend: L. Wenger & Todd Sharrah** - Discussion.

S. Miller made a motion to authorize attendance at this training by L. Wenger and T. Sharrah, T. Gilbert seconded, any further discussion, any objection to the motion as it was made and seconded, hearing none the motion carries.

**Well #1 Blow Off Valve** - Chairman D. Monn told the members of the Authority that the Blow Off Valve at Well #1 has created a swamp on both sides of the lane leading to the Horst farm. It is also causing a mosquito problem and the farmer has mentioned the mess that is on his side of the road from the water lying in there.

A lengthy discussion followed on this situation and possible solutions.

L. Wenger will try rotating Well #1 & Well #3 and also will set the turbidity higher for Well #1.

Short discussion about spraying for mosquitoes and whether or not the employees are licensed to spray for them. L. Wenger will check to see if he can obtain something to spray for mosquitoes.

**Well #2 Memo to M. Kusko DCNR** - M. Gossert contacted M. Kusko in regards to pumping Well #2 and disposal of the turbid water.

M. Kusko does not have a problem with pumping the turbid water up the mountain, but it would have to be done under the conditions listed in the Memo. (Copy on file)

M. Gossert was instructed to contact J. Casselberry to come in and give the Authority an opinion on pumping Well #2.

**Adjournment** – T. Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2009 of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority at 8:06 p.m., S. Miller seconded, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia A. Kocek*

Submitted to Mont Alto  
Municipal Authority for their  
approval on June 8, 2009.

Patricia A. Kocek  
Mont Alto Municipal Authority  
Recording Secretary