

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**August 11, 2025**

**3:00 P.M.**

A special meeting of the Board of the Municipal Authority of the City of Sunbury, County of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, was held Monday August 11, 2025, at 3:00 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  
Jennifer Kremer, Recording Secretary  
Derrick Backer, City Administrator

Chairman Koch called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Chairman Koch stated that nobody was present for public discussion.

Chairman Koch then called an executive session to discuss the hiring of a new General Manager. Executive session started at 3:06 pm. The group reconvened back into regular session at 3:46 pm.

Mr. Derrick Backer was then invited into the meeting to discuss the position of General Manager, for which he was interviewing. A discussion was held to sort out details of the position.

Derrick stated that he needed to give a two-week notice to the City as his current employer, as per his contract. His start date would be Tuesday August 26, 2025 with SMA.

Mr. Koch asked Mr. Backer if he would accept the job offer to become the new Authority General Manager and Mr. Backer accepted. The agreed upon salary is \$80,000 per year.

On a motion made by Tom Krieger, and seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to hire Derrick Backer as the new General Manager at a salary of \$80,000 per year. One nay vote by Mr. Larry Welfer. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Tom Krieger began a discussion on getting the board’s approval for the high school football team to store a cannon inside the fence at the Sewer department for this year’s season. They will fire the cannon with yellow smoke when the football team scores. They carry their own insurance and are just asking to be able to keep the cannon inside the fence for security purposes. Everyone agreed this was okay.

A discussion was then had regarding Pat Bennett possibly stepping back as the Flood Department Manager and putting a majority of his time back into the Solid Waste and Recycling Departments. Talk of hiring another person to fill this void, as well as possibly help oversee some of the other departments was held. Will discuss more at length at a future meeting.

Cory then stated that some information from Purdy insurance regarding renewals needed to be reviewed and asked everyone to look at it.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Chairman

Approved:

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Recording Secretary