

MEETING OF JULY 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, July 18, 2022. Present were Pete Rickert, Betty Ann Moyer, Mike Kuziak, Dick Blosky, and Donald Lutz, along with their Solicitor, Michael P. Dennehy, Esquire. Also present was Shannon Berkey, Borough Manager, Brindy Mordan, Jim Gregg, Chairman of the Danville Water and Sewer Committee, Harold Beers, Councilman, and Bruce Earlston, Borough Street Superintendent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of June 20, 2022 were approved as published on Motion of Dick Blosky and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

** One correction made to minutes per Mike Kuziak. Re-sent minutes to members on August 3, 2022.

WATER:

Superintendent's Report:

There were no actionable items at this time.

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of June 30, 2022 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the water plant were \$204,918.87.

Brindy added an additional column to the report called Estimated column for expenses and revenues for the year.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$204,918.87 was made by Dick Blosky, and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

Borough Manager's Report:

Water:

- **523 Becker Street** – the owner of the property has reached out to several Borough Employees regarding the run – off and had the borough engineer take a look at the site to see what if any responsibility we would have in this situation. They also want to make sure that the water that is running off is ground water and not treated water from the Borough. Solicitor Dennehy stated the per the Storm Water Management Act, our obligation is that if we do something that makes the run-off worse, then we need to address it. Otherwise, we are not under no obligation to fix something that we did not create.

Mike Kuziak inquired when this property was developed what was it zoned. Were any variances given to the developer in order to develop high density housing. Shannon will look into the zoning and previous ownership, etc. and report back to the authority.

Once they have more information, they can then determine a whether or not a course of action on the Authority’s part is necessary.

SEWER:

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of June 30, 2022 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$222,592.02.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant in the amount of \$222,592.00 was made by Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent’s Report:

Gate specs were sent out to three local fence contractors requesting a quote. To date only two responded, Buffalo Valley Fence \$13,500.00 and Suburban Fence \$17,000.00. Mike Kuziak wanted to know the gauge of the fencing before accepting any proposals. Shannon will speak with Jane to obtain the same for the next meeting.

Borough Manager’s Report:

- Riverside Testing – There are no results at this time.
- Sewer fencing – Need additional information on gauge of fencing.

Other Items Under Borough Manager:

- VTMA Meeting – Information was requested from Valley Township Municipal Authority which we still have not received. The additional information is needed prior to moving forward. Mike Kuziak stated that perhaps they need help putting

the information together. Shannon said that she would put together requesting the additional information along with offering help to obtain the same.

- Rate Comparison (water, sewer, tapping) – The Water Study was done in 2021. The cost to do the sewer tapping fee is \$10,000 or both water and sewer for \$17,000. Brindy asked the Authority what they wanted to do at this point. After much discussion, Donald Lutz suggested that they wait until next year and revisit this discussion again.
- Rate Study decisions - Shannon and Brindy indicated that a number of decisions needed to be made by the Authority to enable the completion of the Rate study. These Motions followed:
 - a. Free Water and Sewer - A Motion was made that starting January 1, 2023, they will bill at the actual usage by Betty Ann Moyer, and seconded by Mike Kuziak. Donald Lutz and Pete Rickert voted no and Dick Blosky abstained. MOTION FAILED

After some discussion, a Motion was made by Betty Ann Moyer that effective January 1, 2023, they will bill at actual usage current per 1000-gallon rate, except outdoor recreation fields. Dick Blosky abstained.
MOTION CARRIED.
 - b. Water Shut-off – A Motion was made by Donald Lutz and seconded by Betty Ann Moyer that there will be no charge on shut off of water properties. MOTION CARRIED
 - c. Ownership Fee – A Motion was made by Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Dick Blosky that a \$25 charge for owner fees will go into effect on January 1, 2023. MOTION CARRIED
 - d. Meter Pits – Shannon and Brindy to have Brad attend the next meeting to update the Authority on the meter pit installation.
 - e. Private Pools – A Motion was made that there will be no sewer credit for private swimming pools by Dick Bloskey and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

There was some continued discussion regarding Meter size – There will be no exception. The customer will pay the minimum based on the meter size. Brindy Mordan will get this information to the meter study.

There was also some discussion among the Authority regarding employee's who don't wear safety shoes. Dick Blosky wants Shannon Berkey to emphasize that we don't want bills because someone got hurt. There was some discussion on safety issues. Shannon said she would follow up on this.

Engineer's Report for Water/Sewer:

Mike Kuziak asked if the estimates on the projects have been revised with the rising costs of materials, etc. Brindy Mordan stated that the cost increased one million dollars each. Mike also asked if there was a specific time frame these projects needed to be complete. Brindy stated that there is no specification or requirement on the time frame. However, once the Act 537 Plan was updated, interest rates are going up.

The Authority briefly touched on Penn Vest. Brindy will talk to Tia Trate and discuss the calendar. Mike Kuziak asked if there was any way to lock in the interest rates. Brindy said that they may want to consider holding off for a year as well. They can continue to look at options. Brindy will talk to Jane Graham to see if they can delay it any length of time or see how critical things are with the Dewatering project.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Donald Lutz.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary