

MEETING OF MAY 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, May 15, 2023. Present were Pete Rickert, Dick Blosky, Mike Kuziak, Donald Lutz, and Joshua Seidel along with their Solicitor, Michael P. Dennehy, Esquire. Also present was Brindy Mordan, Borough Manager, Brad Horne, Water Superintendent, Betty Ann Moyer, and the Press Enterprise.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment, however the Authority did review letters from customers with regard to the new metering system.

Dennis Leighow asked for reduced fees for the 1st quarter because he claims was not made aware of the fact that there was an issue and was under the impression that the new system would allow early alerts to issues. Brad Horne stated that Mr. Leighow was given warning and door hangers on the property. It is the property owner's due diligence to take care of the issues, not the water department. Mike Kuziak suggested that perhaps if the landlords would give the water department email addresses that earlier notification could be made. Brindy and Brad said they could do that and continue the door hangers as well. After some discussion with the Authority members, Mr. Leighow's request was denied as attempts were made to alert him and went ignored.

Richard Lubeski was notified of a possible leak in Oct/Nov of 2022. The leak was not fixed and it seems as though the water usage goes up whenever he is using water from his garage. He was notified again directly by the water department, and then yet again by door hangers and the issue was not fixed. It is the responsibility of the owner to fix the leak and the water department notified him on at least four occasions. After some discussion with the Authority member, Mr. Lubeski's request for an adjustment to his bill was denied.

Dick Blosky would like to also wait and see what happens with the next quarter billing as well regarding these property owners and others.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of April 17, 2023 were approved as published on Motion of Donald Lutz and seconded by Dick Blosky. MOTION CARRIED

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 April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the water plant were \$188,597.19.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$188,597.19 was made by Mike Kuziak, and seconded by Joshua Seidel.
MOTION CARRIED

Borough Manager's Report:

Water:

- **Sidler Hill Water Pressure** – Brad Horne and Tia Trate discussed the options with regard to this ongoing issue and a scope of work will be presented to the Authority next month.
- **Erik DePhillips** – Erik has given his notice and his position has been posted in-house first for applicants.

SEWER:

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023 were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$294,805.30.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant in the amount of \$294,805.30 was made by Donald Lutz and seconded by Joshua Seidel.
MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report:

No actional items at this time. However, Dick Blosky did ask Brindy if UGI was going to be responsible for the repaving or patching once they were done. Brindy look into this and will get back to the Authority at the next meeting.

Borough Manager's Report:

- **Merck** – A meeting was held with Merck and after much discussion it was decided that our sewer plant cannot perform nor handle the tasks required. Merck would like to see what it would take to for the Authority to take it over and a service application has been sent over and Merck has agreed to pay for the Engineer.

Other Items Under Borough Manager:

- **Amendments to Rules and Regulations** – Review in process.
- **Valley Township Municipal Authority Update** – Solicitor Dennehy informed the members that Attorney Davidson has not responded and he is still continuing to try and follow up. In the meantime, Larry Bloskey has presented the Authority with some talking points with regard to VTMA and has communicated that they have not heard from Attorney Davidson as well. Solicitor Dennehy to follow up and report back to the Authority.
- **Amendment to Fulton Loan Documents** – Brindy Mordan and Solicitor Dennehy reviewed the Amendment to the Loan Documents. Fulton did remove the section with regard to the fees, however, Mike Kuziak stressed he did not feel the need for any Amendments other than the acceptance of the Libor Index now being calculated by SOFR Index since this loan document previously approved on October 24, 2019 does not come to term until 2029. Solicitor Dennehy will contact Fulton to see if they are agreeable to just that part of the Amendment.

The Amendment was tabled until the next meeting.

Engineer's Report for Water/Sewer:

There were no actionable items currently. Currently awaiting approvals from the State.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Dick Blosky inquired about the encroachment issue that PPL has regarding Fisher Court. He asked if Brindy could find out exactly what that was. Further he also wanted to find out if PPL will be reimbursing the Borough regarding the pole line, they had to pay for in 2010 only to be removed later and not used, with the related poles being removed. Brindy will look into and report back as well.

Joshua Seidel asked if there was a way to tour the water and sewer plants. Brindy said that it could be arranged and would let the Authority members know when the date was in case anyone else would like to participate.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Pete Rickert and seconded by Dick Blosky.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary