

**Bowmanstown Borough Authority Meeting
February 19, 2020
Minutes**

The Bowmanstown Borough Authority meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jerry Hall, Chairman Vice Chairman – Joseph Civitella, Treasurer – Mathew Behler, Secretary – Darren Thomas, Member –John Spirk , Clerk - Tara Takerer, Mark Bahnick – Engineer and Neil Ettinger – Solicitor. Absent Water Plant Operator – Craig LaBarre.

Visitors:

No visitors present.

An executive session was called at 7:05pm to discuss employment/litigation issues, came out of executive session at 7:17 p.m. No motions/decisions/actions were taken in Exec Session

- **A motion was made by John Spirk, 2nd Joseph Civitella to send a letter to Craig LaBarre ~Portland Contractors and Borough Council to advise the Water Authority had no involvement with the advertisement in the Times News, Motion carried.**

Approval for :

- **A motion was made by Darren Thomas, 2nd Jerry Hall to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020 Authority meeting, Motion carried.**
- **A motion was made by Joseph Civitella, 2nd Mathew Behler to approve the water treasurer's report dated February 18, 2020 along with Inhance adjustments, Motion carried.**
- **A motion was made by Joseph Civitella, 2nd John Spirk to approve the purchase of all necessary meters for the Meter Change Out Program at a cost of \$45,090, Motion carried.**
- The Board would like Craig LaBarre to talk with Joe Liberti, Innovative Controls, regarding the warranties, scope of work, or what kind of guarantee comes with the SCADA completion quote of \$33,100.20. At time of completion will SCADA be up to date without continuing update costs
- **A motion was made by Joseph Civitella, 2nd John Spirk to authorize Portland Contractors to clean lines and rebuild pumps as the caustic levels are going down, Motion carried.**
- **A motion was made by Joseph Civitella, 2nd John Spirk to purchase paint per the new trespassing law, and mark the Authority trees along property lines, Motion carried.**

Solicitor –

- Closing of First Northern Loan occurred February 4th. Loan monies of \$101,460.18 were deposited into Capital Reserve.
- Greg Sander declined the Authority lease to purchase offer of 930 Fireline Road. Greg is still offering to rent the land for \$100.00 per month, the Authority declined his offer.

☐ Engineer –

- Nothing to report

Other Business-

- Stone Ridge Manor annual meeting will be held Thursday, Feb 20, at Faith Alive Church; starting at 6:30pm, Board members welcome to attend.
- Auditors will start reviewing 2019 books on Feb 24 & 25th

Property/Water Operations –

- Bridge was repaired by the Borough Crew by Well#1 on January 6, 2020.
- Water was shut off to 737 Lehigh Street, property going up for Sheriff sale. **A motion was made by John Spirk, 2nd Joseph Civitella to authorize the Solicitor to file a municipal lien on this property, Motion carried.**
- Dirty water was reported at 458 Forge Street on February 6, 2020. Craig instructed the Boro crew to flush hydrant on Forge Street.
- Water pipes broke at 265 Manor Drive, 102,000 gallons went through meter, Borough Crew shut off the water at curb and the homeowner was notified.
- Shut off valve in front of 613 Ore Street is sticking out above the ground. Borough crew will be instructed to investigate and repair as needed.
- Mark Savacool, 701 Fireline Road, sent an email regarding his water meter and would like the meter changed. Tara explained to him that there is a water meter change out program in place and his meter will be addressed in the very near future. Items to be addressed tabled until after water operator input/meter change out program,
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☐ Correspondence:

Subject:	Date:	Summary:
Boro Minutes	1/6/2020 2/4/2020	Minutes distributed to Board for review
PEMA Seminar	3/3/2020	Location: CCEMA, 1264 Emergency Lane, Nesquehoning, starts at 6:30pm. Advise if attending

☐ Adjournment:

Motion was made by Joseph Civitella, 2nd John Spirk to adjourn meeting at 7:38 PM, motion carried.

Pending List

- 3 New Hydrants are stored at Trivalley. Borough Crew to Install.
- Valve on Green & Mill St must be replaced; Craig advised he informed
- Water Inventory needed at Tri-Valley. Craig spoke to Crew to do on a rainy day
- New curb stop valve needed at 80 Towhee Drive
- Craig to dig up the 2" conduit to find where the pipe is cracked and repair as needed at Chlorine Building; due to water coming in Electrical box.(2/2018)
- Chris Koch – dirty water issues Forge Street apartments

