

MEETING OF September 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, September 18, 2023. Present were Pete Rickert, Dick Blosky, Mike Kuziak, and Joshua Seidel along with their Solicitor, Michael P. Dennehy, Esquire. Also present was Brindy Mordan, Borough Manager, Brad Horne, Water Superintendent, Jane Graham, Sewer Superintendent, and Jim Gregg, Borough Council. Guests included Press Enterprise, Valerie Tanner, Dennis Tanner, Rita Roberts, Michelle Minello, Nancy Leighow, Brad Achey, and Casey Lemons from DEP.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following individuals presented themselves regarding ongoing issues at Sidler Hill.

Valerie Tanner – Lives on Middle Street. She wanted to know if it was true another housing development will be going up near them, as they do not have water pressure now and with new homes, they may not have any. Will the new construction require wells or will they be hooking into the water system. There are ongoing erosion issues with neighbors. Is any of that being looked in to? They were told to direct their inquiries to the Danville Municipal Authority.

Rita Roberts – Lives on Upper Street. Rita stated that her home is currently not metered. She has had her water tested twice and the test results yielded corrosion present. She has had to filter her water to even drink it, which is costing her money. If they put in that housing development, more houses, mean more issues for her.

Michelle Minello – Lives on Upper Street. In the past 2 years her home has had practically no water pressure. If comes out of the spicket the stream of water is as thick as a pencil and they can't even use their shower in their bedroom. They just had a pump replaced in the amount of \$3,000 and a new water filtration system replaced last year in the amount of \$1000. If new homes go in around them, their issues will get worse.

Dennis Tanner – Wife is Valerie Tanner. He explained that they are trying to go through the proper channels with local government and be respectful and polite, however, they are disappointed in the lack of response they are all having to fix the issue. Additional homes bring additional problems.

Nancy Leighow – Lives on Becker Street. Nancy has had low pressure water, and erosion at her home. Her walls are falling, her yard is sinking in, and there are cracks in her driveway. She was told not to contact the Water Department anymore.

Robert Umbriac – Concerned with new buildings going in and why there is low pressure with the water. Does anyone know where the lines are and what size they are.

Brad Achey – Lives on Powder Mill. He moved there 2 years ago with his family. They have terrible water pressure. On August 20, 2023, they purged the water hydrant, and he lost all water. He mentioned a Facebook page where another county shut off water and then told their customers to boil the water before drinking it when it came back on. Should they be doing the same. Also concerned that Gray Industries will be putting townhouses on parcel of land shortly and if they do, it will stop is water completely.

Mike Kuziak asked if Brindy could give a copy of the correspondence the Danville Municipal Authority sent to the Danville Borough and Mahoning Township regarding the water supply to this area. Danville Municipal Authority and Danville Borough sent correspondences to Mahoning Township.

There was some discussion regarding whether the homeowners could have the option of a well, since the possibility of new construction looks like they may all have new wells. Brindy stated that Mahoning Township does not have an ordinance to make people hook up to water lines.

Brad Horne updated everyone that they are currently installing a water main and have 260 ft done in front of Umbriac's home. Currently they are waiting for parts to continue. The parts should be in next week so they can keep moving forward.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of August 21, 2023, were approved as published on Motion of Dick Blosky and seconded by Joshua Seidel. MOTION CARRIED

WATER:

Brad Horne introduced Casey Lemons from DEP to the Authority. They will be taking water pressure tests today on Sidler Hill.

Superintendent's Report:

No actionable items currently.

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of August 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023, were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the water plant were \$164,688.56 for August 2023.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$164,688.56 was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Joshua Seidel.
MOTION CARRIED

Borough Manager's Report:

Water: No actionable items currently. Brindy mentioned that just to follow-up on Green Thumb Industries, they will be making quarterly payments and there will be no discount.

There was some discussion regarding Ms. Leighow's property, that was built on a right-away and whether this was causing her run-off issues. Solicitor Dennehy said that we can't undo what nature naturally does. The source of where the water is coming from would be helpful to see if they could fix it. Brand said that there was a spring at one time under the ground and if they could find the two pipes and cap them off it could solve the issue. Brindy suggested taking pictures and drawing up paperwork for the Water Department and Ms. Leighow in order to proceed.

SEWER:

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of August 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023. The expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$388,851.84 for August 2023.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant in the amount of \$388,851.84 for August 2023 was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report:

After reviewing the superintendent's report, A Motion was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Mike Kuziak to sell the old crew cab. MOTION CARRIED

Borough Manager's Report:

- **Riverside Pump Station Services & Sampling Agreements** – Brindy has not heard back from them yet.

Other Items Under Borough Manager:

- **Amendment to Rules and Regulations** – Motion to approve the Amendments to Rules and Regulation made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Mike Kuziak.
MOTION CARRIED

- **Customer Portal 1st Year** – Start Fee \$7500 and Annual Fee is \$6300. Mike Kuziak asked if they could get a grant. Brindy said that she would check to see if that's possible. A Motion was made to table this for now by Josh Seidel and seconded by Mike Kuziak until more information could be gathered. MOTION CARRIED.
- **VALLEY** – Brindy was informed that the air conditioner in the building needed to be replaced or repaired. After some discussion, it was decided not to do either t this time.
- **Gannett Fleming Agreement Termination Notification** – After review, a Motion was made by Mike Kuziak and seconded by Josh Seidel to send the letter to Gannett.
- **October Budget Meeting** – Date was set for October 24, 2023, from 10:00 am until 2:00 p.m.
- **Administration Wages** – After review of the information provided, it was noted that there is a 60/40 split between the Borough and Authority. This will be used for budget purposes.
- **Revenue Neutral** – No action currently, just information.

Engineer's Report for Water/Sewer:

Act 537 will be submitted after getting notarization. Act 537 for Valley we will have by the end of the month.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary