

REGULAR MEETING

April 1, 2025

6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of the Municipal Authority of the City of Sunbury, County of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, was held Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Authority Administrative Building, 462 South Fourth Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

The following were in attendance:

Norman Koch, Chairman
Thomas McBryan, Vice Chairman
Larry Welfer, Board Member
Thomas Krieger, Board Member
David Persing, Asst Secretary/Treasurer
Cory Fasold, Secretary / Treasurer
Jerome Alex, Board Member
Jason Neidig, General Manager
Matthew Billman, Wastewater Department Manager
Patrick Bennett, Solid Waste/Recycling Dept Manager
Todd Kerstetter, Solicitor
Patrick Burke, Engineer
Jennifer Kremer, Recording Secretary

Chairman Koch called the meeting to order, and Larry Welfer led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Chairman Koch stated that nobody was present for public discussion.

-Chairman Koch presented the meeting minutes from March 4, 2025. There being no corrections on motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by David Persing, the minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Matt reviewed his report and discussed ongoing items since the last meeting. He asked Pat Burke to give an update on the Guigi's situation. Pat Burke said Guigi's plumber, Eric Kline, has been in touch with him and they determined the correct size trap to be used and is expected to install the trap in April.

Matt then stated that the waiver form has been signed by the property owners, the Dippels, at 141 N Sixth Street. The threaded drain plug cap was installed at their property on March 4th. The Sewer Department has now also installed the backflow preventer and there have been no reported problems. The two sidewalk slabs still need to be installed, then the work here will be complete.

Matt reported that he has no updates on the Short Street project at this time. There has been no severe weather to determine if the studies are correct.

Matt stated the street crew is working on replacing catch basins in the alleys that the city is going to have paved this year. The Sewer Department has installed four basins so far.

Next Matt said the Chapter 94 report to DEP has been submitted.

Matt also reported that on March 19th DEP came for a CSO inspection, but he has not yet received their review.

Matt then presented Resolution 2025-03 which is for the PENDOT Business Partner ID. Resolution was reviewed and signed on a motion made by Cory Fasold, seconded by Tom Kreiger. Motion carried. Todd Kerstetter then presented the application for access to PENDOT's electronic system.

Next Matt presented three options for the networking and security for the internet and pump station lockdowns. Matt recommended using Keystone Engineering. After discussion, Matt was asked to gather more specific information and send it to the Board, so it can be voted on at a later date.

Solid Waste and Recycling MANAGER'S REPORT

Pat started by reporting that tonnage for March bested last March by 326.07 tons.

Pat said that on March 13th-17th, the Edmunds system went down and the Transfer Station had to operate using hand tickets.

Next, Pat stated the 2024 Waste Tire Report was submitted, as well as the permit renewal.

There were no radiation hits for the month of March.

Recycling sold another trailer load of mixed goods to Jeff's Recycling.

Pat also said the Northumberland County Annual Report was completed and submitted on March 7th, 2025.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Jason reported that the second public meeting for the BRIC grant will be held on April 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm to review the details of the grant application for the Toe Drain project. All local politicians, EMS personnel, etc. have been invited.

Jason next talked about the class action suit regarding Microplastics and PFAS. Attorney King requested information on all PFAS tests to date, as well as annual water production numbers. They have requested we fill their sample bottles so they can do their own testing. Funds have already been allocated for this lawsuit.

Jason stated that six employees attended the PA Rural Water annual conference this year on Tuesday March 24th – March 28th. He had the opportunity to sit on a panel for Entech to discuss attracting, retaining and retraining the next generation. It was very informative.

Jason then reminded everyone that the City Cleanup is April 8-10th from 1-7pm.

He also reported that the Little Shamokin Creek Watershed cleanup is on Saturday April 12th. There are about 20-25 scouts lined up to help this year. The Authority donates the use of trucks and equipment to help with this effort.

Lastly, Jason said he heard from Jim Eister with the City. They have been working on repairing a large leak at the Community Pool that has been happening for a while and finally located the source of the leak. They will be repairing it shortly and thanked us for our assistance.

On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Larry Welfer, it was moved to accept the Managers' Reports. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Pat Burke reviewed his submitted report. Entech is progressing with the design of the proposed sewer and water line replacements on the Packer Street project between 3rd Street and Kreamer Avenue. The field surveying and base mapping have been completed. Entech is expediting the design schedule to meet the city's deadlines. Entech is also developing an estimated cost to construct a storm sewer main within the project limits. A motion was made by Tom Krieger, seconded by Cory Fasold, to allow Entech to proceed with the design. Motion carried. Pat is also to get a task order proposal to the Board.

The other items on Pat's report were previously discussed or had no board action required.

On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Tom Krieger, it was moved to accept the Engineer's Report. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Kerstetter reviewed his report and agreed with Matt Billman that the Dippel matter is resolved. He suggested the Authority continue to evaluate that area at N Sixth Street to see if there is an underlying problem with surcharged lines. The Board had discussion in that direction and Matt Billman will continue to monitor the area.

Todd then said he helped coordinate a response to evaluate a potential microplastics claim with Joel Wiest.

Todd is also working with Jason and evaluating advice from our labor attorneys regarding the game plan for an employee with a marijuana card that wants to give it up.

On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to accept the Solicitor's Report as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A discussion was held regarding Packer Street. Right now the project is for sanitary sewer replacement. Matt and Pat Burke also brought an estimate to the table for adding in Storm Separation costs of \$440,000.00 for consideration. After a discussion, a motion was made by Tom Krieger, seconded by Cory Fasold, to approve up to \$30,000 for Entech to develop a design.

Another discussion was then started by Jason regarding Resolution 2025-02 for a PA DCED Small Water and Sewer Grant for the UV system. The grant amount is \$500,000 with the total project costing

\$711,000. On a motion made by Tom McBryan, seconded by Tom Krieger, it was moved to approve Resolution 2025-02.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom McBryan asked that in the future the Authority shows on their financial sheets a list of debt obligations for projects about every three months.

COMMENTS

None.

The list of expenditures from March 19-April 1, 2025, was presented for payment. On motion of Cory Fasold, seconded by Larry Welfer, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

The board then went into an Executive Session at 7:15 pm to discuss a personnel issue.

Executive Session ended at 7:51 pm.

Upon returning to regular session, the board confirmed no further discussion was needed.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman

Approved:

Solicitor