



BOONSBORO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMISSION
Wednesday, August 24th, 2022 - 6:00PM
Meeting Chambers

The Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission (BMUC) held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, in the Meeting Chambers. In attendance were BMUC Chairman Stu Mullendore, Commission Members Dave Wade, Bobby Mose and Colin Shanaberger. Also present were Town Manager Paul Mantello, Water/Sewer Superintendent Pete Shumaker and via online Assistant Mayor/BMUC Liaison Tony Nally. The meeting was called to order at 5:56PM by Chairman Mullendore.

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman, Stu Mullendore*

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Lorne Ridenour, Apartment Building @ 410 St. Paul Street spoke to the Commission about his opinion of the increase of fixed water and sewer fees. He has an 18 unit with 19 electric meters and 1 water meter. Under the new BMUC billing policy, his complex would be billed a fixed fee for each household. He stated that he believed the new billing was unfair and at the least have the tier usage threshold changed. BMUC Chairman Stu Mullendore motions to table the conversation until the administration can look into billing software to see the possibilities in adjusting the tier structure for multi-units.

MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes for June 22nd

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Nally confirms all accounts and balances look up to date for Water/Sewer.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES and TREASURER'S REPORT Motion by Council Member Dave Wade, second by Council Member Colin Shanaberger to approve June 22, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Drinking Water Reservoir Replacement Project Update** - Mantello told the Commission that WRA is completing borings and they found no rock. Soil can support the new reservoir. By the end of the month the Design will be 60% complete. Town Manager reviewed the status of the State Awards and Grants to provide funding to the Town of Boonsboro to replace the town's reservoir. Awarded is BOCC (non-matching) \$1million, DGS Grant (non-matching) \$1 million, CDS – Van Hollen (non-matching) \$1 million. Applied for is the ARC (50% match) \$500,000, CDS – Trone (non-matching) \$5 million and RMEDF (non-matching with the Co.) \$100,000.00 totaling \$5,600,000.00. Mantello reviewed the concept maps of the location of the new reservoir.
- **Keedysville Booster Station Water Pressure Reduction** - Paul Mantello reviewed the data from the Paper Pressure Loggers that were placed in various locations during the month of June and July 2022. There were a few spikes at the Crestview and Brookridge locations. Mantello questions how accurate the data is from the pressure loggers. He notes that we did see spikes happening. Mantello also states that he has asked Maryland Rural Water for some digital meters. The data ranges from drops to 20 and spikes to 180 psi. The Commission asked if the spikes were happening with an event that happened. Commission discussed relating the data with the pumping station recorder. Council Member Colin Shanaberger makes a motion to recommend to the Mayor and Council to purchase some Digital Pressure Loggers. Council Dave Wade seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **WWTP Sludge Dewatering Project Update** - Town Manager Paul Mantello updated the Commission that Permitting was almost over and working with Washington Co. about the storm management footprint. There is some confusion



between the Engineers and Washington County how much of the land is part of storm management. Mantello also reminds the Commission that the Wheel loader has already been ordered.

- **FY24 Funding Priority Packet** - Town Manager Mantello reviews the water and wastewater infrastructure projects for FY2024 totaling 12.2 million package. The projects included Water Distribution System Lead Components Removal and Pipe replacement, Fecal Aquifer Contamination and Alt. 40 Waterline looping, Wastewater system pipe replacements, Boonsboro WWTP Lagoon Dredging and repurposing, Fletcher's Grove Well and Water Treatment Plant, Crestview Water Pressure Reduction and Bypass and the Reservoir Replacement.
- **WWTP Stream Restoration Project Update** - Mantello updated the Commission the 3-4 million project is a go and is being funded through the 28 acres of credit by the DNR. They will be installing a wetland outside of where the affluent comes out of the plant and meets the creek.
- **Crestview Well Decommissioning Project Update** - Paul Mantello told the Commission that the Town had met with the attorney to get an idea of what to do concerning the easement. The goal is to have the land and easement conveyed to the HOA, but the Town would still need access to the storm water pond hopefully King Road. The Budget is for \$80,000.00 to demolish, and Public Works will be doing demo and the re-seeding.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Illicit Discharge Incident** - Town Manager Paul Mantello informed the Commission that on Monday Public Works noticed a film on the creek at Shafer Park. After investigating, it was determined that it was cooking grease. Public Works searched the area for the source and found that the grease was introduced into the system at Dan's Tap House at 3 S. Main St. The business was informed of the violation of the discharge and notified that they would be responsible for all cost which includes all clean-up expenses and supplies and Town employee time. The estimated cost was at \$6,000 to \$8,000 dollars. MDE is working on a damage report.
- **Slow Keedysville Flow Meter & BKWAB Meeting Recap** – Water/Sewer Superintendent Pete Shumaker had the Keedysville Flow Meter's functioning checked. It was determined that it ran 17,000 gallons/min slow which would equal 24,500/day and 2.2 million/quarter. This is the reason for the negative lost for Keedysville on the Quarterly Usage Report. Tony Nally reports to the Commission that Brandon Sweeney is still looking at new ways to process the True-up and BKWAB Chairman Austin Abraham will be retiring and the Council Members latest discussion about the qualifications of the Chairman's replacement.
- **Shafer Park Well Replacement Bid Review** - Paul Mantello advises the Commission that only one bid was received from Phillips & Son Drilling. The bid total was \$256,000 if they would have to drill to 500ft, if less than the cost would be less. Mantello would like to get approval from the Mayor & Council as soon as possible so the Town could proceed with the project. The Commission discussed the details of the proposal and voiced their concerns about the Galvanized T&C Pipe. They proposed that Mantello go back and ask about the cost of using Stainless Steel instead of the galvanized. Council Member Colin Shanaberger makes a motion to recommend to the Mayor and Council to approve the bid. Council Dave Wade seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- BMUC Council Member Ken Eshbaugh's replacement – Chairman Mullendore starts the conversation with the Commission that we need to begin thinking about recommendations to present to the Mayor and Council. Colin Shanaberger talks about a possibility of a potential candidate, but he does not live in the Town limits. Mantello reminds the Commission that the Commission had talked about amending the MEC Charter to include a consulting member that does not have to live within the town limits. Mullendore spoke to the Commission, that there are



many council members with a technical background and maybe it would be beneficial to have a member with a business background.

SYSTEMS REPORT – Pete Shumaker, W/S Superintendent reports on the Water side he is still waiting on the parts for the pump and flow switch at Keedysville. On the Sewer side there is the replacement of actuator valve on the filter being replaced this week. On some of the SVR diffusion tubes, they found small holes. Going to price new diffuser tubes.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT – Paul Mantello, Town Manager updates the Commission on the Maple Avenue and Chase Six Blvd / Campus Avenue Realignment and Intersection Project and the importance of the Letter of Agreement from the Board of Education.

ADJOURN

Motion by Commission Members Dave Wade, second Commission Member Bobby Mose to adjourn meeting at 7:55pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Yvette May, Administrative Assistant

NEXT MEETING – September 21st, 2022 @ 6PM

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