

The Bloomfield Borough Water Authority held their monthly meeting on January 28, 2025 at the Borough Building. The following were present: Larry Weller, Chuck Sheaffer, Jim Swenson, George Dorundo, Pete Fleszar, Jerry Philpott, Larry Fisher, Stone Caldwell, Denice Fisher, Melinda Anderson, and Damon Hartman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Larry Weller at 7:00pm.

The minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting were approved on a motion of George, seconded by Chuck. Motion passed.

The Financial Report was distributed to all members by Denice Fisher. The detailed report is attached to the minutes. There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by George to approve the financial report and to approve paying the bills. Motion passed.

Melinda Anderson officially from Bloomfield Borough is at the meeting because the Water Authority is contemplating extending water services outside of the Borough and she wants to see what our plans are. Is the VFW on our water system? How far have we gotten in entering into an inter-municipality agreement with Centre Township? Larry said that the Authority supplies water to the VFW. Jim talked to the Chairman of Centre Township and he wondered if there is an existing agreement. The Chairman is interested in the agreement because we have an Authority and can collect the fees.

There was an organizational meeting held. There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by Chuck that the existing slate of officers be reappointed for 2025 with Larry being reappointed as Chairman, George reappointed as Vice Chairman/Secretary, Chuck reappointed as Treasurer, and Denice reappointed as Recording Secretary. Motion passed.

Jerry Philpott, Solicitor, said he spoke to Centre Township a few years ago and there wasn't a plan about going beyond the VFW. He received a call from Attorney Wakefield of the Borough for an update. He told him we have to extend water for PennDOT's facility to upgrade the line get more water out to the facility. Then we can move up to Karns. We need to write up an inter-municipal agreement with Centre Township. We can't make anyone hook up to the water, it's for those who want water. Jerry also told Attorney Wakefield the agreement with Talmudic took into the idea we might go further up the hill and they would get some rebates out of it. Jerry said that we may also have to deal with the PUC. We would have to get some sort of permission.

For the PennDOT Perry County Maintenance Facility, Pete had a few discussions with them and they will have their own fire tank. They will take water from the Water Authority system through a 4-inch meter located in the Borough. They did pay a deposit amount for review. Melinda said they received a large legal box of new plans from Hunt Engineering for PennDOT. Some of it may pertain to the Water Authority. Melinda said she will make sure Melanie Rowlands gives a copy to the Authority for their review. Pete said we asked them to consider because it's only a 4-inch line from Locust Street going around High Street to consider replacing that line so there would be two 6-inch lines at Locust and Main Street and then go up High Street and then there is a 6-inch line there as well. To have their old 4-inch service off an old 4-inch line might not give them what they are looking for so we asked them to replace that part as an 8-inch. Do the plans submitted reflect that? Damon heard that for PennDOT, the 8-inch line is not included in the plans.

For the West End Looping & Consolidation grant, we submitted the information. It will start from Main and Locust with a 10-inch line and wrap around up to Karns and have a 6-inch line come back to the County Assistance Office. When we did the SRBC plan for Well 3, we had to be ready to run further up North Carlisle Street. They did include the LDS Church, Karns and Talmudic within the approved limit for the water system. The entire plaza is included with Karns.

For the Dutch Canal Project, JVI is starting on that project. Melanie asked for the estimated starting date. Damon said it would be sometime in the Spring. Melanie said about them contacting the Borough about traffic control and getting a temporary traffic light. Damon said that HOP would take care of that.

Aishel Development is interested in developing housing on a piece of ground on the side of the campus. They purchased another piece of ground. They did hydro testing to see what type of flow rate they could get out of the hydrants. It was 110 gallons a minute which is below the 500 gallons a minute needed. We suggested they could get an easement across the field from the landowner beside the Water Authority. They could also replace the water line from Main Street and come up the lane which is owned by the same landowner. Damon said that Aishel is developing 40 units at the high end. Melanie said a lot of their funding has been diverted to Isreal and projects have been put on hold right now.

For the Pennvest lead service line replacement, they will only reimburse you if you find lead lines. Damon asked if they only paid a percentage of the lead found. Pete said they would pay all of it unless there are a lot of calls on their grant funds, then they will give you a loan.

Larry said that we got the price for the new meter readers. Denice said the total cost will be \$15,775. That includes the tablets, software and setting it up. It was purchased through LB Water. The support package we have to buy the first year, but we do not have to renew. We are not on the new billing system yet. It will not be a problem to upload the software on the old and new billing systems.

The generator on Fenicle Hill was repaired. They replaced the radiator. When they went to start it up though, it wasn't working right and needed another part which will cost another \$6,000. Larry said there was money put aside for the leak locator equipment so we can put that towards the generator. He did apply for the grant for the leak locator again.

Larry brought before the Board about a possible rate increase. Denice said the last rate increase was 2022. Larry said Bob Kissinger did the formula for the last rate increase. Denice will contact Bob Kissinger for him to provide a spreadsheet with the data for the rate increase.

There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by George, to open executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:35pm. Motion passed.

There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by George, to close executive session. Motion passed.

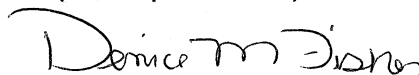
There was a motion made by Chuck, seconded by Jim, to enter back into the regular meeting at 7:45pm. Motion passed.

There was motion made by Jim, seconded by Chuck that starting next pay period Stone's starting salary will be \$39,520 with all benefits listed below. Motion passed.

Denice Fisher, Secretary, had no new business to discuss.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm was made by George, seconded by Chuck. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Denice M. Fisher