

The Bloomfield Borough Water Authority held their monthly meeting on February 25, 2025 at the Borough Building. The following were present: Larry Weller, Chuck Sheaffer, George Dorundo, Alex Bender, Pete Fleszar, Larry Fisher, Stone Caldwell, Denice Fisher, and Melinda Anderson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Larry Weller at 7:01pm.

The minutes of the January 28, 2025 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 Chuck, seconded by George to approve the financial report and to approve paying the bills. Motion passed.

Melinda Anderson officially from Bloomfield Borough said that she doesn't have a definitive date but PennDOT is moving forward with working on the Dutch Canal in front of the fire station. There is pink paint marked on the road. She is planning on doing a Facebook post to the residents.

Jerry Philpott, Solicitor, was unable to attend the meeting.

Larry Fisher is due for his yearly compensation review. Larry asked Denice to contact Bob Kissinger for him to do a calculation for the manager's salary for the Board's review.

For the PennDOT Perry County Maintenance Facility, Pete looked through the papers from Hunt Engineering. Pete said that PennDOT has to do the meter box differently than what they had. The other thing of concern is the 4-inch cast iron line. It's not really 4 inches because it has tuberculation in it. They want to come off that line with a 4-inch line which is new. If they draw enough for the 4-inch there is going to be a choke point. The hydrant test was 124 gallons and it went down to 40 psi. When they put in the right kind of meter and back flow preventer, the pressure will drop. For the 15 lead service lines, PennDOT won't pay to replace those, but while PennDOT is working on those, we might as well replace any goosenecks on Main Street, High Street, two on Cold Storage Road.

Melinda said that the plans for the eight lots in the Borough that are Lisa Frakers, the developer has backed out, so there won't be homes on Lakeside.

For the West End Looping & Consolidation grant, people are starting to go through and ask questions. Denice said they did ask one question and she forwarded the email to Pete regarding lines running from the main to customers' homes. The earliest announcement will be September 2025.

For the Dutch Canal Project, Pete said that Melanie talked about that. That should help some because we told them to replace that with 8-inch. They are sending part of the bill to the Water Authority. When they do that, there is going to be a short time period when the town is going to be split in half waterwise with Well 3 feeding the town and Fenicle Hill feeding the prison and the dialysis center.

Pete has not heard anything on Aishel Development.

Pete said there is PA Small Water & Sewer grant application opportunity limited to a maximum of \$500,000 for the project. There are four potential blocks that could be done. Those blocks are South Church from McClure to Main Street, North Church from Main Street to High Street, Apple Street from McClure to Main Street, and Barnett Street from South Carlisle to South Church Street. They are all 4-inch lines to be replaced with 8-inch lines. Pete asked if he should charge the leftover amount he had for the West End Looping grant application towards the Small Water grant. A motion was made by Chuck, seconded by George, to apply for the grant and for Pete to come up with an estimate for the grant. Motion passed.

Larry said that we received the meter reading equipment. LB Water set up the software program. We are ready for meter reading day. The company is close by in case we need them.

The generator on Fenicle Hill was repaired. The additional part that was needed has been installed.

The turbidity meter was sent away to be repaired and has been returned.

Exeter Supply is offering us a free pilot program for leak detection. They put loggers out in the system for one to two weeks which can help pinpoint leaks in the water system.

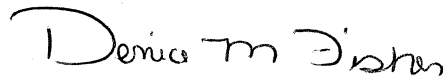
Talmudic had issues for the past month. We noticed town use has been up more than normal using between 6,000 and 7,000 gallons of water a day when no one was there. When called, they said people were coming in but then it was still high when no one was there. They did find a leak between Building 49 and the cottage. Larry is going to go up tomorrow and try to locate the line.

A motion was made by Chuck, seconded by George, to pass a 4% rate increase for one year starting with the June billing cycle. A review will be made after the one year period. Motion passed. The bulk rate will also be increased.

Denice Fisher, Secretary, said that with the new meter reading equipment, we will read the meters in March and start the new billing program at that time.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:43pm was made by George, seconded by Chuck. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denice M. Fisher".

Denice M. Fisher