

REGULAR MEETING

August 6, 2024

7:00 o'clock, 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 6, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock, P.M. at the Municipal Authority Administrative Building, 462 South Fourth Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

The following were in attendance:

Norman Koch

Thomas Krieger

Thomas McBryan

David Persing

Larry Welfer

Cory Fasold

Tre Bittner, constituting Board Members in attendance

Jason Neidig, Manager

Matthew Billman, Wastewater Department Manager

Patrick Bennett, Solid Waste/Recycling Manager

Brian Killian, Engineer

Michael Balducci, Solicitor

Karen Campbell, Recording Secretary

Mr. Koch called the meeting to order and Mr. Welfer led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no one present for public discussion.

Mr. Koch presented the Minutes of the July 9, 2024 meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There being no additions or corrections, on motion of Cory Fasold, seconded by Dave Persing, the Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Koch called on Jason for the Financial Report. Solid Waste revenue is back in line and ahead by about \$21,000. Recycling revenue is in line of what was anticipated. A 90/10 Grant is anticipated for a new baler at a cost of approximately \$210,000. Wastewater is spot on in income. System expenses is a little behind. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tre Bittner, the Financial Report was accepted as presented. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Matt reviewed his report and discussed activity since the last meeting. Matt's report contained a chart of NPDES and Reported Values monthly averages for C BODS and TSS which he reviewed.

Matt and Jason asked Brian from Entech to discuss some concerns with Aeration basin #4 project with the Board. Mr. McBryan also discussed some issues and asked Matt to run some tests. Discussion followed. Mr. Fasold asked if this is a design flaw that is costing the Authority money. A log is being kept.

The Susquehanna Avenue project was updated. The sewer main is run up to the intersection with Packer Street. The storm line is run to Greenough Street. A total of seven customers elected to replace their laterals.

The Catawissa Avenue project started yesterday. A corrugated pipe was found to be cut off.

Surveying is being done by PennDOT on the South Second Street project. Matt said he was informed that any catch basin within the City limits is the Authority's responsibility even if they are in the PennDOT right-of-way.

On July 20th the south clarifier kept shearing pins. Personnel cleaned the tank and replaced wear items. It was found that there was no drain in the bottom of the clarifier. Matt is developing a better maintenance schedule.

Matt presented a request from Jim Eister on a property on Washington Avenue. He is looking to separate the sewer line. It will be a private lateral after it is installed. Matt said the property owner would be charged a \$1,000 fee for the tap. The question is whether to run the line from the main to the curb or up to the house. A short discussion followed. Jason was asked to put the request on the next agenda.

Matt discussed Unit 6 replacement. He obtained quotes for a 2024 F350 four door thru Co-Stars. Sunbury Motor's price is \$56,065 and Honda's price is \$55,390. Discussion followed on whether a 2024 would still be available. Matt was asked to get prices for a 2025.

Matt obtained a price of \$9,750 to repair two water utility pumps which includes bringing them back and installing them. A new one costs about \$28,000. Tom McBryan made a motion to get them repaired. Tom Krieger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pump #1 in the wet well plant pump has a seal failure. The cost to repair is about \$12,500. To purchase new, \$28,000. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to proceed with the repair. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING REPORT

Pat reviewed his report and discussed activity since the last meeting. The total tonnage this past July topped the tonnage of July 2023 by 3.99 tons.

On July 3rd and again on July 11th there were two radiation hits involving packers. Staff was able to identify it as medical waste and had the trucks moved out in a timely manner. Pat thanked the Board for allowing him to purchase the Flir R25 to detect the radiation. He said it not only saves personnel time but also saves the haulers and Wayne Township a lot of time.

Pat reported on July 3rd and 5th the Transfer Station lost internet which handicapped the scale house by not accepting credit cards, manually tracking weights as well as doing hand tickets. On June 30th the pit scale went down and personnel had to revert to hand tracking weights and trailers. Trailers had to be jockeyed on the scale house scale to check appropriate tonnages. The issues were addressed and taken care of in a timely manner. Pat thanked Scott from Seda Cog and B & M Scales for their services.

A trailer of mixed goods was sold to Jeff's Recycling. Pat sold 17.12 tons of brown glass to Recycall.

Pat's report contained a chart of daily averages for Transfer Station tonnage in July. He also provided July previous tonnages from 2019 thru 2023.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Neidig noted he received the RFP from DIR Solutions. Pat from Entech put Jason in contact with Unlimited Technologies to confirm the details of the RFP. Ron Petrie with Unlimited Technologies and Jason did a walk thru of the Departments. Unlimited has a different perspective on what is needed than DIR. Mr. Fasold is concerned with the lack of fencing. Jason said his main concern is with the Water Plant. Discussion followed.

Jason talked with Rebecca from PennDOT on the South Second Street project. They discussed flow rates and pipe sizes. Jason will continue to be in contact with PennDOT on the details of the project which is now being targeted for completion in 2026.

Customers in the 500-600 blocks of Susquehanna Avenue had their laterals installed and will be billed during the upcoming billing cycle. Most of them have elected to pay the total amount in full.

Jason and Jenn met with Attorney Balducci on the employee handbook. Jenn needs to incorporate the changes. Once done Attorney Balducci will meet with the Personnel Committee and then come back to the full Board to do a final review.

A 20 year bond matured. Mr. McBryan instructed Jason to go with a one year CD with PLGIT.

Jason presented Pay Application #4 from J. P. Environmental in the amount of \$50,587 and Pay Application #5 from J. P. Environmental in the amount of \$25,530. The Applications were tabled and Jason was asked to find out what part of the Applications are related to the SCADA issue.

On motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Larry Welfer, it was moved to approve the Managers' Reports. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Brian said all the items on Pat's written report have been covered by the Managers.

On motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Larry Welfer, it was moved to accept the Engineer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Balducci has talked with Attorney Kerstetter and they are planning to meet on August 20th to bring Attorney Kerstetter up to speed on Authority business.

The other items on Mr. Balducci's report were already discussed by the Managers.

On motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to accept the Solicitor's Report. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The rumor of the City selling the Authority was discussed. Several Board members will attend the upcoming City Council meeting to find out what the City is considering. In the meantime Jason was instructed to tell the employees that the total Board is against any part of the Authority being sold.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The list of expenditures from July 17, 2024 to August 6, 2024 was presented for payment. On motion of Larry Welfer, seconded by Tom McBryan, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Chairman

Approved:

Solicitor