

REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 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, June 4, 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, via phone
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
Patrick Ward, Engineer
Karen Campbell, Recording Secretary

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

There was no public discussion.

Mr. Koch presented the Minutes of the May 7, 2024 meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There being no additions or corrections, on motion of Cory Fasold, seconded by Tom McBryan, the Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Neidig reviewed the financial reports. Wastewater revenue is stronger than expected. Staff are doing more repairs themselves to save money. Solid Waste revenue is coming back in line. The recycling grant has not come in yet. On motion of Larry Welfer, seconded by Dave Persing, 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.

Aeration #4 project has begun. The steps to get to the vault are in production and will be installed when completed. The programming is being worked on.

The Susquehanna Avenue project has begun. They are currently installing the storm lines and once completed will start on the sewer main and laterals.

Matt gave an update on an ongoing issue with spring water in the area of North 7th Street between 7th and Masser Streets. The pump turns on every four to five minutes. The sump goes into the street. Matt is researching taking the line out to Packer. He will get depth measurement and estimates and come back with a report.

Blower #2 was repaired and delivered back.

There was discussion also on a water issue on Sixth Street.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING REPORT

Pat reviewed his report and discussed activity since the last meeting. Pat reported a strong May and set a record day on May 13th with 201.22 tons.

DEP had no write-ups from the recent scales inspection.

A trailer of mixed goods was sold to Jeff's Recycling.

Pat reported issues with the recycling gate not taking dollar bills and needed to have a tech come in and check it out. A new bill reader was ordered and it still does the same thing. The issue continues to be worked on.

Ashley Venarchick's last day was May 31st.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

A zoom meeting is scheduled for Thursday with Entech staff to introduce their people to Authority department leadership group and to review projects that are on the horizon.

Jason is still waiting on DIR Solutions for its department security RFP.

Pat Bennett, Matt Billman and Jason attended a Management and Leadership skills training seminar on May 15th & 16th. Jason will arrange a session for Brian Michaels to attend.

The Susquehanna Avenue – Phase 1 meetings continue every two weeks. The project is moving along as planned with no major problems.

A McDonalds pre-construction meeting will be held tomorrow at City Hall.

The Lien letters prompted some responses. Jason gave an update of the responses. Mr. Fasold told Jason after 10 days he should file suit.

Jason said during a meeting on Susquehanna Avenue the Packer Street resurfacing was discussed. Mr. McBryan said he had asked the City for a

design and cost estimate. He also said the City can have the businesses pay for curbing. Jason passed out the City's Packer Street project. Slip-lining the sewer line was discussed. There are no stormwater lines on Packer Street, Mr. Backer told Jason stormwater is the Authority's responsibility. Mr. McBryan said it was his opinion that the project should not be done until the pumping station is done and can go to the river. Tom asked if the recent grant the City got covers the pump station upgrade and a long discussion followed.

Bob Zimmerman asked permission to use the Authority's lot for his 135th anniversary celebration. Permission was granted.

Jason will have the natural gas pricing results back next week.

The Landfill's 180 day letter is due by the end of June.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Pat assisted Authority staff with the Catawissa Avenue Storm Sewer highway occupancy permit. The plan has been prepared and should be to PennDOT by this meeting.

Final work is being monitored by Authority staff on the Aeration Basin No. 4 Conversion project.

Mr. Bittner thanked Pat for 28 years of service to the Authority and wished him well in his retirement.

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

Attorney Balducci was on vacation.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Resolution 2024-05 to adopt the Sewer Main/Lateral Line Policy was presented for discussion. Mr. McBryan said a permit should be required.

The Safety Policy/Safety Glasses Policy was discussed. Currently the Authority pays \$179 for prescription safety glasses. Following discussion, on motion of Tre Bittner seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to reimburse employees up to \$300 for prescription glasses at WalMart. Mr. Krieger opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Next was a discussion making Juneteenth & Martin Luther King paid holidays. Tom Krieger suggested following the City's schedule and made a motion to that effect seconded by Dave Persing. Following discussion Tom McBryan made

a motion to make Martin Luther King a paid holiday for Authority employees. His motion was seconded by Tre Bittner. Mr. Fasold and Mr. Krieger opposed the motion. Motion carried.

A discussion followed regarding investments reaching maturity. Mr. McBryan suggested everything coming due this year should be invested for 20 years. Discussion followed. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Tre Bittner it was moved, with the exception of the solid waste certificate of deposit, to invest in 20 year Treasury Bonds. Motion carried.

Following discussion, on motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to hire Sergei Loundas for the Transfer Station laborer position. Motion carried.

Following discussion, on motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to change Solid Waste/Recycling employee Bob Mowery from part-time to full-time. Motion carried.

On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Tre Bittner it was moved to hire Trent Schrader as a summer employee at \$14 per hour. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Tre brought up a discussion on credit card fees.

The list of expenditures from May 22, 2024 to June 4, 2024 was presented for payment. On motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Cory Fasold, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Chairman

Approved:

Solicitor