

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**August 19, 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, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Authority Administrative Building, 462 South Fourth Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

The following were in attendance:

Thomas McBryan, Vice Chairman  
Cory Fasold, Secretary/Treasurer  
David Persing, Asst Secretary/Treasurer  
Thomas Krieger, Board Member  
Jerome Alex, Board Member  
Brian Michaels, Water Department Manager  
Patrick Burke, Engineer  
Kathy Paige, Recording Secretary

Vice Chairman McBryan called the meeting to order and Cory Fasold led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Vice Chairman McBryan stated that nobody was present for public discussion.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Vice Chairman McBryan presented the meeting minutes from July 15, 2025. There being no corrections on motion of Thomas Krieger, seconded by Cory Fasold, the minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Vice Chairman McBryan asked the Board if everyone had a chance to review the financial reports. Cory had a question but will bring it up later in the meeting. On motion of David Persing, seconded by Thomas Krieger, the Financial Reports were accepted. Motion carried.

### **WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Brian reviewed his report and discussed ongoing items since the last meeting.

Brian reported that the Water Department replaced 100 feet of 1-inch galvanized pipe with 2-inch PVC pipe at S. River Ave. & Linden Street for the city paving project on Linden Street. The Water Department also ran a new service for a house at 151 Fairmount Avenue. The Water Department replaced an old 2-inch galvanized service with a new 2-inch CTS service at 115 Fairmount Avenue and cut service at the main at 416 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Brian stated he was asked to explain the Sourcewell contract. Brian explained that it's a program like COSTARS and some of the equipment not on COSTARS is on Sourcewell. The Municipal Authority is already a

member of Sourcewell. The Water Department will be purchasing an air compressor through Sourcewell. Brian attached a more detailed explanation of the Sourcewell contract in the Board packet. Thomas McBryan asked if the water department can buy chemicals from COSTARS or Sourcewell. Brian stated that the chemicals go out for bid. Brian also stated he sent the chemical bids out this month to the companies and should have them back for next month's meeting. Jerome Alex asked if Sourcewell handled chemicals or just equipment. Brian replied that he believes it's just equipment.

Brian reported the results were received for the class action lawsuit for PFAS. We were not over the limit for PFAS.

Brian also reported Wesley Rouse is in the process of painting fire hydrants for his eagle scout project.

Brian discussed the tank mixer project. The Water Department ran all the electrical conduits and set the panel for the project. Brian received 3 quotes to run the power from the pole to the panel to get ready for the mixer and SRS Electric was the cheapest quote. Thomas McBryan asked who would be installing the mixer and also how the mixer is set in place. Pat responded that it will be set on the bottom and is held down primarily by its weight. Pat also stated the contractor's name is MB Harbor. The cost of the project is \$96,200 and the total cost will be approximately \$110,000. The budget was \$120,000.

Brian also stated the Water Department installed a new 5 HP motor for the air compressor in the plant. The Water Department fixed the line on the potassium permanganate pump. Motor Tech was up and did a vibration test on the pumps at the plant and the river plant. Matt Seeker was at the plant and did the yearly sampling of the filters as required by DEP.

Brian stated that DEP will visit the plant on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> to do a filter plant performance evaluation. This is done every 3 years.

Brian reported G&R Charles was the lowest bid for the Water Plant Paving Project with a price of \$45,316. A chart of all the bids are attached to the Entech report for the Board's review.

On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by David Persing, it was moved to accept the bid from G&R Charles for \$45,316 and issue a notice of award. Motion carried.

Brian also reported the water department staff helped the office with red tags and shutoffs.

Cory asked if 27% of our water not accounted for is normal. Brian stated that it was normal and Pat stated that percentage was pretty good.

Thomas McBryan asked the Board if they looked at the Authority magazine because there is a good article in it about the AI projects in terms of water usage. They anticipate needing to run an AI facility without having some specialized cooling and it would take around 5 million gallons of water a day. There is a site at the old Celotex. Thomas stated that it's something the Board may want to look into because the 2 main components are power and water. The facility would need river accessibility in terms of getting that kind of water and it would be a great addition to the city.

Jerome asked who pays for the water at the hospital. Brian stated that the water is shut off and he doesn't know who would pay for the water.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Pat Burke submitted his report to the board. Pat reported that PennDot confirmed that the work on the Packer Street project must be completed during the nighttime hours.

