

REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 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, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 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
Cory Fasold, Secretary/Treasurer
Larry Welfer, Board Member
Thomas Krieger, Board Member
Jerome Alex, Board Member
Jason Neidig, General Manager
Brian Michaels, Water Department Manager
Patrick Bennett, Flood Dept Manager
Todd Kerstetter, Solicitor
Patrick Burke, Engineer
Kathy Paige, Recording Secretary

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Chairman Koch stated that nobody was present for public discussion.

Chairman Koch presented the meeting minutes from April 15, 2025. There being no corrections on motion of Thomas Krieger, seconded by Jerome Alex, the minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Jason recommended the financial reports be presented in the original format. This would reflect the budget exactly as is. Jason will have the financial report generated for the next meeting. After some discussion, it was motioned by Thomas Krieger, seconded by Thomas McBryan, to accept the proposed setup of the financial reports. Motion carried.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Brian reviewed his report and discussed ongoing items since the last meeting. He relayed information regarding Bob Herman's official last day which is June 19th. Brian will inform all the members of the board the date of the retirement dinner when it is planned.

Brian reported that a meter pit for the new AutoZone was installed. The water department replaced a 2-inch galvanized service at 370 Market Street, which is the old county building. When it was turned on, our line was leaking so the line was replaced to the curb. The water department also replaced the galvanized

service at the old county prison and put in a new valve.

Brian stated that Jake passed all but one of his subclasses for his water operator certificate. He will need that one subclass to fully operate the plant. Some discussion ensued regarding when employees should receive the bonus check for the license. Jason will review the current SOP and report back for the next meeting.

Brian next started a discussion regarding a letter written by the water department employees regarding their concerns over fluoride put in the water. In order to change the process, DEP would need notified and permits would need to be obtained. Larry talked about how fluoride was being handled in other parts of the country. Pat discussed his conversation with the manager at DEP in Williamsport for some information about the permit process. The permit fee is \$5,000 and public notification is necessary. Total cost to remove the fluoride could be approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000. More information will be presented at the next board meeting.

Brian reported that during the safety meeting this month it was discussed about the lack of lighting in the water plant. Cooper Electric supplied a quote to fix the lighting through the PP&L program of \$3,796.56. 3 lights were missed, so that is an additional \$300 and a lift will need rented for a week costing another \$400. Jason mentioned the sewer plant did a lighting project through a PP&L program a couple of years ago. He went on to say that he recalled the sewer plant paying approximately \$18,000 for \$40,000 plus worth of lighting equipment and installation for a number of buildings. Discussion ensued as to why the board needed to approve a maintenance project that is only \$3,800. The board feels there should be a threshold established for costs incurred. Todd suggested formalizing the policy for the next meeting and Jason will draft the proposal.

Brian reported the water plant replaced their sewer line leading from the plant to the septic tanks because of a blockage. Brian mentioned the line was about 8 inches deep and the replacement pipe was normal PVC line. Tom McBryan expressed concern about the weight of trucks traveling over a plastic line that is only 8" deep.

Brian also reported that JP Environmental installed a new 12-inch butterfly valve on finish pump 1. Filter evaluations were done the week of May 14th. New piping was installed in the chlorine room. The flange in the chemical room that feeds the chemical machines was also fixed.

Brian reported that Rich and Jake attended a confined space and trenching safety class on April 16th. Erik, Jason, Matt, and Brian attended a class put on by PMAA on May 7th about new regulations, lead and copper rules and PFAS.

Brian stated that the water department plans on flushing hydrants and blowoffs the week of June 2nd. The DEP yearly inspection will be on May 22nd. Red tags and shutoffs were done today.

Brian reported that he received 3 quotes to complete the dig outs for the leaks that occurred this year. Rightway was \$60,055, Shingara was \$49,362, and G&R Charles was \$48,984. There was a total of 31 dig outs. After further discussion, the board decided to go with the lowest quote since this was a maintenance issue.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Jason started by reporting there was no update for the City's proposed walkway on top of the levee.

Jason reported that the Flood department website issues have been eliminated.

Matt, Brian, Erik, and Jason attended the PMAA Manager Update Meeting in Hershey on May 14th.

Jason then discussed the FOG meeting he attended with the city. The proposal for the development of the ordinance cost was \$5,800, however, to include any educational efforts for the public, the cost would be in the \$8,000 - \$9,000 range. The city did not commit to the \$8,000 - \$9,000 amount, but did commit to asking their council to split the \$5,800 cost. On motion of Cory Fasold, seconded by Thomas McBryan, it was moved to move forward with the understanding that the city will pay half of the \$5,800. Motion carried.

Jason stated that Juliet from Senator McCormick's office visited this afternoon. This was in response to the request for Toe Drains funding. Matt and Pat joined her. Pat discussed his conversation with Juliet and he gave her some insight on the city of Sunbury. Pat also discussed with Juliet about Flood Closure #1 and the undercoating behind the VFW. Pat stated they had a good meeting and Juliet would assist in any way she can.

Jason reported there are still concerns with the Lycoming landfill. He had a meeting with Fought's disposal. They are planning on opening their own transfer station. Fought's mentioned they would utilize our facility every day if the transfer station could get the cost down. Jason stated he can't get our costs down any lower.

Jason stated he is leaving for a training session for 2 days in King of Prussia.

On motion of Thomas Krieger, seconded by Cory Fasold, it was moved to accept the Managers' Reports. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Pat Burke reviewed his submitted report. Entech met the deadline to have our design done for the Packer Street Reconstruction Project. The design files were submitted to CES on Friday, May 16th. Prior to that, Entech design staff met with UGI to review the proposed layout and minimize impacts on existing UGI gas mains. The proposed layout would not require UGI to have any relocation on their side. Pat will be meeting with Brian and Matt to review the city's section of the Packer Street project and develop comments.

Pat also discussed the Levee/Flood Wall System Toe Drain Replacement. Entech did complete congressional-directed spending funding applications for the project and submitted them to Senator Fetterman and McCormick's staff on May 7th. Entech is awaiting feedback on those.

Pat discussed Closure Structure #1. Schnabel provided a proposal to do the permit applications with Norfolk Southern, but not until late this afternoon. Pat will review the proposal and discuss at the next meeting.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Kerstetter reported the items he has been dealing with were previously discussed, so on a motion made by Thomas Krieger, seconded by Cory Fasold, it was moved to accept the Solicitor's Report. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A discussion was held on Authority investments. Jason stated Tom brought up the fact that there is concern with having investments beyond the 15-year mark. Attorney Kerstetter will research the specifics of the investments and report back at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS

Jerome asked why the agenda does not have all the items needed to be discussed when the managers are present instead of waiting another month to make decisions. Jason stated that the managers know the requirement to inform Jenn or Jada of any items that need to be added to the agenda and managers are aware that any items requiring a vote need to be listed on the agenda.

The list of expenditures from May 6 – May 19, 2025 was presented for payment. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Cody 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 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chairman