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DANVILLE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good day to all.

Jamie Shrawder, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Borough, asked that the Authority give an update on our responsibilities as board members, as well as information on recent projects and our goals for future ones. As Chairman of the Danville Municipal Authority, I offer the following.

I am saddened as I recall the most recent loss of our former Chairman, Walter Shultz, who served with honor and will be missed in Danville.

The Danville Municipal Authority chooses to be proactive with our systems in an attempt to preserve them for the future. We own and operate the water plant, wastewater treatment plant, and all of the related infrastructure. Our wastewater collection and treatment system includes 350 manholes, 16+ miles of collection pipes, five pump stations, and two flow meters. Our water treatment and distribution system includes two water reservoir tanks, 75,000 feet of main lines, 160 hydrants, hundreds of valves, one pressure relief valve, six air reliefs, five bridge crossings, one main under a creek, one transmission line under a creek, approximately 12,000 feet of transmission main and 86 current water meters with around 2,600 to be installed in the near future.

Recent projects on our water treatment facilities include the following:

Over the last two years we have budgeted \$200,000 toward the replacement of faulty valves in the distribution system. This project is an on-going, top priority for the Water Superintendent Brad Horne. Replacing the malfunctioning valves allows the water department to better isolate breaks and areas in need of repair which limits the amount of customers without water during an interruption in service.

During 2015 and 2016, we completed a major refurbishment of our water storage tanks on Reservoir Street. They were sandblasted, primed and repainted. All mechanical joints were inspected and repaired where necessary. New systems to automatically mix the stored water were installed that will maintain a better product for our customers. A block building was constructed to house new electrical equipment. We are currently working on a project to control weed growth on this site and hope to have this completed this spring.

We completed the bidding process to repair both clarifiers at the water plant to return them to excellent working condition. Each clarifier will have a dome cover installed which will prevent algae growth in the summer and ice formation in the winter, thereby ensuring a better product for our customers.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources has asked the DMA to consider a secondary source for our water supply in case our water source is contaminated. We have just begun investigations of the possibilities available to secure a second water source.

During 2016, the Danville Municipal Authority authorized construction of a new storage building at the water plant site on East Market Street. The new building allows us to properly store and better maintain the expensive equipment.

Recently, all commercial water meters were brought into compliance. The federal government has now mandated that the Municipal Authority must have a program in place to reduce water loss by 2022. The DMA has chosen to be proactive on this and intends to purchase and install the meters in the near future for all residential customers. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

The DMA is also responsible for operation and maintenance of all Borough fire hydrants.

Recent projects on our wastewater treatment facilities include:

Of course, we are all aware of the most recent wastewater collection system project. After many years of being postponed, the main interceptor, the very largest of our collection system pipes, was replaced at a cost of over \$9,000,000. The project is ongoing but should be completed this construction season.

This past year saw the DMA enter into a 30 year agreement with the Valley Township Municipal Authority to collect and process their wastewater at our treatment plant. Everyone involved is pleased with the outcome of this process, which was discussed for many years. This agreement will allow for economic and residential growth in Valley Township.

The DMA also has an agreement with Riverside Borough to collect and process their wastewater at our treatment plant. We also collect and process wastewater from Mahoning Township, Geisinger, and the state hospital, along with supplying water service to them as well.

In order to provide for the surrounding growth, DMA attempts to actively improve and maintain our plants and underground systems. All of this is a big task, one which I believe is done well by our employees whose efforts, for the most part, go unnoticed until one of our systems does not operate properly. The DMA board members understand their responsibilities to maintain and improve these very important systems for Danville, Mahoning Township, Valley Township, Riverside, Geisinger, and the state hospital.

Sincerely,
Richard Johns

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” — Margaret Mead

MEET THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY



Richard Johns – Chairman



Pete Rickert – Vice Chairman. Pete is a lifelong borough resident. He also serves on the flood mitigation committee. He is retired.



