

## MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, November 15, 2021. Present were Pete Rickert, Dick Blosky, Mike Kuziak, Donald Lutz, and Betty Ann Moyer together with their Solicitor, Robert L. Marks, Esquire. Also present was Brindy Mordan and Brad Horne.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Michael Currid is a property owner in Danville and a resident of Riverside. Mr. Currid presented to the Authority that he believes he was over billed for approximately 13 yrs. and 8 months. The Borough has acknowledged some billing problems on this account; however, he would like to come to some sort of agreement for the reimbursement. It was recently discovered that the reason for the overcharge was that he was being charged for a 4-inch pipe when he actually had a 2-inch pipe. There is also an issue of how many units he is being charged for. He would like an investigation to make sure they are billing him for the correct number of units. He will await an answer regarding the reimbursement from the Authority.

Pete Rickard will do a walk through with Brad Horne regarding the units that Mr. Currid owns. Then they will report back to the Authority on the next step.

### **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Meeting of October 18, 2021 were approved as published on Motion of Dick Blosky and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED

### **OUTSTANDING MOTIONS FROM October 18, 2021**

Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant for the month of September 31, 2021 in the amount of \$172,056.44 was made by Dick Blosky, seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept payment for Contract #1, Payment #11 for the filter project in the amount of \$99,326.82 was made by Dick Blosky, seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve Addendum with Suez was made by Donald Lutz, and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve Fire Hydrant Use Policy was made by Donald Lutz, and seconded by Dick Blosky. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant for September 2021 in the amount of \$300,329.14 made by Dick Blosky, seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve new Sludge Disposal Lease Agreement and possible decrease in the rate paid per year was tabled. Mike Kuziak would like the premises in the Lease Agreement more defined.

Motion to approve a fee amendment to the rate study for water in an additional amount of \$10,000.00 made by Dick Blosky, seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve the quarterly invoice from Marks, McLaughlin, Dennehy, and Piontek, LLP in the amount of \$2,751.00 made by Dick Blosky, seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED.

### **WATER:**

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of October 31, 2021 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the water plant were \$ 286,154.46. A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$286,154.46 was made by Dick Blosky, and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

### **Superintendent's Report:**

Dick Blosky is concerned about losing money as Geisinger moves departments out of Danville. Brad Horne said that other departments will most likely be put in Geisinger as they continue to move people around.

Dick Blosky was also concerned about the total number of operators that they are currently paying for. Brad indicated that the number of operators is always subject to change based on the usage and demand.

### **Borough Manager's Report:**

Everything under Water on the Agenda had previously been addressed.

### **SEWER:**

#### **Financial Report:**

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of October 2021 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$332,884.62.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

**Superintendent's Report:**

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

**Borough Manager's Report:**

**Riverside high concentrations** - After much discussion amongst the Authority members and seeing that Riverside was on notice for approximately two years regarding the high concentrations they currently have. Donald Lutz suggested to give them till the end of the first quarter of 2022 to develop an action plan to handle these issues. By the end of the second quarter of 2022 the plan must be implemented or Danville Borough will start adding fees. The action plan will need to be provided for the March 2022 meeting.

Mike Kuziak also suggested that Riverside Borough craft some sort of ordinance to limit the types of fertilizer used for agriculture.

**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:**

**Valley Township Water & Sewer Bills** – Brindy sent a letter out on October 22, 2021 to let them know at the end of the year that Danville Borough will be imposing penalties. Marley will be resigning at the end of November and that was the current link of communication between Danville Municipal Authority and Valley Township since Bob Buhener had passed away. Brindy has spoken to Chad Holmes who is an Authority member for Valley Township and he is attempting to learn everything. Suez has made an offer, however, Chad indicated that he believes it is their wish to not turn over ownership. They are open for suggestions from the Danville Municipal Authority as well and indicated that Valley Township is not in good shape. Brindy suggested that perhaps both boards should sit down at some point to discuss any options that may be available to Valley Township. Valley had hoped to get caught up on the delinquent bills, however, they currently have a leak somewhere and they still need to install new meters, so they are facing several issues. Brad did attempt to go find the leak for them. Valley Township Authority did not pass a budget in the last two years.

**Free Water for Customers** – Dick Blosky was concerned with the charging Continental Fire department for training exercises that other fire company use. He does not feel that it is fair for the Continental to be charged for that. Dick questioned why they are not allowed to use the fire hydrant for those exercises anymore. Brad Horne indicated that is due to DEP regulations.

Dick then said the other option was that the trucks were told to use the hydrant at the pump intake, however, he was informed that the water was dirty from the river and it clogs their pumps. Brad said that water comes from the plant not directly from the river. Dick's only concern is he does not feel that the Continental Fire Department should be paying for the training.

Brad suggested locking up a hydrant at the intake room for training purposes and giving each fire department their own key. No one other than those fire departments should be down there and there is plenty of space for them to get their equipment in. That way the plant meter would catch the usage.

After much discussion, Dick Blosky asked for 6 months of data to see the amount of usage and to revisit this issue in January 2022 at the next meeting.

**Preliminary approval of 2022 Water and Sewer budgets** – After some discussion on the Preliminary budget A Motion was made by Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Dick Blosky to approve the same. MOTION CARRIED

**Rebecca Flynn Correspondence** - Correspondence was received via email regarding shared sewer lines that she has with her neighbor and that the situation putting a hardship on her. She was not aware that her line was shared with her neighbor when she purchased the home and she has been bearing the brunt of expenses because there is something wrong with her neighbors' line. After much discussion with regard to this issue it was concluded that this is a civil matter that should be addressed accordingly. It was also suggested that she go back to the realtor to see what her disclosure letter states.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary