Municipal Authority of Conneaut Lake
Board Meeting
May 8, 2023

Members – Carl McLean, Alan Baldarelli, James Tigri, Chris Gates
Members attending via Conference Call – Mario DeBlasio
Others – Jeff Youngs (filling in for Brian Cagle), Steve Halmi, Robert Morrow, Angela Perrine

Carl McLean called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

Mario DeBlasio made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Conneaut School District litigation. Mario DeBlasio seconded the motion. Alan Baldarelli seconded the motion. Roll call – unanimous – yea. (Motion carried)

Executive Session to discuss Conneaut School District litigation began at 6:33 p.m. Executive Session ended at 7:40 p.m. and regular meeting resumed at that time.

Jeff Youngs left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Steve Halmi recommended MACL move forward with the analysis from Groundwater Resources. Bob Morrow reiterated the importance of continuing with this process, as well. Bob stated if well #1 is operated by itself within a day or so he notices suction is breaking.

Carl McLean made a motion to move forward with this agreement once MACL has land acquisition agreement signed to move forward with Phase II test drilling. Alan Baldarelli seconded the motion Roll call was taken: unanimous – yea. (Motion carried)

Steve Halmi also suggested MACL signal to Groundwater Resources that MACL is ready to proceeded with them. Steve stated he will contact Groundwater Resources and make them aware MACL is ready to proceed with them. Steve also reiterated to the board members the importance of getting land agreements as soon as possible.

Steve Halmi mentioned that Conneaut Lake Joint Municipal Authority (CLJMA) contacted him stating as part of their sewer upgrade project they would like to further study the flow of water going into MACL's pump station. CLJMA asked for permission to meter the flow as it enters the pump station at one of the manholes upstream of the pump station. Steve stated he discussed this matter with Bob Morrow, and they granted CLJMA permission.

Mario DeBlasio made a motion that MACL make an informal offer to sell the property treatment facility for zero dollars so long as it's done in the next 90 days and CLJMA give us 500 square feet of dry temperature-controlled storage with a minimum ceiling height of 10 feet with concrete floors and garage door access. Jim Tigri seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: unanimous – yea. (Motion carried.)

Steve Halmi stated he would contact CLJMA and let them know of this offer.

Carl McLean suggested MACL send out a letter to customers in the vicinity of Sixth Steet informing them of work being done on Sixth Street. Steve Halmi stated he would draft a letter and identify who the property owners are that would need to receive said letter. Steve told Angela Perrine he would get this information to her and then she could send out the letters to those specified customers.

Steve Halmi stated the water tower inspection revealed full interior refurbishing is warranted. He stated that the inspection revealed the exterior could get another overcoat out of that paint rather than a full blast on the exterior.

Steve Halmi added there will need to be DEP permitting associated with the work on the tower. In addition, MACL will need to coordinate for a means to keep the system in operation while the tank is down. Steve also added that waiting until next year to do said repairs next year, doesn't appear to be an issue.

Bob Morrow mentioned SOC testing is done every 3 years. However about 12 years ago, MACL had a positive on an SOC which caused a reaction of having to test yearly for this. However, subsequently we haven't ever had a positive read. Bob was wandering if Steve Halmi could petition the DEP to get MACL onto a 3-year SOC testing program again. Seve Halmi told Bob that he would do that.

Steve Halmi left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Carl McLean and Mario DeBlasio agreed to work on MACL's budget again this year.

Carl McLean made a motion MACL board members only pay the minimum usage charge each month. Jim Tigri seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: unanimous – yea. (Motion carried)

After researching MACL board members water usage, the average water savings per month is approximately $10.42 per month when paying the minimum usage charge.

Mario DeBlasio recommended we average out the historical value amongst all the members and put it in the minutes. Carl McLean agreed he would do that.

Mario DeBlasio left the conference call at 8:45 p.m.

Carl McLean made a motion to approve the audit draft (from McGill Power, Bell & Associates) provided there is a final review with McGill, Power, bell & Associates. Chris Gates seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: unanimous – yea. (Motion carried)

Carl McLean made a motion to add discussion of Barr's Insurance renewal to the Agenda. Jim Tigri seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: unanimous – yea. (Motion carried)

Carl McLean made a motion to approve the insurance renewal (from Barr's Insurance) as it stands. Jim Tigri seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: unanimous – yea. (Motion carried)

Minutes of previous meeting – (Tigri/Baldarelli)
Profit and Loss Statement – (McLean/Baldarelli)
Aged Accounts **–** Reviewed
Bills presented for payment –(Gates/Tigri)

Adjournment – 8:56pm (Baldarelli/Gates)