

**A REGULAR MEETING
BERKS-MONTGOMERY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
AUGUST 23, 2021**

A Regular Meeting was held at the Administration Building on August 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM EDT with the following members present:

M. Toepel	S. Carpenter
K. Corson	D. Biehl
A. Stauffer	

Also present:

J. Karver	L. Christy
K. Showalter	C. Leister
G. Moser	

Jeff Boyd was present at the meeting to fill in for Solicitor Karver who arrived at the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Upon a motion by Ms. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Stauffer and unanimously adopted, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 26, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

PLANT REPORT:

Mr. Christy presented the Plant Report. He reported on several maintenance items.

Mr. Christy reported the new grinder was installed at Pump Station #1 on August 4, 2021. A representative from Watermark inspected and approved the installation.

Mr. Christy reported a meeting was held on August 17, 2021 with EPWPCOA regarding the meeting and BMMA plant tour on November 19, 2021.

OFFICE REPORT:

Ms. Leister presented the Office Report. The status of the severely delinquent accounts were reviewed.

AUTHORITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Moser presented the Authority Manager Report.

Mr. Moser introduced Kenneth Picardi of Yergey, Daylor, Allebach, Scheffey, Picardi. Mr. Picardi discussed taking over the collection efforts and communications to collect delinquent sewer charges currently handled by Solicitor Karver's office. He presented Resolution 2021-8 to adopt a schedule of attorney's fees for services in connection with the collection of delinquent sewer charges. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser requested the Board ratify the action of hiring Ethan Michaels for the Plant Operator position. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser reported Aqua PA sent a letter requesting access to drill a test well on the site of Pump Station #7. After discussion with the Board and Mr. Showalter, the Board decided they were not interested in allowing access.

Mr. Moser presented the proposed 2022 operating budget for review. The final 2022 operating budget will be submitted for approval at the September 27 meeting.

Mr. Moser recommended continuing the sludge hauling and disposal contract for a third year with Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons in accordance with the original bid price for the third year of \$79.00 per cubic yard. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser reviewed the cost estimates SDE prepared for the two shovel ready projects discussed at the July 26, 2021 Board meeting. For Gravity Basin Section 2 MH 49 on Henry Avenue to MH 31 on North Reading Avenue, SDE prepared a cost estimate for lining instead of replacing the line. Lining is the planned approach. For Gravity Basin Section 9 MH 20 to MH 15 on Township Line Road, SDE prepared a cost estimate for lining repair and replacing 31 laterals. After Mr. Moser discussed the estimate with SDE, SDE prepared a new cost estimate from MH 20 on Township Line Road to MH 8B on County Line Road for lining repair only. Mr. Moser is recommending this approach. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser reported a letter regarding the capacity study request was sent to Earl Township. He has not received a response to date.

Mr. Moser provided an update to the annual usage review for commercial properties since the last meeting. Account Z199 – Adam’s Royal Car Wash, 50 Bartman Ave., needs 4 EDU’s. Per the Board’s direction from the July meeting, Solicitor Karver sent correspondence to Mr. Heimer’s attorney clarifying the requirements for the August meeting. Mr. Heimer provided a \$17,000 payment for 2 EDU’s to Solicitor Karver to be held in escrow. A to scale drawing has not been provided.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES:

SECRETARY:

Mr. Corson reviewed the list of correspondence.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Karver had no report.

TREASURER:

No report.

ENGINEER:

Mr. Showalter presented the Engineers report.

Mr. Showalter reported a payment request for the Digester Cover Replacement project was received from WesTech. The request is on hold until final adjustments to the level monitoring system are completed.

Mr. Showalter reported SDE is waiting for shop drawings for the Pump Station #2 Grinder project.

Mr. Showalter reported the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Grant project is out for bid. Bids are scheduled to be received on September 22, 2021.

Mr. Showalter reported Escrow Release Request #2 for \$93,613.29 for Zern Tract Phase 2 was received and reviewed by SDE and he is recommending release of the funds. A resolution is required.

RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Upon a motion by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Corson, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board adopts Resolution 2021-8, a schedule of attorney’s fees for services in connection with the collection of delinquent sewer charges.

Upon a motion by Mr. Biehl, seconded by Ms. Carpenter and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board ratify the action of hiring Ethan Michaels for the Plant Operator position.

Upon a motion by Ms. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Corson, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes continuing the sludge hauling and disposal contract with Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons. for a third year at a price of \$79.00 per cubic yard.

Upon a motion by Mr. Corson, seconded by Mr. Stauffer, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes SDE to proceed with the engineering design for the Gravity Basin Section 9 MH 20 on Township Line Road to MH 8B on County Line Road.

Upon a motion by Mr. Corson, seconded by Mr. Biehl, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board approves Escrow Release Request #2 for \$93,613.29 for Zern Tract Phase 2.

Upon a motion by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Ms. Carpenter, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the payment of \$151,910.16 for the bills as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM to executive session to review a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Leister