

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, September 19, 2022. Present were Betty Ann Moyer, Mike Kuziak, and Dick Blosky, along with their Solicitor, Michael P. Dennehy, Esquire. Also present were Borough Manager, Shannon Berkey, Brindy Mordan, Brad Horne, and Jim Gregg, Councilman.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Wintersteen - Borough Fire Department

Mr. Wintersteen expressed concerns about the Fire Departments paying for water consumption, particularly filling up trucks for training, preparation, and emergencies. Vice Chairman Blosky said the Fire Department can go directly to the pumpstation house hydrant at the plant. This hydrant is outside. Brad Horne added that the water plant would meet them for refill to ensure homeland security monitoring requirements. Just call ahead or ring the bell at the plant. Water in these situations is no charge to the Fire Department. Dick Blosky suggested that the Fire Board should develop a policy on this.

Emily Fiocchi – 707 Upper Street, Danville, PA

Ms. Fiocchi said she has had water pressure issues the past 2 years, and believes that the pressure is too low. The water department worker told her that the booster pump is going bad. Emily says a plumber of Dent's Plumbing checked their pump, and it is ok. He checked the pressure coming into the house and said it comes in at 20 lbs. but drops to 10 lbs. sometimes. Dick Blosky says that they will have the water department look into it. Brad will report back to the Authority at the next meeting. Brad further stated that the minimum pressure is 20 psi per state regulations.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of were approved as published on Motion of Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED

WATER:

Superintendent's Report:

The meter vaults were put in last week on the Montour County Housing Authority. Brad reported that it went smoothly and was done in-house. Shannon stated that Montour County Housing Authority contributed \$50,000 toward this project.

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of August 31, 2022 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the water plant were \$296,769.58.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$296,769.58 was made by Betty Ann Moyer, and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED

Borough Manager's Report:

Water:

Meter Pits – Shannon presented the cost comparison showing cost of meter vs. meter pit for new construction. Dick tabled the decision on this until the future meeting when everyone was here. Brad recommends that the meter pits be paid for by the property owner on the new construction. Not much room for the pits on the existing structures. Brindy added that the existing rules need to be modified and that commercial customers are already required to install meter pits.

Leighow Property on Becker Street – Shannon said the Borough found that there is a stormwater right of way noted on the property construction plans. The Borough will check to see if structures on the property that were built on the runoff right of way.

SEWER:

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of August 31, 2022 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$209,554.00.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant in the amount of \$209,554.00 was made by Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report:

There were no actionable items on the superintendent's Report. Dick Blosky inquired about a truck that has been parked at the plant for some time. Shannon stated that was the truck that had the catalytic converter stolen.

Borough Manager's Report:

- Riverside Testing – Shannon reported that Riverside has not sent over any additional testing results yet. Shannon sent them a letter stating the deadline for this information is before October 17, 2022 which is our next Authority meeting.

Other Items Under Borough Manager:

- VTMA Meeting – Shannon reported on the recent meeting and Danville expressed what we could do, and that we were very interested. We may even take over some of their debt. There were questions about the supervisors forgiving their portion of the Valley Township Municipal Authority debt of approximately \$140,000. Mike Kuziak stated that if the Valley Township Supervisors refuse to forgive the Valley Township Municipal Authority debt, which it looks like they will, they should consider offering the Valley Township Municipal Authority the building rather than cash to settle the outstanding debt between the two.

After some discussion amongst the Authority members, a Motion by Betty Ann Moyer was made to move ahead with the acquisition of Valley Township's system; seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED

- Geisinger/Villa meeting – There was no request to the Municipal Authority at this time regarding any possible infrastructure changes.

Engineer's Report for Water/Sewer:

There were no actionable items at this time.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mike Kuziak raised a question regarding DRIVE and how many tenants they have at their incubator and the rest of their complex. We should know the correct number of tenants so we can be billing them correctly for water and sewer. Shannon indicated that someone from the Borough could visit them and ask directly. Mike also mentioned Montour County, particularly the Front Street Annex, which is being charged for two entities in the building but may contain at least four separate entities at the present time. This should also be looked at.

Brindy reported that there were several available dates in October for the budget meetings. If anyone has any conflicts, they need to let her know very soon so she can get a date listed. She expects it would be starting at 10:00 a.m. and finishing by 2:00 p.m.

Executive Session on a personnel matter involving a sewer plant employee, requested by Shannon Berkey, Borough Manager.

Following the Executive Session, there was a Motion to Adjourn was made by Mike Kuziak and seconded by Betty Ann Moyer. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary