

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**WYALUSING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**50 SENATE STREET**  
**WYALUSING, PA 18853**  
**Regular Meeting – October 08th, 2024**

- **Call to Order**

The Wyalusing Municipal Authority held their scheduled monthly meeting on October 08th, 2024, at the Wyalusing Borough Hall. Jeannie Woodruff called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following were in attendance: Ron Masters, Aaron Woodruff, Brad Kintner, Steve Campbell (WWTP Operator), Abigail Snyder (Secretary), and Heather Snyder attended as a guest.

**Absent:** Heather VanDeMark, John Keeney, Doug Eberlin (WMA PM), Brooks Blemle (WB Liaison)

**Liaison:** Brooks Blemle

- **Doug Eberlin – Project Manager**

- Absent – no report provided

- **Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes for September 10th, 2024**

- Monthly Meeting – Ron Masters motioned to pass the minutes. Aaron Woodruff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Delinquent and Meter Issue List**

The board reviewed the delinquent lists.

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- **Treasury Report**

The Municipal Authority bills were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Ron Masters, seconded by Brad Kintner to approve/pay the WMA bills. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Financial Report**

The board reviewed the Financial Reports.

- PennVest Loan Review
- Application #4
- PA Small Water Grant – 2 Applications
  - i. Envirep & FlowTech
  - ii. M.R. Dirt
- Bank Resolutions

- **Borough Report**

Brooks Blemle was absent. Abigail Snyder acted as Liaison.

- **Sewer Plant Report**

The following comments were presented to the board in the written report prepared by Steve Campbell:

- Influent Flow: \*flowmeter has been taken offline for construction
- Effluent Flow: 1,381,700(46,057 daily average).
- 12,600 gallons of sludge were hauled this month.
- NPDES permit renewal will possibly take over a year to receive. DEP is “significantly” behind.
- On September 5th we had a surprise DEP inspection of the WWTP facilities. No violations or deficiencies found. He was pleased to see the headworks nearing completion.
- I am having an issue with one aeration blower (#3) leaking oil. I will be taking it offline to tear down and install new gaskets when they are available.
- On the 23rd I discovered that the Rt. 6 lift station had tripped the main power at the WWTP, and there was no flow coming into the plant. Upon investigation, I found that the VFD for pump #2 was burned up and for some reason had tripped the main. Because of this, there was no power to the alarm dialer to notify me of high levels. I had Northend Electric on site to replace the VFD and wiring, as well as program it. I had a VFD on hand that they installed, and I have ordered another to replace that one. I am looking to replace the archaic dialer system we have now with a new system that has battery backup capabilities. I am working with Costream to get something designed for us.
- On the 20th the school called to inform me that there was water coming from the manhole between the football field and cemetery. We had Crawford come in and suck the manhole out. We found that the air release valve for the force main coming from the lift station at the school was leaking. I got a quote from ESC to replace the valve, however nobody seems to know whose responsibility it is. I cannot find any information that states that we are responsible for or own the lines from the lift station across the school property. Gary Otis is researching on his end as well. I know we own the lift station; however, we do not have any easements for anything. Either way, it is going to have to be repaired. The quote I got from ESC was \$3425.00. I propose we move forward with the repair ASAP and figure out the details later. Maybe we can come to an agreement to pay 50% if no proof of ownership is found. We need to establish this in case of future repairs.
- Working with Mestek to locate and repair a blockage on one of their sewer laterals. They are digging to the main Tomorrow morning (October 9th)
- Headworks project.
- The screen unit is hooked up and operational, however, it is not in operation. There are a few things that still need to be done by Middendorf so that the screen can be lowered into the channel correctly. They “hope” to have those items complete in the next two weeks.
- They are currently waiting on a few items that have not arrived on site or have not been ordered. One item is the gas monitor that is to be installed to detect any dangerous gases such as Hydrogen Sulfide and Methane. Without it we cannot close the building or operate the screen. They were submitted to Milnes Engineering today (October 8th) for approval before being ordered. If we do not hear anything from Milnes by the end of the day on Thursday, I will contact them on Friday for an update.