Betty Ann Moyer – Treasurer. Betty Ann is a lifelong resident of the Borough. She graduated from St. Cryil’s, went to college, and returned to teach in Bloomsburg. She represented Danville’s 3rd Ward on Council for 27 years. She is a past president of the PA State Association of Boroughs and is now a member of PSAB representing Columbia and Montour Counties. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees for the Danville State Hospital for 33 years, where she also serves on several committees.



Dick Blosky - Secretary



Jim Shutt – Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

Water System - The Danville Water Department’s main objective is to provide the highest quality water at the lowest possible price. We feel this is being accomplished when the state average per day cost per household is approximately \$2.20 and our rates are just under \$1.00. Rates for other “nonessential” utilities such as cell phones, cable, and internet are significantly higher.

Clarifier Tank Improvements

The two clarifier tanks at the Water Treatment Plant are used to separate any suspended solids from the water. These tanks are in need of rehabilitation. Tanks will be power washed and sealed. Drive and mixer motors, gear reducers and roller assemblies will be replaced. All steel will be sandblasted and repainted. Deteriorated concrete will be replaced with new concrete and new non-shrink grout will be installed. Covers will be installed on both tanks to eliminate the growth of algae in the summer and ice in the winter. Only one clarifier will be permitted to be out of service at a time during the rehabilitation activities. While one clarifier is temporarily out of service, plant operations will continue with the other unit.

Wastewater System Flushable Reminders

- ✓ Homeowners own the sewer lateral from home to where it connects with the borough sewer line.
- ✓ Do not flush anything besides human waste and toilet paper.
- ✓ Most homeowner lateral issues arise from flushing the “flushable” wipes or grease.
- ✓ “Flushable” wipes means that they will flush down the toilet, but they WILL also block your sewer lateral.
- ✓ It is very expensive to clear your sewer lateral of these rags and grease.
- ✓ The rags accumulate in the main sewer lines and can cause sewage backups in neighboring homes and into the street.
- ✓ **Grease from cooking should not be poured into the sink. It will slowly coat the lateral, block the flow, and cause backups.**
- ✓ NEVER flush cat litter. It is made of clay and will completely block the lateral, block flow, and cause backups.

Did You Know

- ❖ You can pay your bill with cash or check in person at the Borough Office during regular business hours. Make sure that your check is legible, especially the line spelling out the monetary value of the check. **PLEASE BRING YOUR BILL WITH YOU!**
- ❖ The Borough Office does not accept payment via credit card. Credit card payment is available via Paypal through our website. A handling fee does apply. See www.danvilleboro.org for details.
- ❖ A drop box for water and sewer payments is available along Canal Street.
- ❖ You may elect to receive your bill electronically rather than a paper bill via U.S. mail. The form to enroll in this program is available at www.danvilleboro.org.
- ❖ You may also elect to have your bill paid by automatic transfer from your bank account. The form to enroll in this program is available at www.danvilleboro.org.
- ❖ Bills are issued each quarter in January, April, July, and October, and due by the last day of the quarter.
- ❖ A late fee will be assessed against any accounts not paid by the due date. This amount is shown on your bill as the amount to pay AFTER the due date.
- ❖ A second warning regarding a late bill is the past due notice which is sent out 45 days after the due date.
- ❖ If your bill remains unpaid 7 business days after the past due notice is issued, you will receive a door hanger. An additional \$15 late fee will be applied to your bill at this time.
- ❖ Final notice will be the *water shut off door hanger* if your bill is still not paid 10 days after the first door hanger. An additional \$15 fee will be added to your bill at this time.
- ❖ If water service is turned off, a fee is charged to turn it back on: \$50 during work hours of 8AM to 3PM or \$125 after 3PM.
- ❖ **SAVE YOURSELF A LOT OF MONEY BY PAYING YOUR BILL ON TIME.**

