

Milton Municipal Utilities Commission

Minutes – January 5, 2021 Meeting



Mayor Tom Canterbury called the Utilities Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those present were: Mayor Canterbury, Commissioners Miller, Chittum and Meadows, Charlie Conard, Jessica Ramsey, Chantall Kirk and Susan Elliott. Commissioner Chastain was absent.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Meadows. Motion Carried.

Mayor Canterbury read the minutes from the December 2020 meeting. Commissioner Miller moved to approve the minutes. Second by Commissioner Meadows. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the bills totaling \$201,512.55, an itemized copy of which is posted in the lobby of City Hall. Second by Commissioner Chittum. Motion carried.

Office Utilities Update:

Requests for leak adjustments were presented to the Board, all of which were approved.

The proposed 18th draw for the Sewer Project was presented in the amount of \$599.00. The Board moved to send the proposal to City Council for approval.

The Board reviewed the Monthly Water Collection Efficiency Report.

Attorney Bragg has reviewed the pending West Virginia American Water contract, and some modifications were made. The Board moved to send the contract to City Council for approval.

The RPOC contract is still in negotiations.

The decision was made to no longer utilize a call center for our after-hours water emergencies. Instead, the calls will go directly to our emergency phone and be answered by our employee who is on call.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Office Utilities Update. Second by Commissioner Chittum. Motion carried.

Thrasher Engineer Report:

Corey Smith stated that they have obtained acquisitions for property owned by Mr. Hoops and the Milton Flea Market to use for the Sewer Project. Negotiations with Jim's Camping are ongoing. Eric Albright is working to contact the Mud River Land Trust but has not heard back from them at this time. Once everything is signed, the job will go to bid and can be published in the newspaper. Right now, we are at 70% to 80% of acquisitions signed.

Commissioner Miller asked about upgrades to the Water Plant and was told by Johnathan Carpenter that we could possibly make upgrades as maintenance but building a new Water Plant would need to go before the Public Service Commission. He feels that the PSC may deem new construction as cost prohibitive. A discussion about water plant upgrades can be put on the agenda for our next board meeting.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Thrasher Engineer Report. Second by Commissioner Meadows Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Second by Commissioner Meadows. Motion carried.

Tom Canterbury, Mayor