

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage was held on Thursday, September 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room at 606 Cambria Street.

Those in attendance were:

Dave Miorelli, Chairman
Craig Castel
Mark Castel
John Gartland
Jerome Yetsko

Also present were: Ron Cadwallader, Supervisor; Attorney William Barbin, Solicitor; Steve Sewalk, The EADS Group; Ron Portash, Mainline Newspapers.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miorelli, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

II. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Miorelli recognized Mr. Portash, Mainline Newspapers.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Miorelli apprised the Board that the only correspondence to be presented was that of the notification of the one call credit which was received.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. CRAIG CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE AUGUST 3, 2017 MINUTES BEING THAT THEY WERE DISTRIBUTED IN WRITTEN FORM AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL AND MR. YETSKO.

V. AGENT'S EXPENDITURES

No Agent's expenditures to be presented.

VI. INVOICES

Air-Vac, Inc.	\$ 150.00
Billings Lumber Co.	5.10
Cambria Mailing Services, Inc.	74.15
Cintas	82.93
Craig Castel	50.00
Frederick J Brown	130.00
FWF Insurance Agency, Inc.	18,741.00
Hach	2,502.92
John Gartland	50.00
L/B Water Service, Inc.	1,270.30

Laurel Sand and Stone	691.81
Mark Castel	50.00
Mary L Elchin	260.00
Mountain Research, LLC	156.00
Portage Auto Parts	25.69
Portage Post Office	147.00
Portage Service Center	639.95
Ray Oil & Gas Co	184.10
RDM – Johnstown LLC	206.00
Ronald J Cadwallader Jr	20.00
Sharon Squillario	50.00
Stager's Store	20.75
United Graphics	3,522.14
William G. Barbin, esq.	962.50
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	\$ 29,992.34

Paid Bills

Aflac	\$ 226.22
Long Barn Inc. II	41.60
Marion Center Supply Inc.	1,587.50
Mary Lou Lego	100.00
Matthew Makosky	100.00
Peoples Natural Gas Company	17.65
Comcast	293.09
Highmark Blue Shield	7,942.03
Penelec	1,575.81
REA Energy Cooperative Inc.	990.06
Alan Bertram	100.00
Groff Tractor & Equipment	225.10
New Enterprise Stone & Lime	2,376.79
Pro Disposal, Inc.	142.00
Sheetz Fleet Service	191.43
Smithmyer's Electronics Inc.	1,500.00
Verizon	430.51
WB Mason Co Inc.	311.80
Aflac	226.22
Verizon Wireless	149.74
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	\$ 18,527.55

ON MOTION OF MR. CRAIG CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. MARK CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO ACCEPT AND PAY INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,975.80 (REGULAR BILLS, \$29,992.34; PAID BILLS, \$18,527.55; PennVEST, \$3,896.36 AND \$5,508.55; USDA, \$16,051.00). BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL AND MR. YETSKO.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

ON MOTION OF MR. MARK CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE AUGUST 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT AS IT WAS PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED IN WRITTEN FORM AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE

REPORT WITH A BALANCE OF: BEGINNING CASH, \$1,583,012.56; CASH IN, \$237,212.09; CASH OUT, (\$233,996.67); ADJUSTMENT, (\$0.00); ENDING CASH, \$1,586,227.98. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL AND MR. YETSKO.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Miorelli noted that Mr. Cadwallader's report was distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting; and he asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the report.

Mr. Cadwallader informed the Board that he received an inquiry from Blue Knob Fire Department relative to holding their second quad run. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that he talked with Mr. Barton, who stated that everything is fine on the cleanup from the last run held by Blue Knob. Mr. Barton is comfortable with allowing the second run to take place as long as the Board is in agreement.

Mr. Mark Castel commented that he was contacted by an individual stating that one of the roads is impassable and it should be checked. Mr. Cadwallader noted that he would follow-up on this. Mr. Cadwallader stated that there was one area that Mr. Barton talked with Blue Knob about. There were two roads blocked; and one of the roads is now open. Mr. Miorelli commented that we always have the concerns with the stragglers that enter the property. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that there was a recent concern regarding this at the pipeyard where someone ran down the poles that had been installed to start the fencing. Mr. Yetsko questioned if there were any suspects, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied negatively. Mr. Mark Castel questioned the status of the cameras at Benscreek, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that the cameras are installed along with the cards. Mr. Miorelli questioned if we would be able to review the tape if there were any problems, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied affirmatively.

