

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**March 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, March 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, via phone  
Thomas McBryan, Vice Chairman  
Larry Welfer, Board Member  
Thomas Krieger, Board Member  
Cory Fasold, Secretary / Treasurer  
David Persing, Asst Secretary/Treasurer  
Jerome Alex, Board Member  
Jason Neidig, General Manager  
Matthew Billman, Wastewater Department Manager  
Patrick Bennett, Solid Waste/Recycling Dept Manager  
Todd Kerstetter, Solicitor  
Jennifer Kremer, Recording Secretary

Vice-Chairman McBryan called the meeting to order, and also led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

Vice-Chairman McBryan presented the meeting minutes from February 4, 2025. There was one correction under the solid waste/recycling department report. The end of the first paragraph should read "72% of total hauled waste". There being no other corrections, on motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Cory Fasold, the minutes were accepted with the addition. Motion carried.

### **WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Matt reviewed his report and discussed ongoing items since the last meeting. He stated there is no update on the Guigi's situation at this time, due to Pat Burke not being able to reach the plumber to review his plan for the grease trap. Matt to try and get in touch with him also. If no response is attained, Todd will draft a letter regarding consequences.

Matt then stated that the waiver form has been signed by the property owners, the Dippels, at 141 N Sixth Street. The threaded drain plug cap was installed at their property on March 4<sup>th</sup>. As soon as the flush truck is back in service the Sewer Department will then install the backflow preventer, should be in the next week.

Matt reported that he has no updates on the Short Street project at this time.

Matt then showed a presentation from Dave Slusser of Martz Technologies. This quote/presentation had previously been requested by the Board for more information regarding the SCADA system and network security options. Sewer department has been having issues with the internet dropping out. The Network and Security portion of the presentation demonstrated how to fix the internet, network and firewall issues for a total cost of \$16,453.17. Other numbers were also given for different options. Discussion ensued. Matt is to email the entire proposal, including a comprehensive SCADA plan, to the Board for further review. A motion was made by Tom Krieger, seconded by Cory Fasold, to get another quote for the SCADA upgrade, and to have Pat from Entech gather more information. Motion carried.

Next Matt asked for a vote to approve the purchase of the Unit #6 truck replacement with a new 2025 Ford F-350. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Jerome Alex, it was approved to purchase the new vehicle from Sunbury Motors at a price of \$56,420. Cory Fasold abstained from voting due to his involvement with Sunbury Motors.

### **Solid Waste and Recycling MANAGER'S REPORT**

Pat started the review of his report by reporting that tonnage from February 2024 was more than February 2025 by 148 tons. So far this year the Transfer Station has taken in 300 less tons than last year.

Pat conducted Radiation Training with the Scale House Operators on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

He then reported that they sold 24.95 tons of clear glass to Recycall. This would be the last time anything gets sold to Recycall, as they are closing their facility due to lack of man-power. Pat said they are reaching out to other groups to see if we can take our glass elsewhere. They also sold a trailer load of mixed goods to Jeff's recycling, and 16.95 tons of plastics to NH Kelman.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Jason reported that the South Second street project is set to begin in April 2025. They are still trying to get things lined up with utilities.

Jason next talked about meeting with City Code Department officials to discuss plans for updating the codes and regulations regarding grease traps. They are reviewing an ordinance they obtained from Danville that had been recently adopted, to get feedback and ideas. They have also asked Entech for some feedback on this subject.

Next Jason stated that WKOK has reported the Lycoming County Landfill is considering exiting the landfill business due to financial struggles. Jason and Pat are staying in touch with the haulers on the subject for updates.

Jason then stated the LSA state grant for the toe drain project was granted at \$400,000 with no match required. The BRIC grant is estimated to be close to \$748,000 with a SMA match of @ \$249,000.

A discussion then started around the City Spring Cleanup. The Board said it should happen again this year, with a 50/50 split of the cost with the City. Pat and Jason to look at dates and coordinate with John Barnhart on details to get the cleanup scheduled.

Jason then reported that a pizza appreciation party was held for all of the employees at their respective departments on Friday February 28, 2025.

Jason reported the new Flood tractor will be here in September.

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

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Pat Burke was not present at the meeting, so Jason reviewed his submitted report. Jason reviewed Pat's report which showed there was no action required by the Board for Entech's items at this time.

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

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Kerstetter reviewed his report and outlined the prevailing wage discussion.

He then explained the City's use of cell phones and emails for business purposes, and stated that not every member of the Board needs to have the same approach. On a motion made by Tom Krieger, and seconded by Jerome Alex, it was moved to allow Board members to obtain an authority email address or cell phone if they so choose. Motion carried.

On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to accept the Solicitor's Report as presented. Motion carried.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A discussion was then started by Jason regarding a letter submitted by Cheryl Delsite from the Code office. The City is trying to get a grant to install a walking path on top of the levee system. There is no formal request for this, just something the City is interested in doing. The Board had questions regarding who would be doing the maintenance, how wide the path would be, etc. Jason was instructed to go back to get more details, making no commitment without a formal design plan.

The next discussion item was regarding the Entech processing fee of \$5500 to submit the small water and sewer grant application for the UV system at Wastewater. Submission for the grant is due by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Dave Persing, it was voted to approve the submission of the grant application by Entech. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jason explained that two meetings need to be held with the public, and also including some politicians and other prominent community members, to gain support for the BRIC grant for the toe drain project. Both meetings need to be advertised. Jason to develop a list of attendees and coordinate schedules for the public meetings. The deadline to submit the grant is April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **COMMENTS**

None.

The list of expenditures from February 18 – March 3, 2025, was presented for payment. On motion of Jerome Alex, seconded by Norman Koch, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

The board then went into an Executive Session requested by Jerome Alex at 8:09 pm to discuss a personnel issue.

Executive Session ended at 8:31 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 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Chairman

Approved:

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Solicitor