

REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 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, September 5, 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
Jason Neidig, Manager
Patrick Bennett, Solid Waste/Recycling Manager
Pat Ward, Engineer
Michael Balducci, Solicitor
Karen Campbell, Recording Secretary
Lisa Pfleegor

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

Lisa Pfleegor was present to discuss a 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. Following the presentation, on motion of Tom Krieger, seconded by Tom McBryan, it was moved to proceed with the Shikellamy Cooperative Education Program and authorized Jason to work out the details. Motion carried.

Mr. Koch presented the Minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There being no additions or corrections, on motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Larry Welfer, 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. On motion of Tre Bittner, seconded by Larry Welfer, the Financial Reports were accepted. Motion carried.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jason reviewed Matt Billman's written report. Matt is still waiting to hear something on the Covid-19 Small Water Sewer Grant.

Discussion was had on the water issues at Line and Second Streets. Following discussion Mr. McBryan said the Board needed to get together with the City to solve the water issues in this area. Mr. Ward cautioned that the Authority would have to watch how much sanitary flow could go to the river. Jason and Matt were asked to stay on this issue and to approach the City. Jason said he has received other reports of basements being flooded in the area of 6th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The line was televised in both directions and everything looked to be in good working order. Jason said this line is being fed by the artesian spring pond on 6th Street. He believes that a combination of the frequency of the storms, the intensity of the storms and the overflow of the pond is filling the pipe and in turn backing up the system into customers' homes.

The actuator for Spring Run has been installed.

The crew replaced 70 feet of sewer main on N. Owl Street between Reagan Street and Masser Street.

A sink hole opened up on Catawissa Avenue in the area of the Township line. The sewer line was televised and is in good working order and no evidence was found that the sewer line is causing the hole in the road.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING REPORT

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

Pat reported a respectable month in tonnage of 2,656.15 tons at the transfer station for the month of August.

Pat received a check in the amount of \$863.40 for the plastics sold to NH Kelman in July. Another trailer of mixed goods went to Jeff's Recycling.

An amendment letter was received for the Act 101 Section 902 Grant Disbursement. Pat expects at least \$90,000.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Jason said he received a check from Upper Augusta in the amount of \$18,923.51 but found another problem on the water side. A parsonage was not metered and the water was shut off. There is another house on that line. Scott is checking other houses. Water cost is estimated to be \$6,500.

Jason presented pay application #1 for the Court Street project in the amount of \$91,058.32 from G & R Charles Excavation, LTD. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Larry Welfer, pay application #1 from G & R Charles Excavation, LTD in the amount of \$91,058.32 was approved for payment. Motion carried.

Jason gave a report of the 2024 minimum municipal obligation for the Authority's Pension plan. The minimum municipal obligation based on 1/1/2021

actuarial valuation is \$63,942. On motion of Tom McBryan, seconded by Tom Krieger, it was moved to pay the \$63,942. Motion carried.

Jason asked that service installation fees be reviewed. Pat said hook up fees are governed by Act 57. Tom Krieger asked if single family vs. multi-family hookups can be differentiated.

A Right to Know Request was received from an employee for wages for all employees.

Buchart Horn supplied a preliminary drawing and estimated costs for a diverter project at the Transfer Station.

The contractor was on site today for the slip lining. There was an issue with the bypass pump but it was resolved and the project should be finished tomorrow.

Jason reported on a meeting with Steve Welker. The City wants to know Authority costs on several upcoming City projects.

Jason also reported on a visit to the Hegins Landfill.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The contractor plans on doing the work this fall or winter on aeration basin #4. Pat said he has been receiving and reviewing submittals from the contractor.

The construction cost is estimated to be \$130,000 for the Transfer Station deflectors. Pat provided the concept drawing and the cost estimate for the Board's review. Pat will talk with contractors to get probable construction costs.

DEP will not issue the new Transfer Station General Permit until near the date of expiration of the existing permit which is October 3, 2023.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

It is planned to adopt the revised Bylaws at the September 19th meeting.

Attorney Balducci reviewed the lagoon cleaning bid. The bid is good and insurance meets the Authority's requirements but it does not have the Purdy language about subrogation. Attorney Balducci is waiting for a response.

Mr. Balducci advised Jason that any inquiries regarding the Zimmerman project should be directed to Upper Augusta Township since the Township should be providing water and sewerage services to the project. Since stormwater may end up in the Authority's system Mr. Balducci said it is important for the Authority to review the project plans for stormwater management.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The list of expenditures from August 16, 2023 to September 5, 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 9:13 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue and the meeting convened in Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. The meeting reconvened in General Session at 9:55 p.m. with no action being taken.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice Chairman

Approved:

Solicitor