- I am working on fencing and gate options with Chris Wood. Milnes originally had the fence and gate all the way out to Riverside drive. I deemed this unnecessary and eliminated most of the fencing. We now have the fence coming straight into the northwest side of the building and continuing out the southeast side of the building with a gate incorporated on the driveway access road. Because of the grade and numerous obstacles, we are looking to come off the east corner of the building with the gate and have a slide gate installed that will mount to the east side of the building.
- There was nothing in the design to replace the pavement from the generator to the new building. The pavement that is in the back by the generator is in bad shape and should be replaced as well. The new access road that was changed was slated to be paved. I am working with Chris Wood to incorporate some of this paving into the area by the generator and back access gate down to the new building.
- The design does not have a plan for drainage. We had heavy rain two weekends ago and it flooded the basement of the office with a couple inches of water. This has never happened before. Part of the idea of having the pavement replaced in the back, down to the new building, would include having a swale built to direct runoff away from the office and shed and into a culvert that would be installed along the concrete pad at the back entrance to the screen building, and then directed between the shed and building to daylight. There is also no plan for grading the eastern slope. Right now, it is planned to just grade it down to the building, however this will create a washout condition around the ends of the building. Despite all my objections, there were no foundation drains installed around the building, and This will cause issues.
- I have continued to note that the cracks in the foundation walls have not been properly repaired with epoxy.
- WTP
- 2,252,864 (75,095 daily average) gallons pumped from the Ballpark well.
- 7,472 gallons pumped from Welles well.
- Taylorville flushing hydrant I met with PennDOT three weeks ago to go over what we were trying to accomplish. They are not comfortable with us discharging treated water into their culvert. They are looking for guidance from DEP on this issue. I have been in discussions with both the drinking water and wastewater side of DEP. I am waiting for clarification on the rules for discharge of chlorinated water. Over the month of September, we ran 145,847 gallons of water through the Taylorville hydrant to waste.
- Thomas Dunn was in and pulled the well. He replaced the wiring and check valve. We still currently have a large amount of air in the system. I have exhausted all of mine and other people's ideas. The last two possibilities are a leak in the system is causing it or the well is just being pumped down and causing the air. I installed the new well water level probe and have the quote from Costream for the monitoring equipment in your packet for review. I have been searching for a leak now for some time. It is apparent that there is a leak, but it shouldn't be large enough to create an issue with air. Leak detection is ongoing.
- North End Electric will be in next week to install the new well controls at the ballpark well.
- Working on the Lead Service Line Inventory and replacing meters.
- I'm still working on line flushing and hydrant maintenance, as well as annual main valve exercise.

- The Welles mill fire hydrant claim was approved and paid. I have the work scheduled for October 22nd. I am relocating the hydrant to the main line in the rear of Century farms meats and having the broken hydrant line dug up and capped. The original quoted amount has changed to reflect this. Please review.
- Work authorization from JHA for the LSA Statewide grant and bid package for the Water storage tank access and upgrades.
- Costream quote for well level monitoring equipment.
- Water and sewer line easements for the Welles water system.
- New fortress Energy site. I spoke with Greyson Remington of the Timmons group last week regarding sewer and water availability to the sight. Currently, there are two warehouses and an A.I. management hub that are being proposed for construction. He expressed interest in extending the water and sewer facilities to the sight. We also discussed the interest in installing a water storage tank for capacity. He will be getting back to me with more information in the coming weeks.
- **New Business:**
  - JHA Engineering Zoom Meeting 09-12-2024
  - JHA Authorization for Tank Easement
  - Insurance claim for hydrant
  - Browntown
- **Unfinished Business:**
- **Executive Session:**
- **Adjournment**

The Wyalusing Municipal Authority adjourned the October meeting at 7:43 p.m. Ron Masters made the motion to adjourn, Aaron Woodruff seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held on November 12th, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Wyalusing Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Abigail Snyder  
Wyalusing Municipal Authority Secretary