

**MINUTES
BROOKVILLE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 @ 4:00 P.M.**

The Brookville Municipal Authority met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS

Brad Miller
Roger Shaw
Robert Moss -
arrived at 4:11 P.M.

STAFF

Manager Dana Rooney
Accountant Kerry Swineford
Commissioner Clyde Bullers
Assistant Commissioner -
Aaron Haines
Engineer Steve Gibson
Solicitor Jim Dennison
Recorder Christine Gunning

VISITORS

Patti Slaughter
Justin Felgar
Larry Pearsall
Greg Bazylak
Erika Nicholson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Brad Miller called the meeting to order at 4:11 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Roger Shaw moved to approve the minutes of the September 14th meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Robert Moss. Motion carried 3-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. **Review of Financial Statements** – Accountant Kerry Swineford stated they just paid the office rent to the Brookville Borough for this year. Accountant Kerry Swineford stated the audit is finished, and there are copies of it if any Board Member wants one. Member Roger Shaw moved to approve the financial statements as presented; seconded by Member Robert Moss. Motion carried 3-0.

VISITORS:

- A. **Erika Nicholson and Greg Bazylak – Water on Maplevale Road** – Erika Nicholson asked if anyone did a study or looked at bringing water out to Maplevale Road. Greg Bazylak stated all the homes on Maplevale Road have horrible water. Greg Bazylak asked if there are funds or if there is a study we can still use. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated they did a study there for a sewage system. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the township itself could apply for loans or grants. Commissioner Clyde Bullers stated he could not remember if a water study was done there. Erika Nicholson stated she heard something in the water table has shifted. Greg Bazylak stated all the wells out there are bad. Chairman Brad Miller stated we have to work with the township for grants. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it is an issue we recognize, but we do not have the funds to do it. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it is a matter of funding. Greg Bazylak asked what

the next step is. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated they should complain to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that the water quality was changed by the gas drilling. Commissioner Clyde Bullers stated they should approach Rose Township. Erika Nicholson stated she lives in Union Township, and Greg Bazylak lives in Rose Township. Manager Dana Rooney stated she will contact Rose and Union Townships, and asked Greg Bazylak and Erika Nicholson to contact DEP and get their neighbors to contact DEP about how bad the water is and how the water table has shifted.

- B. Larry Pearsall – Update** – Larry Pearsall stated he wanted to give the Board a brief update as to his situation with his commercial property. Larry Pearsall stated he met with Manager Dana Rooney and they discussed possible updates as to figures. Larry Pearsall stated the only problem he has is this has been going on for twenty-seven months, and his health issues due to Agent Orange are not what they were two years ago, so he is not in any ways near able to take care of the demands left by the contractor. Larry Pearsall stated he was also cited for three violations, two of which he believes were caused by the contractor not restoring the items back to where they belong. Larry Pearsall stated since he is a Vietnam veteran, he contacted the Veterans Administration, and they recommended him to somebody at State College law offices to maybe help him with getting this settled and future needs. Larry Pearsall stated that is where he stands at this time. Chairman Brad Miller thanked Larry Pearsall for the update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Engineer's Report

- 1. Written Report** – Attached

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Municipal Benefits Services (MBS) Rate Mitigation Account Withdrawal Request** – Manager Dana Rooney stated the last couple of years we have been requesting our rate mitigation account withdrawal. Manager Dana Rooney stated MBS is the provider of our health insurance. Manager Dana Rooney stated this is the excess money we get from the insurance trust because the whole group did not use the insurance as much as the trust had anticipated. Manager Dana Rooney stated this year we are eligible to request \$1,122.00 and that will help offset a future premium payment. Member Roger Shaw moved to request \$1,122.00 from the Rate Mitigation Account Fund; seconded by Member Robert Moss. Motion carried 3-0.
- B. Board Member Terms** – Manager Dana Rooney stated Chairman Brad Miller's term is up at the end of the year. Manager Dana Rooney stated we would need a motion to recommend Brad Miller to Borough Council to renew his five-year term. Member Robert Moss made a motion to request that Brookville Borough Council extend Brad Miller's term for five years; seconded by Member Roger Shaw. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS & INFORMATION:

A. Commissioner Clyde Bullers

1. **Tap at Belgiumtown Lift Sewage Station** – Commissioner Clyde Bullers stated we are putting a tap in at the Belgiumtown lift sewage station for maintenance purposes.
2. **Wastewater Crew – Jenks Street** – Commissioner Clyde Bullers stated the wastewater crew has been working on Jenks Street making repairs on sewer taps that were not installed well, and doing manhole repairs.
3. **Levi Singleton** – Commissioner Clyde Bullers stated our second new hire Levi Singleton has started, and he is working out fine.
4. **New Air Compressors at the Water Plant** – Commissioner Clyde Bullers stated at the water plant they installed new Kaeser air compressors to replace the ones that were failing.
5. **Saving Money** - Commissioner Clyde Bullers stated they got a call from Unilec and they wanted to know what they changed at the water plant because there was a significant drop in the consumption of power. Commissioner Clyde Bullers stated they noticed on their first bill over a two thousand dollar difference which is contributed to the air compressors, and the pump rebuild.
6. **Possible Water Meter Shortage** – Member Roger Shaw asked Commissioner Clyde Bullers if he heard from the water meter company yet. Commissioner Clyde Bullers stated yes, they talked to them, and they are waiting for chips. Commissioner Clyde Bullers stated if things do not change, there will definitely be a shortage of water meters in the next year.

B. Manager Dana Rooney

1. **Executive Session** – Manager Dana Rooney requested an executive session for legal matters with no action expected.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. Justin Felgar – Names** – Reporter Justin Felgar asked the names of the two people who spoke at the beginning of the meeting. Manager Dana Rooney stated Greg Bazylak and Erika Nicholson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Brookville Municipal Authority Board entered an executive session at 4:44 P.M. to discuss legal matters with no action expected. Executive session ended at 4:52 P.M. with the no action taken.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:52 P.M. Member Roger Shaw moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Robert Moss. Motion carried 3-0.

Administrative Manager