Mr. Cadwallader questioned whether the Board was in agreement to allow Blue Knob to conduct their second run. Mr. Miorelli questioned if we are allowed to publish that the Authority is not responsible for any injuries on its property, to which Attorney Barbin replied that this is included in the agreement that Blue Knob signs. Mr. Miorelli commented that he meant for both the runs as well as at all other times with stragglers that enter the property. Attorney Barbin stated that we could go the route of posting no trespassing signs; however, he would not advise this because of some difficulties that could be encountered. Attorney Barbin pointed out that there is also a Landowner Protection Act, which basically says that a property owner that allows free public access to its land is not liable for negligence. There is an exception built into the Act by the courts for artificial conditions; and if someone gets hurt due to artificial conditions on the land, you could still be liable. Attorney Barbin noted that some of the roads on the property could be considered artificial conditions; and this is where the concern lies as the Authority may not be fully protected. Attorney Barbin emphasized that Blue Knob does sign an agreement with the Authority wherein they agree to indemnify and hold the Authority harmless so this is what we would abide by.

Attorney Barbin noted that we could approve the request of Blue Knob, subject to the review and agreement of the Forester and the Superintendent.

ON MOTION OF MR. CRAIG CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. MARK CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE REQUEST OF BLUE KNOB FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD THEIR SECOND ATV RUN, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE FORESTER AND THE SUPERINTENDENT, AS WELL AS

CHECKING ON THE CONDITION OF THE ROADS AS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD BY MR. MARK CASTEL. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL AND MR. YETSKO.

Mr. Cadwallader informed the Board that he was approached by E&E Logging, the company that was doing the cutting for Cooney. E&E Logging is currently doing some cutting on Dulancey Drive where they have the logging rights; and they want to cross over where the Authority's lines come down through off of Ida Drive and goes down to the tracks. Mr. Cadwallader discussed this matter with Attorney Barbin; and an agreement has been developed that contains conditions similar to those used for Robindale. He explained to the Board that E&E will be placing 6" of durable material and will be using 6x6 mats to cross over. The agreement includes language that E&E is not to knock down any markers or run over them; and when the project is complete, E&E will be responsible for leveling out the shale and taking the mats away. In addition, E&E would be responsible for any breakage within a 10 foot area up and down.

Mr. Gartland joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Cadwallader explained to the Board the exact location of the logging area and where E&E will be crossing. Mr. Miorelli questioned if E&E will be crossing the road, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that E&E will be crossing where the right-of-way is located. Mr. Miorelli questioned if the line is plastic through this area, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that it is C909 pipe which is five foot deep. This is the reason E&E will be placing the pad. Mr. Yetsko questioned what will be done for any damages to the water lines, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that E&E would be responsible.

ON MOTION OF MR. MARK CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. GARTLAND, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO GRANT PERMISSION TO E&E LOGGING TO CROSS THE PVC WATER LINE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND AND MR. YETSKO.

Mr. Cadwallader explained to the Board that we are having some problems in Benscreek with several residences located across from the Benscreek Club as discussed at the last meeting. He pointed out that a temporary fix has been determined; i.e., tie all of the residences into the 6" line and get them off the floor. Mr. Cadwallader emphasized that this is only a temporary fix. He noted that there is a spot right off of Adrian Lane where it stops with the valve and then we could come down 800 feet and actually tie it back into the 6" line. Mr. Cadwallader explained that there would be 800 feet of plastic pipe required, along with 10 taps. He commented that we could then discuss a permanent fix when we are discussing the budget. Mr. Cadwallader emphasized that the temporary fix he is proposing is the easiest way to reach all of the residences that are having a problem. He pointed out that this would be an in-house project; and then he can get better pricing for the permanent fix for budget discussions. Mr. Gartland questioned if this will help address the concerns brought to the Board at the last meeting from the Shedlock's, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied negatively, explaining that this is a different line.

Mr. Yetsko questioned where the temporary funds would come from, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that we could use monies from Account #477, Maintenance of Mains and Services. Mr. Miorelli questioned if Mr. Cadwallader would move forward with the project now, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied affirmatively stating that if the Board agrees, we could move forward with

this temporary fix. Mr. Cadwallader pointed out that the staff has been working with all of the residents relative to flushing their lines when they have a concern. Mr. Mark Castel pointed out that, if the project is approved, he would recommend Mr. Cadwallader contacting each resident and letting them know we are attempting to address their concerns, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that he would do that.

