The Bloomfield Borough Water Authority held their monthly meeting on May 27, 2025 at the Borough Building. The following were present: Larry Weller, George Dorundo, Alex Bender, Jim Swenson, Jerry Philpott, Pete Fleszar, Larry Fisher, Stone Caldwell, and Denice Fisher.

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

The minutes of the April 22, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion of George, seconded by Alex. 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.

There was no business from the floor.

Jerry Philpott, Solicitor, talked to the Centre Township Chairman of the Board. They are open to the idea of water service, but they only want one entity to deal with from Bloomfield Borough. They want one bill for the water and sewer. Centre Township has to bill their customers for sewer and then turn the money over to the Borough. Jerry suggested that the Authority have an informal talk with the Borough. Does the Borough want to let us be the single billing entity for Centre Township. If so, we have to figure out how that will work. We would have to get information from the Borough for the sewer. Pete said would Centre Township want us to take over the billing when we don't have the water lines available and are not serving water to them yet? Jerry said the billing burden can't be that big. You put the customers in your billing base. The sewer is a flat rate number. You would send the bills with sewer on it. When the money comes in you give it to the Borough. It was decided that the Authority would have an informal talk with the Borough about Centre Township wanting one billing entity and the Water Authority is willing to do it. Jim said that he would talk to Melinda Anderson. If the Borough is agreeable, Jerry will then talk to the Centre Township solicitor.

For the PennDOT Perry County Maintenance Facility, Pete said that Melanie Rowlands from the Borough Planning Commission asked him about the will serve letter. Pete said we going to have PennDOT tightened down to the same 2-inch service line. We want them to move their service line and have the back flow preventer and meter valve like the Dialysis Center. Pete said that the will serve letter will be sent when the Authority receives the escrow money from PennDOT. A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Alex to accept the will serve letter to send to PennDOT after the Water Authority receives the escrow money. Motion passed. Jim asked Denice to send an unsigned copy of the will serve letter to Melanie Rowlands.

For the Dutch Canal Project, Pete said the project looked close to being done. Larry said the tie in is ready to be done. They have to pour concrete over top the pipe. Pete said there was water coming out of the stone on the upper side. Larry said it's a spring. He tested the water and it's not showing any chlorine. Pete asked if we received a bill for the extra easy valve. Denice said we haven't received a bill.

Pete has not heard anything on Aishel Development. Jerry also said he has not heard anything from Aishel.

For the CFA grant application, Pete asked if the grant people have asked any questions. Denice said that no one has contacted her with any questions yet. Pete questioned about when we would find out about the other grant being awarded. Denice thought it was September of this year.

For the SRBC Well 2 renewal, Pete said he has his information submitted for the renewal. Denice said she submitted the information Christa requested. Christa sent the documents for Larry and Denice to review. Denice said the docket renewal has to be submitted by October of this year.

Larry said the PennDOT Perry County Maintenance Facility was covered under Pete.

The well certification has been covered.

Larry said Exeter Supply contacted him a while ago offering a free leak detection program. They put the loggers out and no leaks were detected. They were placed on Main Street which is where Larry thought there would most likely be leaks. Exeter is coming tomorrow to pick up the loggers.

Jim asked Pete if there was a way for PennDOT to tell us if they have any projected plans for paving on Main Street or South Carlisle Street in 5 to 10 years and how much notice do they give. Pete said they usually tell the Borough and for the Dutch Canal it was 2-3 years notice. Jim said we could put in our planning for a project if PennDOT is going to be paving. We can apply for a grant if we have 5 to 10 years advance notice. He is going to talk to the Borough.

Larry said that we are still working on the new billing program. Denice said that there have been issues with converting the files. We are still using the old billing program.

Stone Caldwell is due for his yearly compensation review. Larry asked Denice to contact Bob Kissinger for him to do a calculation for the water works operator II salary for the Board's review.

There was a motion made by George, seconded by Jim, to close the regular meeting. Motion passed.

There was a motion made by George, seconded by Jim, to open executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:27pm. Motion passed.

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

There was a motion made by Alex, seconded by Jim, to enter back into regular meeting at 7:34pm. Motion passed.

There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by George, to accept a 3% salary increase for Denice Fisher. Motion passed.

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

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:36pm was made by Jim, seconded by Alex. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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