Sewer and Water Rate Comparisons Across the Region

Entity	Quarterly Sewer Rate	Average Quarterly Water Rates (majority are metered)
Danville Municipal Authority	\$110.40	\$87.78
Washingtonville Municipal Authority	\$98.00	NA
Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority	\$85.98-\$222.00	\$167.00
Bloomsburg Municipal Authority	\$116.47	\$134.00
Milton Regional Sewer Authority	\$137.08-\$213.88	\$167.00
Turbotville Borough	\$126.00	\$156.00
Sunbury Municipal Authority	\$161.00	\$91.05
Shamokin Dam Borough	\$184.65	\$218.00
Beavertown Municipal Authority	\$174.00	\$78.00
McClure Borough	\$65.00	\$150.00



UPCOMING EVENTS

Colors of Hope 5k Walk/Run – Saturday, April 29, 2017, 10:00 A.M.

Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and Montour County Relay for Life. Registration will begin at 8:30am at the pavilion at Hess Field. Race starts and ends at Hess Field. Similar to the concept of The Color Run, during the Colors of Hope 5K, colored powder will be thrown at you. The color is mostly washable but, don't wear anything that you don't want to get color on because it might not come off. The goal is to become as colorful as possible! We also recommend you wear hair and eye protection, especially for those with light colored hair. T-shirts will be available for purchase on race day on a first come, first serve basis.

Hess Recreation Area (Meadow Lane, Danville, Pa) - <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Danville/ColorsofHope5k>

Spring Fling and River Towns Half Marathon – Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:00 A.M.

Rain or Shine. One of the earliest craft fairs in the region, Spring Fling attracts nearly 200 participating vendors to the center of downtown Danville every year, offering a wide variety of crafts and food for people to enjoy. Even better, a large number of non-profit organizations participate to raise awareness of their worthy causes. The Danville Arts Council Spring Fling Art Show will be at The Art Mill, 121 Mill Street. Come downtown for a wonderful, spring day in Danville! www.visitdanvillepa.org – 570.284.4502. Enjoy a morning of racing through some of the prettiest river valley scenery that central Pennsylvania has to offer, then spend the afternoon in Danville browsing the food, arts, and crafts offered by roughly 200 regional vendors and Mill Street shops. There's so much to do, so plan to make a full weekend of it in Danville! Start/Finish at Montour County Courthouse (29 Mill Street, Danville, PA) – www.rivertownrace.com – 570.271.1055

40th Annual Danville Fishing Derby – Saturday, May 20, 2017

The Montour County Sportsmen Working for Kids is a non-profit organization, run by volunteers, whose mission is to promote the outdoors to young people to keep them active and healthy while supplying outdoorsmen with recreational enjoyment by stocking trout in local streams. Approximately 5,000-6,000 fish are released every year in Montour County for all outdoorsmen and kids to enjoy.

Mahoning Creek Levee (Danville Middle School Side) – danvillefishderby@yahoo.com

Free Admission – Donations Appreciated (May be Mailed to P.O. Box 297, Danville, PA 17821)

40th Annual Danville Memorial T-Rail Race - Saturday, May 27, 2017

Registration is between 7:45 AM and 8:45 AM. The race is five miles. This year all race proceeds will be donated to Many Hands Helping Others. Please contact Tina Bartholomew at tina24@ptd.net or Bob Welby at rwelby@yahoo.com for further information.

Memorial Park (300 Bloom Street, Danville, PA)

Montgomery House – Sundays from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., May through October

Danville's historic Montgomery House is open for visitors on Sundays from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. from Memorial Day through October.

The Montgomery House (1 Bloom Street in Danville, PA) – www.montourcountyhistoricalsociety.org – 570.275.7875

Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 29, 2017 10:00 A.M.