Mr. Cadwallader informed the Board that the majority of the costs for this project will be in time rather than materials because we will be able to take most of the materials from stock items. We will need to wait until the spring to do some maintenance to everyone's yards, which will be an additional cost.

ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. CRAIG CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED MR. CADWALLADER MOVING FORWARD WITH THE TEMPORARY FIX AS DISCUSSED ABOVE TO THE WATER LINES. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND AND MR. YETSKO.

Mr. Mark Castel questioned the approximate cost for a permanent fix to the above water line concern, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that he would have definite figures to be discussed at a budget meeting; however, he would estimate between \$12,000 - \$15,000 just in materials. Mr. Castel commented that we would also need to include the Groggin Lane project in the budget. Mr. Cadwallader noted that both of these projects will be in-house projects. Mr. Mark Castel questioned if there are any other areas with the same concern, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that, to his knowledge, there are not. Mr. Miorelli questioned if these concerns could be caused by the well casing, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that, if there was a problem with iron coming out of the plant, we would have known this through the testing of the potable water; and we have not seen this.

As it relates to the discussion at the last meeting relative to the electrical quotes, Mr. Cadwallader informed the Board that we have received other pricings from an additional broker. The best quote received was from Hudson (\$0.558). Mr. Cadwallader pointed out, however, that the prices that the Board is seeing on the quotes does not include the gross receipts sales tax. He reviewed with the Board the various quotes received. Attorney Barbin commented that the question would be how long the Board would want to be tied into the pricing as there was not a huge price difference between 36 and 48 months in the quote received from Hudson. Mr. Miorelli commented that, with what is currently going on in Houston, we would want to lock in as long as we can. Attorney Barbin pointed out that the quote received from Hudson is technically only good for 24 hours. Mr. Craig Castel commented that, if this is the lowest quote received, it is only going to increase and we should lock it in.

ON MOTION OF MR. MARK CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ELECTRICAL QUOTE RECEIVED FROM HUDSON AT \$0.558 OR BETTER FOR 48 MONTHS. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND AND MR. YETSKO.

Mr. Cadwallader informed the Board that included under New Business was approval of the MMO Worksheet for the pension plan for next year in the amount of \$14,453. The MMO is a breakdown of what the Authority will pay into the pension plan next year. Mr. Mark Castel questioned if this is the same as last year, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that it is a little more because of the changes that were made to the plan earlier in the year. Mr. Yetzko questioned

how much involvement Mr. Cadwallader had in the development of the MMO worksheet, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that he was not involved as Mrs. Ringler basically takes the pay scale for each employee and places them into the figures. The worksheet is forwarded from PMAA. Mr. Yetsko questioned if Mr. Cadwallader is to be signing the papers. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that Mrs. Ringler has always signed the MMO worksheet on behalf of the Authority. Attorney Barbin commented that Mrs. Ringler is signing the papers as the designated Pension Plan Administrator. Mr. Yetsko indicated that Mrs. Ringler is an Administrative Assistant; and he does not recall the Board designating Mrs. Ringler as the Pension Plan Administrator, to which Attorney Barbin replied that he does know that the Board must name a Pension Plan Administrator; however, if the Board had not made this designation to Mrs. Ringler in the past, the Board could do so in the same motion when approving the MMO worksheet and authorize Mrs. Ringler to sign the document. Attorney Barbin noted that Mr. Yetsko raised a good point and it should be addressed by the Board. Mr. Cadwallader stated that, if the Board wishes to change who signs the document, he can obtain a new worksheet from PMAA. Mr. Yetsko pointed out that this designation should have been cleared up a long time ago.

Mr. Miorelli questioned what action should be presented to the Board for approval, to which Attorney Barbin replied that the Board could put forth a motion to approve the MMO worksheet as presented and to authorize Mrs. Ringler to sign the worksheet as Pension Plan Administrator. Attorney Barbin pointed out that each year the MMO worksheet has to be approved by the Board; and Mrs. Ringler's signature to the document would attest to the information being true. Mr. Mark Castel questioned if this is part of Mrs. Ringler's job description, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that he believes it is. Attorney Barbin commented that, if the Board agrees, Mrs. Ringler would be signing all documents related to the pension plan as Pension Plan Administrator and not Administrative Assistant.

ON MOTION OF MR. MARK CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. GARTLAND, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MMO WORKSHEET AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZED MRS. RINGLER TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT AS PENSION PLAN ADMINISTRATOR. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND AND MR. YETSKO.

