

MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, January 17, 2022. Present were Pete Rickert, Mike Kuziak, Donald Lutz, and Betty Ann Moyer together with their Solicitor, Michael P. Dennehy, Esquire. Also present was Shannon Berkey, Borough Manager. Chad Holmes from Valley Township and Mike Currid property owner were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chad Holmes introduced himself, and Shannon handed out an email the Borough received from Mr. Holmes last week. He reviewed some of the “sewer issues” that Valley Township had recently.

- Water Leak – 3.5m gallons/month – This issue has finally been resolved.
- Hotel Occupancy – Occupancy was down during COVID so that hurt their revenues.
- He thanked the Authority for waiving late penalties last year. Valley Township had to raise rates for this year for their customers. They are also looking for more grants and rescue funds that may be available to them. Chad said it would be helpful if Danville would extend the waiver of the late penalty for a while.
- They have been looking into the “Low Income Water Assistance Program.” Information was sent to Brindy Morgan to see if Danville might be interested.
- Valley refinanced their debt once already to save money.
- Chad also emphasized that Valley wants to work with Danville.

Mike Kuziak asked about customer base expansion in Valley Township. Chad said that it is uncertain at this time as to when that might happen (COVID and general economic conditions) may have played a part. However, they are hoping it won’t take too long to happen. Things are still up in the air.

Shannon noted that penalties just began again in January 2022 in the total amount of \$15,242.00. This is the current water and sewer penalty imposed. Shannon was wondering whether they were looking for a quarter or two for a waiver to continue or for all of 2022. Chad said they are still looking at revenue numbers now, but maybe waiver for all of 2022. Principal and late fees amount of bill that is currently overdue in the amount of \$197,000.00. Chad wanted to open up further discussion between Valley and Danville on this issue. Pete Rickert thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Mike Currid wanted to discuss his Railroad Street Property. He handed out a two-page memo to the Authority. He is okay with the reimbursement on the 4” to 2” pipe issue. However, he does want additional vacancy credits.

REAPPOINTMENT: Shannon Berkey notified the Authority that the Danville Borough reappointed Donald Lutz to another term.

REORGANIZATION: A Motion was made by Mike Kuziak and seconded by Donald Lutz to leave the same officers for 2022 that were in place in 2021. MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of December 20, 2021 were approved as published on Motion of Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

WATER:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of December 31, 2021 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the water plant were \$129,531.32. A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$129,531.21 was made by Betty Ann Moyer, and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report:

Shannon reported that there were no actionable items in Brad Horne's report at this time.

Pete Rickert did update the Authority of the passing of Mark Betts of the Sewer Department.

Borough Manager's Report:

Filter Project - Shannon Berkey requested payment for Contract #2 Payment #8 – Final - \$4,167.89. A Motion was made by Betty Ann Moyer, and seconded by Donald Lutz, to pay Contract #2, Payment #8 in the amount of \$4,167.89. MOTION CARRIED

SEWER:

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of December 31, 2021 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$212,622.61. A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant in the amount of \$212,622.61 was made by Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED

Shannon Berkey noted that Valley Township owes the following; \$89,455 for Water since August 2021, and \$92,941 for Sewer since July 2021. The payments started to fall behind the beginning of November 2020.

A Motion was made by Mike Kuziak, and seconded by Donald Lutz to waive the penalties for Valley Township for the first and second quarter for 2022. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report:

Shannon reported that there were no actionable items in Jane Graham's report at this time.

Borough Manager's Report:

Sludge Disposal Lease – After some discussion of the final draft of the sludge disposal lease, A Motion was made by Donald Lutz and seconded by Mike Kuziak to accept the Sludge Disposal Lease as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Riverside - Correspondence was sent to the Authority from Attorney Michetti, requesting more time to do their mitigation plan, however, there was not enough detail regarding why they need more time. Shannon is going to prepare correspondence for Pete Rickert sticking to our original timeline. Motion made by Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Donald Lutz, to send correspondence to Riverside. MOTION CARRIED

Amendment to Engineering Services Proposal – Tia Trate provided the detail requested as to the cost of the addition of the digester pumps. After some discussion a Motion was made by Mike Kuziak and seconded by Donald Lutz to approve the Amendment with the understanding that the Bidding cost of \$10,000.00 would be removed and the cost would then drop to \$55,000.00. MOTION CARRIED

Other Items Under Borough Manager

Free Water and Sewer – A current list of free water and sewer customers was given to the Authority members for review. Some discussion amongst the Authority members was made to see if they want to change the list that was presented before them. It was decided to table the discussion until the February 2022 meeting.

Railroad Street Property – There was some additional discussion on the number of units. A decision was already made to only credit back to the second quarter in 2021 when Mr. Currid requested it, as per past practice.

It appears that Mr. Currid has 3 upstairs units, with two of them currently vacant. (The one office upstairs above "Smoke Rings" is part of that business). So the question was whether

the number of billed units should be reduced by one to reflect the over-under arrangement of Smoke Rings.

A Motion was made by Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Donald Lutz, to stay with the current Vacancy Policy of only going back to the date when vacancy credit was requested, and to approve the Smoke Rings change to a single unit. MOTION CARRIED

Engineer's Report for Water/Sewer:

After reviewing the report provided by Tia Trate, there were no questions or actionable items at this time.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Marks, McLaughlin, Dennehy & Piontek Invoice – A Motion was made by Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Donald Lutz to approve payment for the 4th quarter in the amount of \$2,780.55. MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business, a Motion to Adjourn was made by Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary