

REGULAR MEETING

August 15, 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, August 15, 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 Krieger

David Persing

Tom McBryan

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

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

There was no one present for public discussion.

Mr. McBryan opened the single bid submitted for the lagoon cleaning from Commonwealth Disposal at eleven cents per gallon. Following discussion, on motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Dave Persing, it was moved to accept the bid from Commonwealth Disposal at eleven cents per gallon, subject to the Solicitors review and approval. Motion carried.

Mr. Koch presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2023 and called for any additions or corrections. There being no additions or corrections, on motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tre Bittner, the Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Jason reviewed the Financial Reports. Water revenue remains even. System expenses have not spent what was anticipated so far but should be used up during the next couple of months. Flood Department is still showing the money for the WPA wall which will go out in one expense item. Otherwise Flood continues to be very consistent. On motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Tom McBryan, the Financial Reports were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Personnel repaired a 2" service leak at 911 Greenough Street and paved two digouts in Hamilton. A 4" water main was reinstalled at Front & Church Streets on August 3rd. Forty feet of ductile iron pipe and two 4" valves were installed. Work finished on August 4th and the dig out was paved on August 5th. Personnel from all Departments assisted with the job.

Scott reported on the EPA/DEP inspection performed on July 19th. He said the inspection was very thorough and lasted approximately eight hours. Seventeen observations were made. Scott said as things are completed he sends in pictures. One Item, improved security, Jason is working on. Jason said he will be addressing this item in the capital budgets.

Department staff assisted the office with red tags and shut offs.

The river plant ran thirteen days in July.

FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Construction of the WPA stone wall replacement is proceeding well.

Jeff feels that it should be completed by next Friday.

PEMA announced the Authority would not receive the BRIC Grant.

Actuators have been received for the Spring Run Pump Station Valve Actuator replacement and should be installed within the next month.

Jeff has submitted the Grant request for the Flood Closure #1 Sill Replacement project. If approved the Grant should be awarded either September 19th or November 21st.

Jeff advised he will need assistance from Pat Ward to apply for the LSA (Local Share Account) Statewide \$1,000,000 Grant for the toe drains project. Buchart Horn's quote for this assistance is \$1,375. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Trey Bittner, it was moved to accept the \$1,375 quote from Buchart Horn. Motion carried. This Grant requires no match. Jeff said the funding for this Grant comes from state gambling.

The Army Corp of Engineers inspected the flood system on July 27th. No negative remarks were given.

The rain storm last Monday produced 2.5" in 45 minutes. Jeff said this is the intensity of a 100 year flood event.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Jason reported that as instructed at the August 1st meeting he transferred \$1 million from the general account at Northumberland National Bank to the prime account with PLGIT.

Derrick Backer scheduled a meeting for September 29th at 9 a.m. with City Council members and SMA Board members and Management to bring everyone up to speed on the status of all City projects and grant applications.

On the Upper Augusta Audit Jason reported that Upper Augusta might be questioning why the Authority is asking for the full amount due to be paid.

Aegion was here to clean the line for the Church Street project and will be back on August 30th to do the slip lining.

Jason asked to have a meeting within the next two weeks with the Budget Committee to begin a review of the 2024 budgets.

The Board asked Jason to prepare a letter to the County Commissioners advising them of the use of the funds received from the County.

Jason was contacted by the Shikellamy High School on a program for students to work while attending school. The request received a positive response from the Board and instructed Jason to obtain more information on the program.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jason reviewed Pat's written report. Jason explained Pat's daughter went into labor and he and his wife took off for South Carolina.

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 said it would be prudent to have things in line if the Zimmerman project moves forward and the Authority should decide to provide the water and sewer service. He went on to explain the PA Municipal Authorities Act requires SMA to contact the Upper Augusta Supervisors and request their approval "by resolution" of the project. In order for SMA to accept the water and sewer lines and infrastructure that would be built, the plans and construction of the project would need to be approved by the SMA engineer and acceptable to SMA. All hard construction costs and all the SMA soft costs would need to be covered by Zimmerman as part of an agreement between Zimmerman and the Authority. Mr. Balducci explained SMA should not accept the water and sewer end of the project unless stormwater is handled correctly according to SMA's engineer.

Attorney Balducci reviewed the red-lined changes to the Bylaws. Mr. Balducci advised the Secretary-Treasurer must give written notice to the Board members that the amended Bylaws will be adopted at the September 19th Board meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

The list of expenditures from August 2, 2023 to August 15, 2023 was presented for payment. On motion of Larry Welfer, seconded by Dave Persing, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

Mr. Koch called for an Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting reconvened in general session at 8:54 p.m. with no action being taken.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice Chairman

Approved:

Solicitor