Mr. Cadwallader apprised the Board that the current back flow preventer is not NSF certified, so we are not able to obtain a DEP permit for the preventer. Mr. Miorelli commented that the information that Mr. Cadwallader presented is quite expensive for a new unit, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that the information he presented is the only information that he could find that is NSF certified. Mr. Cadwallader did receive information on a preventer that is not NSF certified; and the cost would be \$540. Mr. Gartland noted that anything that is NSF certified is going to be double the price as he has experience from being in the restaurant business previously. Mr. Cadwallader noted that the Board could approve the purchase of the NSF certified back flow preventer with the stipulation that it would be acceptable to DEP. Mr. Gartland questioned if DEP made any recommendations on what should be purchased, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied negatively stating that the only stipulation is that it has to be NSF certified. Mr. Mark Castel questioned where Mr. Cadwallader found the preventer from, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that it was from Pollard. Mr. Mark Castel questioned the size, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that it would be 2". Mr. Mark Castel indicated that he would check with a supplier at his place of employment relative to this matter. The Board agreed that, if Mr. Mark Castel was able to obtain a better price, the purchase would come out of Account #476.

Mr. Cadwallader apprised the Board that the Allegheny Wind Farm checks were received. He requested approval of the Board to deposit said checks into Account #104.5 (money market account), as outlined in the budget. The checks received amounted to \$34,158.09 and \$1,491.20 respectively.

ON MOTION OF MR. CRAIG CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO DEPOSIT THE ALLEGHENY WIND FARM CHECKS (\$34,158.09 AND \$1,491.20 RESPECTIVELY) INTO ACCOUNT #104.5 (MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT). BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND AND MR. YETSKO.

Mr. Cadwallader stated that a request for an adjustment was received from the resident at 1102 South Oak Drive for a toilet that ran while the resident was on vacation. The amount billed was \$245.45; and the adjusted bill would be \$70.70 (average bill of \$27.00). Mr. Mark Castel questioned if there is a set rule for adjustments, to which Attorney Barbin replied affirmatively.

ON MOTION OF MR. CRAIG CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. MARK CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ABOVE REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT AS PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND AND MR. YETSKO.

Mr. Cadwallader commented that information was shared with the Board prior to the meeting relative to the health insurance quotes that were received along with what the employees currently carry, with the exception of himself and Mrs. Ringler. He shared the following information with the Board relative to the quotes received from Highmark and UPMC (Mr. Cadwallader and Mrs. Ringler are currently not covered):

- Highmark Rates:

Deductible	Without Mr. Cadwallader and Mrs. Ringler	With Mr. Cadwallader and Mrs. Ringler
\$250	\$8,645.07/month	\$11,825.61/month
\$750	\$8,282.76/month	\$11,330.02/month
\$1,500	\$7,152.72/month	\$9,784.04/month
With vision plan	\$81.76/month	\$114.24/month

- UPMC rates:

Plan	Without Mr. Cadwallader and Mrs. Ringler	With Mr. Cadwallader and Mrs. Ringler
PPO 1025 (no deductible)	\$8,159.41/month	\$11,161.28/month
PPO 500 deductible	\$7,989.06/month	\$10,927.91/month
PPO 1000 deductible	\$6,200.24/month	\$8,468.75/month

EPO 1025 (no deductible)	\$7,751.45/month	\$10,601.26/month
EPO 500 deductible	\$7,589.66/month	\$10,378.82/month
Vision	\$80.82/month	\$102.64/month

Mr. Miorelli noted that he has talked with Mr. Cadwallader relative to the insurance; and he asked Mr. Cadwallader to talk about the choices for the coming year. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that he would like to see the Board come up with a set price for insurance so that we could look at certain plans. Mr. Miorelli questioned if Mr. Cadwallader would go further and tell the employees what the Board talked about relative to the choices this year. Mr. Cadwallader replied that he would like to have the Board come up with a set price to see what plans we want to have the employees look at. Mr. Miorelli noted that he had brought up the fact at a previous meeting relative to the situation that some employees are currently in and the fact that they are currently under medical care. He commented that perhaps next year the Board should agree with one plan for the employees; and if the employees want to venture off of that plan, they would have to pay the difference. Mr. Miorelli pointed out that employers are now presenting a set plan to their employees; and the Authority should also have a similar agreement on this. Mr. Miorelli stated that it would not be fair to the employees to consider something this year. Mr. Cadwallader questioned if we should have one set plan to propose for the 2018 budget, to which Mr. Miorelli replied affirmatively. Attorney Barbin questioned if the Board would be looking to renew with Highmark this year and then look at something different next year, to which Mr. Miorelli replied affirmatively. Mr. Miorelli commented that we could then obtain quotes from Highmark next year, and then also obtain other quotes for comparison. Mr. Cadwallader questioned if what the Board is stating is that we would want to stay with what we have currently for this year, to which Mr. Miorelli replied affirmatively. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that the employees would then have the \$750 deductible plan that they have currently or they could change to the \$250 deductible plan and pay the difference, to which the Board agreed.

