

MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, April 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, and Harold Beers, Councilman.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of March 21, 2022 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 March 31, 2022 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the water plant were \$139,120.20.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$139,120.20 was made by Dick Blosky, and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report:

There were no actionable items at this time. However, Brad did want to discuss the Center Street repairs. Brad had contacted M& M paving to do the repairs. The quote from them was \$19,500. Brad had also contacted Sudols who has not responded with a quote, and spoke with RC Young who came in at \$13,100 which would cover curb to curb, entailing about 100 ft of roadway.

Betty Ann asked Shannon who was doing the work on Library Avenue. Shannon responded that RC Young is. Brad further explained that was why their quote was lower because he is already here doing work for the Borough and had his equipment here.

A Motion was made by Donald Lutz and seconded by Betty Ann Moyer to have RC Young complete the Center Street work as stated for \$13,100.00. MOTION CARRIED

Borough Manager's Report:

Meter Pit Installation – There were two bids received for the installation. One was from Ronca & Sons, Inc. \$547,000 and the other from James T. Ohara, Inc \$423,900.

Brad felt the numbers were too high. They have three Options available. Brad feels that they could complete the work inhouse. The three options are:

1. Rebid with adjustments to the bid package - however, it would still bring the bids in for Ronca & Sons, Inc. at \$449,000 and James T. Ohara, Inc would be \$387,500.
2. Rebid this next year with new budget amount.
3. Complete the work inhouse.

Brindy explained that they do not have the money in the budget to complete this project at those prices this year, and agrees with Brad that the amounts were excessive. She further stated that to rebid it next year, the pricing would most likely go up. The third option is to have the work done inhouse and after discussions with Brad she also feels this is the best option. The money needed to do the project is already in the budget to complete, and Brad can start the work immediately.

Mike Kuziak asked if the project could be done without overtime and utilizing the existing work force. Brad said it could. Brindy did say one thing of note is that it would take a bit longer to complete. DEP has put a time stamp on this project for completion for 2023 and we would need to get the new permit. Brindy felt confident the DEP will renew the permit.

After some discussion a Motion was made by Donald Lutz to reject the bids offered by Ronca & Sons, Inc., and James T. Ohara; seconded by Betty Ann Moyer. MOTION CARRIED

A Motion was made by Dick Blosky to have the meter pit installation done in-house only with the priority being placed that it would be completed in 2022 barring any unforeseen emergencies; seconded by Betty Ann Moyer. MOTION CARRIED

Solicitor Dennehy just wanted to make sure that Shannon contacted Gannett Fleming to see how this project would interplay with the permit for next year.

Water Quality Drinking Report – Shannon presented the Annual Water Report that they are required to distribute every year to their users. After some discussion with regard to the notice for failure to sample that were included, Brad explained that the samples were then provided and compliance was then met.

Brad also said that the sample results should ready in a few weeks to show that they are in compliance. Donald Lutz suggested that the results of the samples that they are awaiting should be included in the distribution of the report to quell any unnecessary panic among the

users. So, there would be the required non-compliance notice due to the delinquency, but there would also be the report showing we are now in compliance.

A Motion was made by Betty Ann Moyer to distribute the drinking water report along with the test results from the samples; Seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

Center Street Paving Project – This was previously discussed under Brad’s report.

Other New or Old Business:

Solicitor Dennehy just wanted to add that with regard to the Currid matter, he spoke with Attorney Noah Naparsteck who represents Mr. Currid and he stated that the issue has been resolved.

Mike Kuziak wanted to add that he had reviewed the Operating Agreement for Water and saw that it is at least 32 years old. He suggested that perhaps it should be reviewed to see if it is up to date or that any unnecessary language should be removed. After some discussion, Shannon will forward the Agreement for Water and Sewer to all the Authority Members and have Solicitor Dennehy review it and report back to the Authority next month.

Donald Lutz just wanted to add that any documents requested by Authority Members in the future should be distributed among all of them.

SEWER:

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of March 31, 2022 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$292,576.32.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant in the amount of \$292,576.32 was made by Betty Ann Moyer and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent’s Report:

Shannon brought the Authority’s attention to the two quotes that were provided for gate and fencing at the Sewer plant. The Authority reviewed the quotes and Mike Kuziak brought attention to the fact that they were not comparing the same line items on their quotes. The Authority agreed that more information is needed on the specification on bids for the next meeting.

Dick Blosky suggested that there be lights added to the sewer plant and to upgrade the security. Solicitor Dennehy suggested that perhaps Brad could give Jane the name of the person that Brad is using for his security cameras so as not to reinvent the wheel.

Borough Manager's Report:

No actionable items at this time. Shannon did update the Authority that Riverside will be testing on the same time frame as the Brough. Their 1st tests would be forth coming. Shannon will share that information at the next Authority meeting.

Other Items Under Borough Manager

Free Water and Sewer – The Borough provided a list of current free water and sewer customers. It consisted of certain Borough owned properties, the four Borough fire companies, churches, and the Washies playground and Little League complex. After much discussion and suggestions from the Authority with regard to this issue, A Motion was made by Donald Lutz to wait for the pending rate study results and then make a decision how to proceed moving forward for the year 2023; seconded by Dick Blosky. MOTION CARRIED

Engineer's Report for Water/Sewer:

There were no actionable items on the Engineer's Report at this time.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mike Kuziak asked if there was an update on the Valley Township arrearages. Brindy stated that they did drop off a check for sewer, but they still owe a substantial amount of money yet. Pete Rickert asked Brindy to have the total of arrearages ready for the next Authority Meeting. There may be consideration at that time of re-imposing late fees.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Betty Ann Moyer. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary