The Bloomfield Borough Water Authority held their monthly meeting on August 26, 2025 at the Borough Building. The following were present: Larry Weller, George Dorundo, Chuck Sheaffer, Jim Swenson, 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 July 22, 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.

There was no business from the floor.

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

For the PennDOT Maintenance Facility, Pete said he received communication from Patrick Gallagher that they don't want to run an 8-inch line around High Street. They will run an 8-inch line from Locust to PennDOT. The Authority will give them a 4-inch connection. PennDOT wants the Authority to do the design and bid it out. Pete is going to respond to Mr. Gallagher letting him know they can have the 4-inch connection if they run it out from Locust and forget about going around High Street. Larry said we will give them the will serve letter when they pay their last invoice.

For the Dutch Canal Project, the project is finished and there is nothing to report.

For Aishel Development, John Melham and Frank from Rural Housing Development talked to Pete about getting funding from USDA. Pete said we already received funding for our well loan. USDA might give you a loan for the line replacement but not for going up to your development. John is going to talk to Yitzy about paying \$4,000 to go out East Main Street from Barnett Woods to Roddy Alley or figure out how much it would cost to put a tank on their ground at the Booster Station. The \$4,000 would be to reimburse the Authority for Pete to figure out those two options. Yitzy contacted Jim and is going to meet with him.

For the 2025 LSA grant application, you can apply for up to \$1 million. It is highly competitive. Pete said the Board has until the next Board meeting to decide where to apply the grant.

Larry said we had a FPPE evaluation at the end of last month with DEP for well 3. They said we are doing fine. We need to address a few things. The computer is not capturing certain things and needs to be fixed. Developer software needs to be put on the computer. Larry will get a price to get it fixed. The computer is still on Windows 10 and needs Windows 11. We don't know if there will be an issue when downloading Windows 11 with the Wonderware program. Pete is going to talk to someone to see if it is a good idea. There is a better software program available that Larry is going to check into. We asked the new person at USDA about the asset reserve fund and he said we can use the funds in the account without having to replace those funds.

The air dryer on the air compressor A at Well 3 is not working. It is letting moisture into the system. He couldn't find an Atlas Copco dealer in the area. Ingersoll Rand can work on the compressor. Larry will call to schedule them to fix the compressor.

For LB Water, we are still working on the billing program. LB Water told us that the Sensus software for AutoRead for meter reading is phasing out and is being replaced with FlexRead. Our current support subscription ends March 2026. The price for FlexRead is \$4,000 a year. Denice said that FlexRead is Cloud based and there will be mapping on the tablet when reading the routes. It will show if there is an issue at the location reading. There was a motion made by George, seconded by Jim to approve purchasing the FlexRead software program. Motion passed.

Stone took the truck to Tresslers to be inspected. It needs a heat shield, the exhaust manifold and wheel bearings need to be replaced, and the ball joint assembly needs to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$1,700. There was a motion made by Chuck, seconded by Jim to get the truck fixed. Motion passed. There is a problem with the ABS pump. We would need to go to a dealer to have it fixed. They unplugged the fuse.

Denice Fisher, Secretary, said the well 2 renewal application for SRBC has been submitted. Christa Laubach placed a newspaper notice in *The Patriot News* on August 10th and the government agency letters were sent.

Karl Cless contacted Ned Zook about providing the Water Authority with three computers. Karl set the computers up for us. With the Board's approval, we would like to get Karl a gift certificate at the Bread of Life.

For workman's comp insurance, I got a quote from Chaz Sheaffer Insurance. We have Don Jacobs Insurance and are paying \$2,440. The quote from Chaz Sheaffer Insurance is \$1,675. There was a motion made by Jim, seconded by George to transfer the workman's comp insurance to Chaz Sheaffer Insurance. Motion passed.

Denice said she received a call from Verizon Wireless for internet service offering \$36.00 a month for 25MB. Right now we pay \$94.00 for 10MB. It will be fiber optic through signal. He said we will be able to keep our email addresses. It was decided that Denice will ask more questions and then make a decision. We will ask Karl if he can sit in on the phone call.

Our CD's mature on September 4th. On the 4th we can call the bank and see what the interest rates are that day. We have 10 days to renew the CD's. The Board said that we should go with the best rate. Jim asked what the interest rate was for the money market account and to see if Pennian has an Easy Assess CD. Also check two other banks. If a better interest rate, then put most of the money in an Easy Access CD.

Under Other New/Old Business, Jim said that Alex was in favor of having the Board meetings every other month. Jerry had recommended having the meetings once a quarter.

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

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