ON MOTION OF MR. MARK CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO RENEW THE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN WITH HIGHMARK FOR THE SAME PLANS CURRENTLY IN PLACE AT THE ABOVE NOTED PREMIUMS. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND AND MR. YETSKO.

Mr. Yetsko questioned if the employees have been given the health insurance information to look at, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that he did not review the information with the employees as yet in that he wanted to review it with the Board first. He will be providing the information to the employees tomorrow and then will be having a meeting with them on Monday. Mr. Miorelli noted that he would be available for the meeting with the employees on Monday.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

In the absence of Mr. Beyer, Mr. Sewalk noted that Mr. Beyer had provided a written report prior to the meeting.

Mr. Sewalk commented that the Board did meet following the last Board meeting to review the proposed long range plan and set a priority list. He indicated that the Benscreek water permit was sent to DEP, to which Mr. Cadwallader interjected that the permit has been received back from DEP.

Mr. Sewalk apprised the Board that the deadline for submission of requests for the Small Water and Sewer Grant is October; however, this was placed on hold because of the current State budget. He indicated that there is no status change on the Mountain Avenue project. No information has been received relative to the Route 53 water line relocation. Mr. Cadwallader commented that the last information he received on this project was that it was going to be tabled until 2018 or possibly 2020.

As it relates to the priority list for the long range plan, Mr. Castel pointed out that there are a lot of projects on the list where we would have to determine if they could be done in-house. One of the projects would be the larger tank on Munster Road where we would need more land. Attorney Barbin indicated that we would have to negotiate to acquire the property; and, if not, we would be looking at condemnation. Mr. Cadwallader stated that the nuns that live on Munster Road have already requested that the Authority get water access to them. He commented that this may involve having Muster Township approving a mandatory tap ordinance, to which Attorney Barbin interjected that the Authority could not do the project unless the mandatory tap ordinance was in place. Mr. Sewalk noted that the mandatory tap has to be within so many feet, to which Attorney Barbin pointed out that it would be 150 feet. Mr. Cadwallader explained that we have accomplished in-house projects as large as 5,000 feet of pipe; however, when this was done, it was every day of the summer with other than the normal breaks being addressed in the interim. Mr. Yetsko emphasized that it is less cost to do a project in-house, to which Mr. Sewalk agreed, pointing out that it is a real effort to do a project in-house; however, it is considerably less money.

Mr. Craig Castel stated that he believes the Authority should look at getting the loans paid off sooner so that we can look at doing projects sooner. Mr. Sewalk commented that the grants are all dependent on the State budget. Mr. Cadwallader stated that with all of the concerns with the disasters in Texas and Florida, all of the monies are going to be shifted to FEMA to address those disasters because there is going to be a lot of contamination in the water lines, water plants, etc. Mr. Mark Castel stated that, with the long range plan, it all depends on the monies that are available. Attorney Barbin commented that at least the Board has the priority list set for the projects that need addressed, to which Mr. Sewalk agreed. Mr. Cadwallader commented that DEP always questions if we have a long range plan and if we are planning for future upgrades. Mr. Sewalk stated that it is always a positive thing to have one or two projects ready to go once a grant becomes available. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that we can always have a list prepared of shovel ready projects that could be completed but sometimes they may include consent orders. Mr. Sewalk pointed out that, once a grant is received, they want to see the money spent quickly. He commented that DEP always likes to see that you have a plan for improving your water system. Mr. Cadwallader stated that, if the Board is in agreement with what was provided, he can get a plan together based on the priority list that was agreed upon. In that way, if we obtain a grant for a certain amount of money, we would then have a list of projects and then determine what project would fit that amount of money. Mr. Cadwallader commented that this is basically how the Authority addressed plans in the last long range plan. Attorney Barbin pointed out that the Martindale line, because of the cost of the project, basically waited until the end of the plan; and then the Authority did a PennVest project because of the cost. Mr. Cadwallader agreed, pointing out that a similar project was in Jamestown with the Twin Lakes project which was addressed with BAMR monies. Mr. Sewalk pointed out that EADS regularly checks relative what grants are available. Mr. Cadwallader noted that, in the past, there were also additional funding sources available that do not exist now. Mr. Sewalk emphasized that, if you are prepared, you stand a much better chance of receiving the grant monies.

