

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

December 5, 2007

The meeting of the Bethel Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman David Younker at 7:04 p.m. on December 5, 2007 at the Bethel Township Community Center, Bethel PA.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Chairman Younker called the roll:

Rufus Geesaman – present

Harold Gruber – present

Kevin Stupp – present

David Younker – present

Carl Weaver – present

Also present were Terry Parish, Solicitor, John Roche, Engineer and Darlene Orendo, Secretary.

Public Comment on Agenda

No public comment

Approval of Minutes

Rufus Geesaman made a motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2007. Second by Harold Gruber. All agreed. Motion carried.

Member Report

Rufus Geesaman reported that he had received and completed a survey from PMAA. Darlene Orendo also mentioned that a newsletter from RCAP Solutions featuring our results from the income survey was received for review.

It was also noted that the bid opening was changed and advertised to December 14, at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Solicitor Report

Solicitor Parish stated that all items to be covered were already listed under old business.

Engineer's Report

See attached

During the engineer's report the following discussion took place on the following items.

Frystown: John stated (as noted in his report) there is peak interest in Frystown right now. Rufus Geesaman questioned whether the capacity agreement that is to be used for the County is to be used for Industrial users. Solicitor Parish stated we would need some policy guidelines and that there is a difference between the County and Industrial users. He would postpone any decisions until we see what the bids are.

Alley restoration was also discussed. John stated that we would need to check with Penn Vest and PENNWORKS concerning reimbursement of paving the alleys. Our contract does require paving and recommends we wait until the bids come in and discuss with Board of Supervisors.

Carl Weaver questioned John concerning the Met Ed service. Electrical Engineer has not responded. John will check with him again.

Harold Weaver questioned whether we are we going to do compaction testing during construction. John Roche said we would and also stated that it is sometimes better to wait a year due to settling.

Unfinished Business

Bids: Solicitor Parish reported that the bids will be opened at the advertised meeting on Friday, December 14, 2007. No contracts will be awarded at this time. They will just be opened and read. We will then work through Frank Leber to get PennVest funding and award the contracts.

Easements: There is one outstanding easement for Frystown. John is working on it. He has recorded 24 to date in Bethel with 23 to acquire. All easements must be complete before PennVest settlement.

Capacity Agreement Letter: The County is satisfied with the changes to the agreement. Attorney Settley will have the County sign it and get back to us.

A motion was made by Rufus Geesaman to enter into a Sewer Service Agreement with the BCIDA. Motion seconded by Carl Weaver. All agreed. Motion carried. Solicitor Parish mentioned that some policy decisions need to be made before any other letters are issued.

Met Ed: David Younker advised John Roche to stay on this.

Township Office Space: Tabled

Community Meeting – keep on agenda for 2008.

A motion was made to advertise the meeting dates as written with a change to December 10, 2008. Second by Harold Gruber. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business

Rufus Geesaman stated we had received a bid for our annual audit from Faren, Garcia and Garman PC for \$1400.00. If agreed we should sign and return.

David Younker made a motion to retain Faren, Garcia and Garman PC as auditor for 2007. Second by Rufus Geesaman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Rufus also requested the Board authorize him to order checks to print out of quick books. Harold Gruber made a motion to get checks to print from the computer. Second by Kevin Stupp. All agreed. Motion carried.

Authorization of Payment of Bills

Rufus Geesaman made a motion to pay the bills. Second by Harold Gruber. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Wesley Weiant and Michael Keeney from Old 22, Bethel wanted to see a map of the sewer lines that pertain to their location and discussed the lines with members.

Michael Musselman inquired on the outcome of the bid opening. He was advised that the meeting was changed to December 14.

Supervisor, Randall Haag discussed the alley paving in Bethel. John Roche advised him the Authority may get some funding and would discuss with Board of Supervisors after we have more information. John is encouraging the paving to be done later after settling has occurred.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm was made by Harold Gruber. Second by Rufus Geesaman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. Orendo
Secretary