

REGULAR MEETING

February 4, 2025

6:00 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, February 4, 2025, at 6:00 o'clock, 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

Cory Fasold, Secretary / Treasurer

Jerome Alex, Board Member

Jason Neidig, General Manager

Matthew Billman, Wastewater Department Manager

Patrick Bennett, via phone, SW/Rec Department Manager

Todd Kerstetter, Solicitor

Patrick Burke, Engineer

Jennifer Kremer, Recording Secretary

Dave Slusser, Martz Technologies, Inc.

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

PROJECT DISCUSSION

Mr. Koch called on Dave Slusser from Martz Technologies, Inc. to speak. Jason introduced Mr. Slusser and gave a quick overview of Martz Technologies and their role with SMA. Dave presented a packet of information regarding the EPA's potential checklist for the future involving SCADA systems and cybersecurity. He stressed the importance of getting our security updated for the safety of our systems and the Authority overall. He feels three steps need to be taken to ensure compliance and safety: Step 1 is Security – lock down the network to the pump stations and plants. Step 2 is SCADA – upgrade and make secure, and Step 3 is PLC updates. PLC is the technical infrastructure of operations. After some discussion, the Board decided to have Mr. Slusser gather some numbers and information, and build a comprehensive plan including a prioritized checklist of needs and cost estimates for the different phases. Dave is to deliver this information to SMA before the next board meeting. Mr. Slusser exited the meeting at 6:55 pm.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Koch stated that nobody was present for public discussion.

Chairman Koch presented the meeting minutes from January 7, 2025. There being no additions or corrections, on motion of Thomas Krieger, seconded by Thomas McBryan, the minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Koch called for approval of Resolution Number 2025-01, the disposition of 2017 records. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tom McBryan, Resolution Number 2025-01 was adopted. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Matt reviewed his report and discussed ongoing items since the last meeting. Matt spoke to Carlo Ferraro, the owner of Guigi's, and he will be having his plumber in on February 3rd to review the grease trap situation. Tom Krieger pointed out that at the last meeting the Board suggested we give a timeline for this to be completed and it should have been by this meeting. Tom McBryan feels someone other than the Guigi's plumber should be dictating the solution. Mr. Kerstetter explained that this would be the first step in the process, and if the Board does not like the outcome they would then proceed with the next step in getting the restaurant compliant. Everyone agreed that the City Code office should be involved in evaluating and regulating these issues in the City. Pat Burke to look at the system plan and research who should regulate the code.

Matt then gave an update regarding the property at 141 N Sixth Street stating that the letter written by Attorney Kerstetter was presented to the Dippel's on January 28th. They advised that they are meeting with their attorney on February 7th to review the letter before they sign it.

Matt said the crew will be doing pot hole tests to determine the location of the 15" main that runs along the gut, and also the water lines that run parallel to Fifth and Sixth Streets. The capacity of the gut during dry weather was discussed.

Next, Matt reviewed the roof situation at the small Sewer Plant garage. It is flat roof that was priced before, but we need updated pricing. After some discussion, Matt is to get a general spec sheet together and bit this out, including checking Costars.

Matt then asked to discuss the replacement of unit #6, which was budgeted for and requested for a USDA grant to cover the funds. Grant is not available, so the board is considering purchasing the truck outright. Quotes from Hondru for an F-350 is \$54,007 and from Sunbury Motors is \$56,420. The existing truck is a 2012 model with around 105,000 miles on it and has issues with the front end and wheel wells. Cory and Matt to discuss the best options.

Next Matt mentioned the replacement of the wiring for the capital project for Blower 2. He got three quotes, one from Stover's for \$23,450, one from Williamsport Electric for \$58,280 and one from Heim at \$30,535. Motion made by Tom Krieger, seconded by Cory Fasold, to approve purchasing the wire from Stover's for \$23,450. Motion carried.

SW/RECYCLING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Pat reported the tonnages in January 2025 bested January 2024 by 1.22 tons, with hauler tonnage increasing by 72% of total hauled waste.

There was a radiation hit on January 30th that was handled without incident.

Pat reported they had a surprise DEP inspection on February 3rd and there were no issues nor violations.

He also stated that the 904 Recycling Grant money has been received.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Jason reported that DIR has ordered equipment for the security system and are scheduling installation. They have targeted February 28th as the completion date for the project.

Jason attended a meeting with PenDOT regarding the South Second Street project. The easement for the lower parking area is being worked on. The project is scheduled to begin in the spring.

Jason began his Wastewater Operator's license training and expects it to be completed in March/April.

Jason then stated that as discussed with the Board during the 1/7/25 meeting, Derrick Backer forwarded contact information to him for Jerry King from the Robert King Law Firm. Mr. King is working on a class action lawsuit for microplastics in public water systems. The Board instructed Jason to contact the firm to get additional information. He contacted Mr. King and learned he had already been in contact with Sunbury City officials on this matter. In reviewing the City Council Meeting Agenda for 1/27/25, under New Business, there was an item listed as "King Law Firm PFAS Agreement – Brosious." The consensus of the board was to not do anything at this time.

Next Jason requested the four board officials sign the new bank signer papers for Northumberland National Bank.

Jason then handed out a sheet showing the new categories for the funds that he and Cory have been reorganizing.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Pat Burke stated Entech previously conducted a site visit with SMA staff to investigate a possible improvement project to address sinkholes within Packer Street and basement surcharges near the pond on Sixth Street. Pat asked the Board to review and take action to proceed with the permitting, since the timeline is short. Tom McBryan made a motion to authorize Entech to apply for the necessary permits needed. Motion was seconded by Tom Krieger and carried.

Pat next said Entech Staff visited the Transfer Station and are preparing a proposal to design a new deflector system and replace the chute plates. They have developed some drawings and are putting the plan together.

Pat then mentioned that Entech is still waiting for the decision on the funding request of the flush truck grant application.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Kerstetter reviewed his report which stated he is working on an easement for Weis Markets Second St improvement project with Derrick Backer and Joel Wiest from the City, as well as Jason. The easement will be in place soon. Todd then asked for a motion to authorize the Chairman Norm Koch to sign the deed of easement with Weis. On motion made by Cory Fasold, seconded by Tom Krieger, it was moved to have Norm Koch sign the easement. Motion carried.

On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Jerome Alex, it was moved to accept the Solicitor's Report as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A discussion was then started by Jason regarding CPR/First Aid training for the SMA employees. Training/certification courses were previously taken every two years by all employees. After some discussion, the Board directed Jason to choose half the staff for training every other year and to use the Americus because they are local and do a good job. The price of \$75.00 / employee is not an issue. On a motion made by Cory Fasold and seconded by Tom McBryan it was decided to send half the SMA staff to the Americus for training this year, prioritizing newer employees who have not had any previous training, and then sending remaining staff every other year going forward. Tom Krieger and Jerome Alex abstained from voting due to their ties with the Americus. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom McBryan stated that he stopped by the Flood Department and checked out the mower that has been discussed recently as needing replaced. He said the mower only has 3200 hours on it and seems to be in good shape. He does not see the need to replace it at this time. He invited the other Board members to stop by and take a look.

COMMENTS

None.

The list of expenditures from January 22 through February 4, 2025, was presented for payment. On motion of Larry Welfer, seconded by Tom Krieger, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

The board then went into Executive Session at 8:30 pm to discuss personnel issues and policies.
Executive Session ended at 8:37 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 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman

Approved:

Solicitor