

**BOONSBORO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday September 16, 2020**

The Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission (BMUC) held its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16th ,2020 in the Charles F. "Skip" Kauffman Building's Meeting Chambers. Participants included Commission Chair Bob Sweeney and Commission Members Bobby Mose, Stu Mullendore, Ken Eshbaugh and David Wade. Also, in attendance were Mayor and Council Liaison Anthony Nally, Town Manager Paul Mantello and Pete Shumaker W/S Superintendent and Greg Huntsberry PW Superintendent. Citizen Eric Kitchen from the water loss task force also was present. Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**ARC Grant and MES proposal for Town of Boonsboro**

Al Rezik of the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) gave a presentation and proposal on Biosolids Management to the Commission. The Town of Boonsboro presently ships Sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the MES facility at the local State Prison Complex for further processing.

The MES proposal for a dewatering process would dramatically cut the amount of Biosolids to the MES facility or to other landfills. It would involve an ARC grant with assistance from MES.

The dewatering process will save tipping fees which account for approximately 25 % of overall operational cost. It has been a hope to have this in place to offset the loss of grant money presently used to pay interest on the sewer debt.

Addendum September 24<sup>th</sup> A special meeting was called to map out starting strategy for the grant proposal to ARC which was due in 30 days. (Ken, Bob, Dave, and Bobby attended for a quorum). It was decided to use Town Resources for grant writing. Additional technical knowledge to include task breakdown and needed Return on Investment will come from the MES.

**Public/Other Comments:**

There were no public comments

**Meeting Minutes**

The Regular BMUC Meeting Minutes for August 19th , 2020 were reviewed by the commission members. Commission member Stu Mullendore motioned to approve the minutes; Motion was carried 5-0.

**Treasurer's Report**

The August Treasurers report was reviewed. Commission member Dave Wade made a motion to approve the report, Motion was carried 5-0

**Unfinished Business:**

Meter replacement program. No progress this month.

Flush Meter Replacement. The meter has been replaced,

Water Loss Taskforce. Eric Kitchen provided an update on the water loss task force. Crestview Zone testing completed with minimal leaks observed.

Wastewater Model Update. WRA reservoir leak plan upcoming

South End Pumping Station Upgrade update. Phase One Pumping Stations phase one almost complete. Some finish construction issues need to be reviewed then addressed before County inspection.

Crestview Pump Station Streambank Restoration (RT 34). The Town is working with the Soil Conservation District for Grants on the Streambank Stabilization project. A Formal Complaint has been filed against the SHA as it is the Town's position that it is the SHA's issue to resolve. A permit has been approved by the SHA for work on the project to proceed. There has been no movement on this issue since last meeting.

Strategic Plan Update Daytime meetings to start this initiative will be scheduled

Collections System Rehabilitation Project, Phase II. Insituform bid for Phase II was accepted by the Mayor and Council. An Environmental review impact statement needs to go to the Appalachian Regional Council and the Department of Housing and Community Development Update Still Waiting on the Environmental review.

BHS Irrigation Well Update. Still no headway on this issue, hope to have a representative from the school board at next meeting,

Shafer Park Well. The RFP has gone out with bid date of October 5<sup>th</sup>

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Washington County Chemical Contract. Pete reported that the town will have extensive savings on its chemicals for the sewer plant by piggybacking on the Washington County contract.

Park Lane Main Replacement & Repaving Project. Slated to start next month

Leak Detection Survey Results. Survey completed, only some minor leaks found.

Fletcher's Grove Well. A discussion concerning potential rerouting of the water line to be able to access this resource was started.

Weir Wall Payment. The Town will begin to pay back CHIEF for the Wier Wall. Still waiting for grant review money for project.

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) National Guard Program . Looking at enlisting the National Guard for help in projects such as RT 34 streambank, sludge building and split tank for the reservoir

Purchase of 4-inch mud valves from L/B Water for \$3,945.90. Commission member Dave Wade made a motion to approve the purchase, Motion was carried 5-0

Town Managers report Paul Mantello

Systems Report- Pete Shumaker

Mayor and Council Report – Mayor and Council Liaison, Anthony Nally, provided a brief summary of Mayor and Council activities since the last BMUC meeting.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Commission Member Mose at 8:15, the Motion approved 5-0.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 16th at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Wade, Secretary