Pat stated that he is still working with Brian on where to put the effluent discharge pipe out of number 4 to get it out of the Little Shamokin Creek. Pat heard back from DEP and they will not allow digging within the embankment of 4 or 5 without going through a letter of authorization process which is a scaled down dam safety permit. Pat stated that he would try to stay away from that because they would require an embankment stability analysis on those dams. Pat and Brian are working on an alternative route that would keep the Municipal Authority away from the dams and still allow us to move the outfall to the big Shamokin creek. Pat will have a cost estimate for the next meeting.

Pat next discussed the fluoride removal process. Pat got clarification on the notifications to medical professionals. DEP said dentists and primary care physicians must receive individual letters. They do not need to respond. The Municipal Authority will need to have proof that the letter was sent. Only one letter would need to be sent to a clinic. Pat drafted a public notice message and gave the Board a copy. The Board suggested having the Solicitor review the notice. The Board can't submit the permit application to remove the fluoride until the public notification process is complete. The new General Manager starts next week and the Board would like this to be a priority. Pat stated the cost to amend the operations permit will be \$5,000. Pat also stated that Brian and the water department staff can remove the equipment. Pat will send the letter to Jenn and the Board will have the new General Manager work on this issue next week.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

On motion of Thomas Krieger, seconded by David Persing, it was moved to accept all reports. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jerome started a discussion regarding the new FOG regulations. Jerome stated that the city council seems unaware of the new procedures. Jerome stated the Board needs to have a meeting with the city and the code office about the new FOG policy and the role the city and code office will have. Thomas Krieger reviewed the FOG document and stated the permitting fees would be handled by the city and any damages that occur and any fines handed out would be handled by the Municipal Authority. Thomas stated there appears to be a misunderstanding with who, if anyone, Entech spoke too regarding the new policy. Jerome stated that he brought the topic up at a city council meeting that the Municipal Authority was working on a FOG plan with the engineer but has not discussed the plan with anyone since the Municipal Authority approved it. After some discussion, Jerome will work on planning a meeting with the Municipal Authority, the city, and the code office to discuss the FOG regulations.

Jerome next discussed the Sunshine Law requirements for the Boards awareness. Jerome asked if the agenda is posted on the website. Brian confirmed the agenda is posted on the website.

Thomas McBryan started a discussion on investing in treasury bonds. With the possibility of lowering interest rates, the Board may want to purchase 2 \$500,000 treasury bonds for 20 years. The Board had a discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of buying treasury bonds.

Due to time constraints, on motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by David Persing, it was moved to invest \$500,000 from the sewer department and \$500,000 from the solid waste department to purchase a 20-year treasury bond to be ratified at the next Municipal Authority meeting. Motion carried.

Thomas McBryan next discussed nominating a new representative for SMA at the PMAA Conference. Thomas stated the paperwork needed to be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of August and the Board doesn't believe anyone is able to go to the conference so no new representative was nominated.

Cory had a question regarding checks the Municipal Authority sends to Upper Augusta Township. He received an email from the secretary which stated that the checks are for Upper Augusta Township accounts for customers that haven't paid their bill in over three months. The Authority goes through the process to write-off their accounts and the check is necessary for the write-off procedure. There is some confusion on the process and Thomas McBryan and Cory will talk to the office personnel tomorrow to get some clarification.

Cory next started a discussion on the current insurance coverage for the Municipal Authority. Cory received a phone call from a gentleman who represents an insurance company that insures Authority's. Cory stated that he believes the Board should do its due diligence, talk to the gentleman, and get a quote to see if it's worth exploring. Cory also spoke to the current insurance company and discussed the coverage the Municipal Authority currently has. Cory will forward the current insurance policy to the Board members to review. Cory suggested having the current insurance company come and speak to the Board at a work session about the current coverage and the Board will be able to ask questions. Cory will also contact the gentleman from the other insurance company and get more information on the coverage he could offer. The Board decided to have the current insurance agent attend a work session on a non-meeting night to discuss the current coverage.

#### COMMENTS

None.

The list of expenditures from August 6 – August 19, 2025 was presented for payment. On motion of Thomas Krieger, seconded by Cory Fasold, the list of expenditures was approved for payment with a caveat to investigate the Upper Augusta Township payments. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Recording Secretary

Approved:

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Chairman