

REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 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, May 7, 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

Tre Bittner, constituting Board Members in attendance

Jason Neidig, Manager

Matthew Billman, Wastewater Department Manager

Patrick Bennett, Solid Waste/Recycling Manager

Michael Balducci, Solicitor

Karen Campbell, Recording Secretary

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

There was no public discussion.

Brian Betz was on the agenda but did not show up at the meeting. It was the decision of the Committee appointed by Chairman Koch not to pay anything on the claim made by Mr. Betz. Jason was asked to relay the decision to Mr. Betz.

Mr. Koch presented the Minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There being no additions or corrections, on motion of Cory Fasold, seconded by Tre Bittner, the Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Neidig presented a written bid from Attorney Ed Greco for the position of Solicitor at a cost of \$1,000 per month as a retainer plus \$100 per hour plus postage and copies. Attorney Todd Kerstetter had previously submitted an oral bid for the position. Chairman Koch asked the Personnel Committee to meet with both attorneys.

Mr. Neidig said he is working with Tony from Klacik Associates to finalize the audit. Wastewater revenue is in good shape. Power is running behind. More sludge is being set out as in the past. Solid Waste revenue is running a little behind which is unusual for this time of the year. Recycling revenue is also running

slightly behind. On motion of Dave Persing, seconded by Larry Welfer, 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. Mr. McBryan suggested to Matt that he start firing # 4 first. Discussion followed.

The Susquehanna Avenue project has begun. Water lines are being done now and storm water is scheduled for next week.

Andrew Reed gave a two hour notice that he was leaving his position at the Wastewater Department.

The 250 h.p. blower went down. Repairman was here this morning. Burned wires were found. Matt said he has in his budget to rebuild one. Matt would like to repair the motor that was damaged but wants to do the other one too. He wants to send out #2 to get repaired and when it comes back send our #3. Mr. Krieger said to make sure there was thermal protection. Following discussion, on motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Tre Bittner it was moved to repair one of the motors and replace another one. Motion carried.

Matt obtained four quotes to replace the roof on the small garage. However, Jason said the contractors can't meet the Authority's insurance requirements. Mr. Fasold said Matt should look into putting up trusses and get rid of the flat roof.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING REPORT

Pat reviewed his report and discussed activity since the last meeting.

The month of April was Pat's highest month in tonnage. A total of 2,807.33 tons were taken in which beat the record from last June by 9.76 tons.

On April 20th the annual Spring river cleanup was held. Volunteers collected 2.48 tons of debris and 1.54 tons of tires. Pat expressed his thanks to the volunteers.

A trailer of mixed goods was sold to Jeff's Recycling and 20.60 tons of brown glass was sold to Recycall.

The 902 grant application was completed and sent in to DEP on April 24th.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Shang from DIR Solutions is working on an RFP for security needs for the various departments at the Authority.

On April 18th Jason and the Authority managers met with City officials to review the status of the Susquehanna Avenue Project Phase 1 and to discuss other projects coming up in the next one to two years. Jason reported City officials said they would be looking to the Authority for another \$250,000.

Jason gave an update on two seminars he recently attended that addressed new EPA regulations for allowable levels of PFAS and PFOS in drinking water systems. He said this topic was also discussed at the recent PMAA Manager update meeting in Hershey.

Matt Billman and Jason attended a PMAA Workshop on April 17th. The main topics of discussion were privatization and PFOS/PFAS regulations for water and wastewater.

Jason has one person interested in summer help. He was asked to place it on the next meeting agenda.

The electric pricing was locked in at .07799 per KWH.

Pat Ward will be retiring June 7, 2024. His last meeting at the Authority will be on June 4th.

A ceremony for Mr. Schlegel will be scheduled in June.

Jason will be looking to replace the copier. He has a price of \$4,570 from Topp Copy.

The \$50,000 maturing Certificate of Deposit at Northumberland National Bank was invested into a T-Bond at 4.675%.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jason reviewed Mr. Ward's written report and presented Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$52,250 from JP Environmental for the aeration basin No. 4 conversion project. On motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Tom Krieger Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$52,250 from JP Environmental was approved for payment. Motion carried.

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 said he reviewed the Authority's website after the last meeting and found it complies with the law. ADA requires local and state governments to have ADA websites accessible to disabled people. If there is a complaint filed they usually look at it but only go after the bigger companies. A multi-lingual website is not a requirement.

Mr. Balduci said he added one sentence to the Clinton County Agreement as follows: “Binding Agreement – This Addendum shall extent to and bind the successor parties.” On motion of Cory Fasold, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to approve the Addendum to the Authority’s Agreement with Clinton County Solid Waste Authority and authorize the proper officers to sign it. Motion carried.

On motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Larry Welfer, Mr. Balducci’s report was accepted as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Engineering Committee interviewed four engineers, Larson Design, Entech, Buchart Horn and HRG. The Committee narrowed it down to Buchart Horn and Entech and finally recommended Entech. Following discussion, on motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to hire Entech subject to review of the Contract by Solicitor Balducci and further authorize the proper officers to sign the Contract. Motion carried.

Jason, Cory and Tre next presented a chart of current and suggested equipment usage pricing for review. A mobilization fee for commercial flush truck or camera trailer was added in the amount of \$300. On motion of Cory Fasold, seconded by Larry Welfer, the price sheet was approved. Motion carried. A copy of the price sheet is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

The list of expenditures from April 17, 2024 to May 7, 2024 was presented for payment. On motion of Dave Persing, 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 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Chairman

Approved:

Solicitor