

REGULAR MEETING

May 2, 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, May 2, 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

Tom McBryan

Larry Welfer

David Persing

Tre Bittner, constituting Board Members in attendance

Jason Neidig, Manager

Mike Kerstetter, Sewer Department Manager

Patrick Bennett, Solid Waste/Recycling Manager

Pat Ward, Engineer

Michael Balducci, Solicitor

Karen Campbell, Recording Secretary

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

There was no one present for public discussion.

Mr. Koch presented the Minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There being no additions or corrections, on motion of Larry Welfer, seconded by Tre Bittner, the Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Jason reviewed January, February and March financials. He is still waiting on the Audit. March Wastewater interest income is \$17,000 to the positive. Solid Waste income is about \$38,500 behind target. Landfill fees and general supplies are over projected budget. Recycling Grant income has not been received.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Mike reported on a meeting with EPA and DEP on the CSO issue.

They are not willing to make any changes.

Mike is waiting on Heim Electrical for Phase Two of the preventative maintenance and corrective actions at the plant.

Renegade Solutions is waiting on the PLC components to be received for the SCADA upgrade.

G & R Charles has completed the appropriate documents for the Court Street Separation project and notice to proceed was given. Mike is waiting on a start date from the contractor.

Mike gave a report on the USDA Grant for the new sewer camera which totaled \$92,087.77 including the cost for all the additional material. The Grant commitment was for \$89,721 which would allow receipt of \$2,366.77 from the remaining Grant. In addition Mike will be selling the camera and the truck the camera is currently housed in for additional savings.

The Covid 19 Small Water Sewer Grant will be announced in July.

Mike gave an update on the April 12th meeting on the Susquehanna Avenue meeting. A public meeting is scheduled for May 4th.

Personnel cleaned the chlorine contact tank on April 14th. This tank is cleaned twice a year. Personnel also installed a storm basin at the intersection of Oberdorf and Line Streets, Eighth and Line Street and at the Transfer Station. A manhole is scheduled for installation behind Scott Debo's house in an un-named alley which will give access into a sewer main.

Clyde Troutman had back surgery on April 13th. Mike has spoken to Clyde who said everything is going well.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING REPORT

Mr. Bennett gave a Transfer Station upgrade report on the meetings with Tom Michaels and Tom Ross on April 6th and April 24th to discuss repairs. The work is scheduled to be done May 8th thru May 16th.

Earthday was April 22nd. Volunteers cleaned up along the banks of the river from behind the VFW to below the dam. A total of 3.41 tons of rubbish was picked up.

The 2022 Transfer Facility Annual Operations Report was completed and sent to DEP. Pat thanked Mr. Kerstetter for showing him how to do the Report.

Pat said throughout the month of April tonnage records were broken. He said they also had a record of 575 customers on April 22nd which meant there was one customer every 49 seconds. Pat thanked his crew for handling the record tonnage even while being short handed.

A full trailer of assorted material was sent to Jeff's Recycling. He also sent 23.35 tons of clear glass to Recycall and sold 17.7 tons of plastic to NH Kelman.

There was an incident with the conveyor belt motor to the baler. It was struck by the skid steer bending the shaft. Pat said it is still operable and being used daily. A new shaft is being constructed by Don Trelinski.

Pat's report contained a chart of daily averages for Transfer Station tonnage in April. He also provided April previous tonnages from 2018 thru 2022.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Jason reported on the outstanding issues at the Transfer Station with T-Ross.

Jason had submitted an email request to Lynda Schlegel-Culver asking for her assistance in funding the matching dollar amount needed for the City's South Second Street project but has not received a response.

Jason continues to work with SEDA-COG to uncover grant opportunities for security for Authority buildings and complexes.

The grand opening at the Transfer Station was held on May 1st and was well received.

Natural gas rates were discussed. Mr. McBryan suggested Jason lock the rate in now at 4.592.

Jason said he will follow up on the Upper Augusta audit.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Pat passed out a chart with the 2023 monthly capture rate. The 5-year rolling average as of March 31st is 84.2%.

The Transfer Station permit has been received for 300 tons.

Bid opening for the Aeration 4 to EQ Project was opened today. There was only one bid submitted. The base bid of \$453,000 along with the five alternate bids were discussed in detail. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Dave Persing the base bid of \$453,000 and Alternate 2 in the amount of \$57,600 were accepted. Motion carried

Pay Requests 7 & 8 from T-Ross were sent to the Authority but were sent by a new person at Buchart Horn and went into spam.

Pat has not had any more comments from DEP on the General Permit.

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

Mr. Balducci reported on PPL's right-of-way requests and said he contacted the PPL representative for additional information. He reviewed the new request against the old 1931 and 1954 easements. The easement runs from Market Street at Shamokin Creek to below the hospital and big reservoir. Mr. Balducci said he has language from the old easements that he wants to put in the new easement.

Attorney Balducci said non-prescription medication language was added to the Drug and Alcohol Policy and no other changes were made. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Tre Bittner, it was moved to adopt the Drug and Alcohol Policy to be effective May 15, 2023. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Kerstetter asked for permission to proceed to purchase the actuator for the SCADA upgrade in the amount of \$7,950. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Tre Bittner, it was moved to purchase the actuator at a cost of \$7,950. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The list of expenditures from April 19, 2023 to May 2, 2023 was presented for payment. On motion of Dave Persing, seconded by Tom McBryan, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

Mr. Koch announced an Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue and the meeting convened in Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. The meeting reconvened in General Session at 9:32 p.m. with no action being taken.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice Chairman

Approved:

Solicitor