The ceremonies will begin at 10am at the Danville-Riverside Bridge where those buried and lost at sea will be remembered. After the ceremony, the parade will advance from West Market Street down Mill Street and up Bloom Road to Memorial Park. At Memorial Park, a program will be presented that will allow those present to join with their neighbors to remember all the veterans whose sacrifices have helped to preserve our basic rights and freedoms. The Memorial Park program begins after the parade between 10:30 and 11:00 AM. Veterans walking or riding in the parade can start forming at 9:00 AM at the corner of Mill St. and West Market St. There will be a County Transit bus to carry any veteran who cannot walk in the parade. The bus will be available at the Court House on the corner of Mill St. and West Market St. It is handicap accessible with a wheelchair ramp. Porta-Johns will be available at the Court House and Memorial Park. In case of inclement weather, the park program will be held at the Danville Middle School Auditorium.

Questions can be directed to Doug Resseguie, Montour County Veterans Affairs at (570) 271-3061.

7th Annual DACC Kid's Triathlon – Saturday, June 3, 2017

9 am race start with a mandatory 8:30 AM pre-race meeting. There will be a swim in the pool, a bike race through protected parking lots, and a running race on a grass course. This event is non-competitive and is meant to introduce children to the sport and encourages physical activity at an early age. Children must have a bike without training wheels and be able to swim without flotation or flippers.

Danville Area Community Center (1 Liberty Street, Danville, PA) – www.thedacc.com

Wine in the Pines Danville Wine Festival – Saturday, June 17, 2017 from Noon to 5:00 P.M.

Featuring wineries, craft breweries, craft and food vendors, and live entertainment, this annual wine festival in Danville, PA is sponsored by the Danville Business Alliance. Tickets will be for sale locally at Old Forge Brewing Company, Red Shale Ridge Winery (Danville), Shade Mountain Winery (Riverside), the DBA office and online at www.visitdanvillepa.org. Join your family and friends for fun, food, and good times at 'Wine in the Pines'!

Hess Recreation Area (Meadow Lane, Danville, PA) – www.visitdanvillepa.org and www.wineinthepinesfestival.com – 570.284.4502

Old Forge 5k Beer Run – Saturday, June 24, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.

The Old Forge 5K Beer Run involves beer, a huge slide, beer pools, and a keg toss/carry/roll! You must be 21 years of age or older to enter. Prizes are awarded for the fastest female and male and for the best beer costumes. Check in is between 4:30 P.M. and 5:45 P.M. No date of race registration is allowed, pre-registration only. No dogs or strollers are allowed. Kids are welcome to attend. There will be live music, and food and beverages available. This race is part of the 2016 River Towns Race Series and proceeds benefit the Montour Area Recreation Commission. Note: parking is limited, so plan to arrive early for this exciting early-summer event!

Hess Recreation Area (Meadow Lane, Danville, PA) – www.montourrec.com – 570.271.1055

Summer Concert Series – Tuesday Nights through August, 2017

All concerts will be held in Memorial Park. In case of inclement weather concert will be held across the street in Grove Presbyterian Church. Check the Arts Council website for dates and performers.

Danville Memorial Park (Bloom & Church Streets, Danville, PA) – www.danvilleartscouncil.org – 570.284.4502

DUMPSTER DAY

Please take advantage of our Dumpster Day scheduled for April 22, 2017 from 7:00AM-1:00PM at the Danville Soccer Complex East Market Street, Danville. No Charge for Any Items

PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED. DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED.

ACCEPTING ITEMS: All white goods, tires (6 Tire limit). There is a two load per household limit for all goods.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: TV's of all types, computers and towers, brush, weeds, grass clippings, landscape timber, wood fences, rocks, stones, tree brush, stumps, garden waste, dirt of any type, cement or sod, paint, oils or fuels of any type.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ever think about planting a garden but don't have the space?

The Danville Child Development Center has plots available at DCDC, 2719 Bloom Road. On Facebook search for DCDC Community Garden. Contact Michelle at (570) 275-4047 or mjenkins@danvillecdc.org.



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