

REGULAR MEETING

October 3, 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, October 3, 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

Tre Bittner

Thomas Krieger

David Persing, constituting Board Members in attendance

Jason Neidig, Manager

Matt Billman, Wastewater Department Manager

Patrick Bennett, Solid Waste/Recycling Manager

Michael Balducci, Solicitor

Karen Campbell, Recording Secretary

Gavin Schindler

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

Jason introduced Gavin Schindler who has been working in the Wastewater Department as part of the Cooperative Education Program at Shikellamy High School which permits students to be released from the school campus to work part-time or full-time for an employer in a field that interests the student.

Mr. Koch presented the Minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There being no additions or corrections, on motion of Larry Welfer, seconded by Tom McBryan, the Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Jason reviewed the financial reports. Solid Waste operating revenue is still positive. Expenses are falling into place. Recycling remains consistent but still waiting for the the 902 Grant to come in. Solid Waste income is good. Landfill costs are up.

Jason advised of a \$49,000 Bond coming due. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Tom Krieger it was moved to invest \$100,000 in a 10 year Treasury Bond and then to move \$1,000,000 from Northumberland National Bank Account to PLGIT leaving \$1,000,000 at Northumberland National Bank. Motion carried.

On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tre Bittner, the Financial Reports were accepted. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Matt reviewed his report and discussed activity since the last meeting. Matt said there is nothing new on the Covid-19 Small Water Sewer Grant at this time.

Personnel are working on cleaning lines and televising the lines in the Line and Second Street areas. Personnel also televised the lateral of the home at 141 N. Sixth Street and found a trap in the line under the sidewalks. Downspouts were also connected to the line. The homeowner removed the downspout and was asked to monitor rain events. Matt said they did remove the line and he has not heard anything since.

Personnel dug up a sink hole in the middle of S. Fourth Street between Chestnut Street and Raspberry Avenue and found that the lateral connection to the main was bad. A section of the terra cotta line was replaced with plastic and also a section of the lateral was replaced.

Matt's Department had training on the new GIS equipment. The new viewer map was received from Livic. Matt said it is much easier to use than the previous version and is a lot faster and more user friendly.

Matt reported on attending a luncheon on biosolids with Jason at Zooks Septic Services on September 25, 2023.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING REPORT

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

Pat reported a record 163.57 tons on September 14th. That broke the daily record by 5 tons.

Pat submitted the amendment letter for the 902 Grant on September 5th.

Another trailer load of mixed goods was taken to Jeff's Recycling.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Jason presented Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$75,794.50 from Aegion/Insituform for the slip line repairs. This leaves a retainage of \$814. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tre Bittner, it was moved to approve Pay Application #1 from Aegion/Insituform in the amount of \$75,794.50. Motion carried.

The insurance quotes for all policies were received from Adam Purdy. There is a 2% increase overall.

Jason discussed Upper Augusta billing issues for water service for the Oaklyn Baptist Church parsonage and for Matthew Trevitz at 123 Geise Street. It was confirmed the parsonage is not on a well and is connected to our main without our knowledge or approval. Jason's calculations show the Church owing Sunbury Municipal Authority \$4,527.96 for past water usage. A bill has been submitted to the Church outlining the charges and the water is shut off to the parsonage. Jason also confirmed that Mr. Trevitz is connected to our main and his past due balance since purchasing the property in 2019 is \$1,980. Mr. Trevitz has agreed to pay the balance in monthly installments.

Buchart Horn supplied an updated drawing for a diverter system at the Transfer Station which includes a deflection sheet. Mr. Ward quoted a price for the diverters at \$140,000 to do both trailers. Jason was asked to call Reynolds in Williamsport.

Jason thanked Mr. McBryan for doing an elevation training session for the staff.

The City cancelled the meeting dealing with the Agreement for exchange of services. Jason will talk with Mr. Backer to see if the City is going to reschedule the meeting.

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.

The Zimmerman Armory Development Project was discussed.

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 reported the Authority received Commonwealth Disposal's signed contract and Performance Bond for the Lagoon cleaning. The work can now proceed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jason said he thought about the Board's decision to excuse the Managers at the Board meetings after giving their report and he said it would be better to have them here in case items came up during the meeting. It was the Board's consensus that it was Jason's decision whether the Managers could be excused after giving their report.

The list of expenditures from September 20, 2023 to October 3, 2023 was presented for payment. On motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Dave Persing, the list of expenditures was approved for payment. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice Chairman

Approved:

Solicitor