Mr. Mark Castel questioned the current condition of the roofs on the buildings, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that we would have to check. He commented that when they put a metal roof down, they do not use treated boards and he wonders what happens to the metal roof once the boards rot out from a leak. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that we could look at the price difference between the cost of shingles and metal, but he does know that the metal is cheaper. Attorney Barbin questioned if you could use treated wood, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that he would have to check into this. Mr. Mark Castel pointed out that the important thing is that a lot of the smaller projects on the priority list could be done in-house. Mr. Cadwallader agreed indicating that, with the equipment we have available, it is to our advantage. Attorney Barbin pointed out that we also have employees that know how to use the equipment.

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Barbin commented that he did provide his report prior to the meeting.

Attorney Barbin stated that that action will be needed by the Board to approve the Agreement of Sale with Angels Coal Trust. Originally, it was 229 acres; however, it is actually 222 acres which does not include the land underneath the powerline. The cost of the purchase would be \$815 per acre. The total cost of the purchase for 222 acres would be \$180,930. Attorney Barbin noted that Angels Coal Trust has agreed to the written Agreement of Sale. He noted that, when you purchase land from Angels Coal Trust, Attorney Neighbauer obtains the title certificate.

Attorney Barbin pointed out that the cost of the purchase of \$180,930 includes an \$1,800 transfer tax for the Authority and \$1,800 transfer tax for Cooney, which is always the practice and which is included in the agreement and would include condemnation of the land covered in the agreement. In the event that the transaction does not close, the seller agrees to withdraw the resolution of condemnation without claim for damages. The condemnation resolution is one of the exemptions to the transfer tax; i.e., the property condemned is not subject to the transfer tax. Attorney Barbin pointed out that the Board would be agreeing to the purchase of \$180,930; however, there may be an additional recording cost of only \$120.

ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. MARK CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE AGREEMENT OF SALE OF THE PROPERTY WITH ANGELS COAL TRUST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,930 (22 ACRES). BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND AND MR. YETSKO.

ON MOTION OF MR. MARK CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. CRAIG CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONDEMNATION OF THE LAND RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE PURCHASE AS PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND AND MR. YETSKO.

XI. FORESTER'S REPORT

No report.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Employee Issues

No employee issues to be presented.

Relative to the hiring of an additional employee, Mr. Yetsko commented that this would depend on the cost of a new employee and whether it could be withstood in the budget. Mr. Gartland questioned the need for an additional employee, to which Mr. Miorelli replied that we did lose two employees that were not replaced; and we currently have one employee on Workers Compensation and one employee on light duty. Mr. Cadwallader noted that the employee on Workers Compensation will probably not be back until the beginning of the year. Mr. Mark Castel indicated that if we do not have anyone wanting to step up and learn Mr. Cadwallader's position, perhaps we should look for someone that would. Mr. Miorelli agreed, indicating that is where we were at with one employee that was currently off. He noted that this is perhaps something that the Board should consider for discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Miorelli pointed out that we could be considering advertising for full time, part time or temporary; and we could then run the employees through a probationary period.

- Blue Knob Poker Run

Discussed earlier in the meeting

- Electrical Quotes

Discussed earlier in the meeting

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- MMO Worksheet

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

- Health Insurance Renewal

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Adjustments

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

- Allegheny Ridge Farm

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

- Employee Purchases

Mr. Yetsko questioned the current policy on employee purchases through the Water Authority, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that there is no policy; however, to his knowledge, this is not occurring. Attorney Barbin pointed out that this has been made clear by the Board in the past that this is not allowed. Mr. Yetsko commented that he would like to have available at each meeting the purchases that have been made under petty cash. Mr. Cadwallader pointed out that those expenditures would be included under Agent's Expenditures. If there were no expenditures, a report would not be available. Mr. Yetsko commented that he would still like to see a report each month.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. CRAIG CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. GARTLAND, THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:40 P.M. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND, AND MR. YETSKO.

XVI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary