

REGULAR MEETING

April 18, 2023

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, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock, P.M. at the Municipal Authority Administrative Building, 462 South Fourth Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

The following were in attendance:

Norm Koch
Larry Welfer
Tom McBryan
Tom Krieger
David Persing
Tre Bittner, constituting Board Members in attendance
Jason Neidig, Manager
Scott Debo, Water Department Manager
Jeff Lewis, Flood Control Department Manager
Michael Balducci, Solicitor
Karen Campbell, Recording Secretary
Derrick Backer
Jeff Shyk of K & W Engineers
Jason Bendle
Doug Bennick

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

Mr. Koch called on Mr. Shyk. Mr. Shyk explained he is working with the Shikellamy School District to correct a drainage issue with runoff from the parking lot onto the sports complex fields. He displayed a plan showing what the School District would like to do. A question and answer session followed. Pat will be asked to review the plan and Jason will make arrangements to have the line tv'd. If Pat has no issue with the plan and the line will drain the parking lot the School District can proceed with what they have planned.

Mr. Koch called on Mr. Backer. Mr. Backer reviewed Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Susquehanna Avenue project including the project work that will be included. He next reviewed the secured funds the City has for the project and then the grant dollars that have been applied for. He said he should know by the end of the year what funding requests have been awarded.

Mr. Backer invited the Board to a public meeting on May 4th at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Mr. Koch presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2023 and called for any additions or corrections. Mr. Koch pointed out on the third

paragraph from the bottom of page 1, the name of “Mr. Koch presented” should be corrected to “Mr. McBryan presented”. There being no other additions or corrections, on motion of Larry Welfer, seconded by Dave Persing, the Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

There were no financial reports to review.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Scott reviewed his report and discussed activity since the last meeting. Personnel repaired four leaks and installed a second service to 157 Race Street. Personnel also separated several services.

Scott reported on an issue at 711 North River Avenue where it was found that 711 North River Avenue is supplied water through 708 Susquehanna. Personnel replumbed the meter set in 708 Susquehanna Avenue so the water used at 711 River Avenue comes off before the meter for 708 Susquehanna eliminating the need to deduct the water usage from 708 Susquehanna Avenue. The problem is fixed temporarily. Scott said a water line from Susquehanna Avenue to 711 North River Avenue should be extended. He said this is shorter than running a water line from Packer Street to 711 North River Avenue. He plans to add this project to the 2024 budget at an estimated cost of \$14,000.

A Fluoride Committee meeting is scheduled for April 19th at 9 a.m. at the Water Plant.

Scott has a meeting scheduled with PennDOT next Tuesday regarding the Hamilton Maintenance Complex salt brine mixer.

The River Plant was started April 3rd.

The Little Shamokin Creek clean-up resulted in 1,000 pounds of trash and two tires. Scott thanked the Board for the use of Authority equipment.

Scott distributed a letter from DEP on the new PFAS MCL Rule. Testing will begin January 1, 2024.

Derrick Cook and Josh Shaffer took the DEP Certification exam at the PRWA Conference on March 31, 2023. Derrick passed the distribution system exam, the water general exam, the chemical addition and the conventional filtration exam. He is working on submitting his application. Josh passed the distribution system exam and the water general exam.

Scott gave a report on a company called Asterra Technologies. This is the company that worked with NASA to look for water on Mars. Not only can they locate water leaks by satellite they can detect sewer leaks also.

Scott had an Operations Report for March 2023 attached to his report.

FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jeff reviewed his report and discussed activity since the last meeting. Notice of award for the BRIC Grant will not be given until May

There will be a pre-construction meeting on May 15th for the WPA stone wall replacement

On May 2nd & 3rd FM Global will be sending a team of engineering specialists to inspect the flood control project and review maintenance records, the emergency operations plan and design drawings.

The DEP flood protection two day workshop is scheduled for April 25th & 26th.

