

REGULAR MEETING

July 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, July 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 Krieger

David Persing

Tre Bittner, constituting Board Members in attendance

Jason Neidig, Manager

Scott Debo, Water Department Manager

Jeff Lewis, Flood Control Department Manager

Pat Ward, Engineer

Michael Balducci, Solicitor

Karen Campbell, Recording Secretary

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

There was no one present for public discussion.

Mr. Koch presented the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023 and the Special Meeting of June 20, 2023 and called for any additions or corrections. There being no additions or corrections, on motion of Dave Persing, seconded by Larry Welfer, the Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Jason reviewed the Financial Reports. Water miscellaneous column shows the sale of the flush truck. System expenses are \$37,000 to the good but will 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 Krieger, the Financial Reports were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Personnel installed a 2" fire service line and a 2" domestic service at Haven Ministries which will serve the new addition to the building. The property owner at 1151-1153 Court Street separated the water services at the property. Fire

hydrants and blow offs were flushed during the week of June 26<sup>th</sup> and all were found to be in good working order.

After reviewing the subdivision plan for the former hospital property from the expansion of 2009 it appears the Authority agreed to take over the 8" main. This will eliminate the need to install a new main on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to serve the old doctor clinic building since it is tapped off the 8" ductile iron main installed for the hospital addition.

Scott said an EPA/PADEP inspection will take place on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

The cost of switching from powdered fluoride to liquid fluoride will be included in Scott's 2024 budget.

Scott met with PennDOT to discuss the new 4" service to its salt brine building. The new service will come off the 6" main on VanHorn and Dewart Streets. This work estimated to be \$10,563.50 will be paid by PennDOT. PennDOT will obtain the Highway Occupancy Permit and do the blacktop restoration.

The School has paid the Authority's estimated cost of \$7,404.45 for the football field restoration project.

Sludge lagoon cleaning invitation to bid will be published in The Daily Item the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The river plant ran 29 days in June.

Scott reported the City received 3.28 inches of rain from the July 9<sup>th</sup> rain event however the watershed received as much as 6 to 8 inches in some locations. As a precaution the staff moved the stuff out of the boiler room but fortunately no water came in the boiler room.

Derrick Cook passed the sub-classes for his license. Josh Shaffer also needs some sub-classes.

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

### FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Construction of the WPA stone wall replacement began on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Contractor will have 90 days to complete the project.

PEMA-FEMA will announce the BRIC Grant in August.

Actuators have been ordered for the Spring Run Pump Station Valve Actuator replacement and Jeff expects to receive them shortly.

Jeff explained that 3.28 inches of rain fell on July 10<sup>th</sup> causing Shamokin Creek and Little Shamokin Creek to rise substantially. All stations were activated. The small pump at Spring Run would not start using the float system so the flood pumps handled all of the flow. GIS will be on site soon to correct the issue.

Jeff has submitted the Grant request for the Flood Closure #1 Sill Replacement project. If approved the Grant should be awarded either July 18<sup>th</sup> or November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Tentative grant application acceptance period starts September 1<sup>st</sup> to obtain funds for the toe drain rehabilitation work.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Jason reported Aegion will be here next week to clean the line for the Church Street project and will be back in another week to slip line.

The Managers and Jason have started work on their 2024 budgets.

Jason said he is thinking of going with Livic Engineering for the GIS work but he wants to review the proposal with the Managers and come back with a formal recommendation at the next meeting.

Jason brought up an issue of water ponding on North Second & Line Streets and Mr. Koch also pointed out an area behind the Rescue Fire Company on Edison Avenue. Mr. Bittner also reported an area on Reagan Street where water ponds. Discussion followed. Mr. McBryan said he would shoot elevations.

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

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Pat said it appears the PennDot brine tank project is moving forward. PennDOT contacted PA Department of General Services for technical support to upgrade its water service to support the installation of the brine tank.

Pat is working with Bob Zimmerman on his project at the old Armory site. He had a telephone conference call with Mr. Zimmerman and his Engineer and discussed sewer issues. The sanitary sewer will be in Upper Augusta Township. Attorney Balducci requested copies of water and sewer drawings to review.

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

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Balducci said he sent a message to PPL that the Authority is not interested in moving forward with revised easements. He received a call from PPL stating they were fine with that. Attorney Balducci said the old easement had nothing in it that they could have put anything in the ground underneath the easement.

Mr. Balducci said he wants to get back on updating the bylaws which started during COVID. He will resend the updated bylaws out to the Board. Jason noted that the employee handbook is also outdated and should be updated. Jason and Attorney Balducci will revisit the employee handbook. Mr. Balducci said work should also start on the Water Department regs which also stopped during COVID.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Welfer questioned how requests to use the grounds at the Water Company is handled. It was thought that at some time in the past the policy was that only Authority personnel could use the grounds. Following discussion the Board agreed that all requests to use the Water Company grounds go thru the General Manager.

The list of expenditures from July 12, 2023 to July 18, 2023 was presented for payment. On motion of Dave Persing, seconded by Tre Bittner, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Vice Chairman

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Solicitor