Jeff reported on a grant for a 71 year old asphalt sill at Closure #1. The grant requirement is a 15% match which is \$17,175 for the \$114,500 project. The grant requires approval from the Board committing to the required matching funds. Jeff presented Resolution 2023-02 requesting funding from this grant and authorizing Jeff and Jason as the officials to execute all documents and agreements. On motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to request a flood mitigation grant of \$114,500 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Flood Closure #1 sill replacement. Motion carried. On motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Tom Krieger it was moved to commit the matching funds in the amount of \$17,175 as the Authority's share and further authorizing Jason Neidig and Jeff Lewis as the officials to execute all documents and agreements. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution 2023-02 is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

Senator Culver's office directed Jeff to a one million dollar grant opportunity called the Local Share Account-Statewide for the toe drain rehabilitation work. Jeff said the grant is not currently taking applications but may start taking them on July 1st.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Scott's pickup sold on Municibid for \$2,700.

Jason gave a report on his attendance at the Upper Augusta Township meeting on April 10th. He passed out the response from Upper Augusta. Dye tests are being done on three properties to make sure they are connected to sewer. There are 8 EDU's to be added.

Derrick Backer has advised Jason that PennDOT will not be giving matching funds for two sewer/storm applications for the City's South Second Street project. Derrick said he would be looking for other funding.

Jason presented the bill from Buchart-Horn in the amount of \$7,500 for additional work on the Transfer Station project and asked if he was to pay it. Discussion followed. Mr. Krieger said he had made the motion to pay the bill at a previous meeting but as a deduct from T-Ross. He told Jason to ask Pat for an itemized bill setting forth the additional work he had to do. It was the consensus of the Board to pay the itemized bill if it checked out and deduct it from the retainage due T-Ross.

Jason said he would like to review what the Authority charges for hook-up fees. Mr. Krieger said the hook-up fees could remain the same but go with a fee based on the square footage of the patch.

PPL is asking for a right-of-way over three parcels owned by the Authority. Attorney Balducci will review the easement agreements given to Jason.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Pat's written report was reviewed in his absence.

On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to accept the written Engineer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Balducci presented his final draft of the Marijuana, Drug & Alcohol Policy and reviewed it with the Board. He had hoped it would be effective May 1st as previously adopted but would now be effective June 1, 2023. He explained that CDL licensees have their own policy. Along with the Policy Mr. Balducci reviewed the three consents that are used with the Policy. He said these are now standard in the workplace. Discussion followed on the effective date. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Tre Bittner it was moved to postpone the adoption of the Marijuana, Drug & Alcohol Policy from May 1, 2023 to May 15, 2023. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

The list of expenditures from April 5, 2023 to April 18, 2023 was presented for payment. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Larry Welfer, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

Mr. Koch announced an Executive Session at 9:00 to discuss a legal issue and the meeting convened in Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. The meeting reconvened in General Session at 9:24 p.m with no action being taken.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice Chairman

Approved:

Solicitor

Appendix II – Authorized Official Resolution #2023-02

Be it RESOLVED that the Sunbury Municipal Authority of

Northumberland County, hereby request a Flood Mitigation grant of \$114,500 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for Flood Closure #1 Sill Replacement.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Jeff Lewis, Flood Department Manager and Jason Neidig, General Manager as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Sunbury Municipal Authority and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Tom McBryan, duly qualified Secretary of the Sunbury Municipal Authority of Northumberland County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held April 18, 2023, and said Resolution, #2023-02, has been recorded in the Minutes of the Sunbury Municipal Authority and remains in effect as of this date.

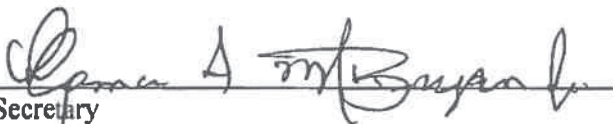
IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Sunbury Municipal Authority, this 18th day of April 2023.

Sunbury Municipal Authority

Name of Applicant

Northumberland

County


Secretary