

MEETING OF October 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, October 16, 2023. Present were Pete Rickert, Dick Blosky, Donald Lutz, and Mike Kuziak, along with their Solicitor, Michael P. Dennehy, Esquire. Also present was Brindy Mordan, Borough Manager, Brad Horne, Water Superintendent, Jane Graham, Sewer Superintendent, Jim Gregg, Borough Council, Wes Walters, Borough Council, and Mark Deroba, Borough Council. Guests included Michelle Mannello and Emily E. Fiocchi.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michelle Mannello – Lives on Upper Street. She was happy that the zoning request that Joel Gum made was voted down at the hearing. However, they were curious to see if Joel Gum would request a variance for wells. She was thankful that Brad Horne has been following through, but they still feel like Sidler Hill is being ignored. They have water flow, but no pressure. Emily E. Fiocchi, feels that she and Michelle are being discriminated against and that is why they are being ignored. She will be proceeding to retain a lawyer regarding the same as they have been without water pressure to properly live for years.

Brindy explained that it is a million-dollar project and there are steps to follow in order to get funding which is why it is taking so long. Michelle asked if there was a response from Mahoning regarding the correspondence that was sent. Brindy told her no there was no response from Mahoning Township and if the problem is run-off, then unfortunately Mahoning is the one that needs to fix that problem.

Michelle said that they must install a new pump in the amount of \$2700 which is a lot of money to them, and they don't want the new pump to die on them.

Brindy informed her that they are looking at the three households that have the most issues and concentrating on them first, which includes her and Mary's home. She told Michelle that she would keep her in the loop as there were some things to discuss with the Authority today.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of September 18, 2023, were approved as published on Motion of Donald Lutz and seconded by Dick Blosky. MOTION CARRIED

WATER:

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent's report was reviewed. Just a notation, that the runoff issue with the Leighow property has been corrected. Any further issues in this area are almost definitely not caused by anything belonging to the Danville Municipal Authority.

Mike Kuziak asked if the Municipal Authority owned the property previously and was it sold to her. Brad said he did not know.

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of September 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the water plant were \$435,209.02 for September 30, 2023.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$435,209.02 was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Donald Lutz.
MOTION CARRIED

Borough Manager's Report:

Water: The Mahoning Township Zoning Amendment for higher density housing on Sidler Hill has been voted down.

Project Update: Brindy informed the Authority that there are multiple grants available for the main replacement that they can apply for.

Brad explained that he tested the area and at this point he thinks they should focus on the 3 customers that need immediate help. He wants to continue with the second phase which should cost about \$20,000. They could then apply for a grant for Phase 3 of the next part of the project.

In the second phase of this project, they want to remove the 2-inch main and replace it with a 4-inch main in Middle and Upper streets. The timeline would be two weeks and they could start this project next week and be done prior to Thanksgiving. The issue is that Mahoning Township is holding up the process as they said there is a moratorium on the area.

However, the Authority could at least concentrate on the 3 customers with major pressure problems to try and help alleviate some of the financial issues. Rita Roberts needs a check valve installed, Michelle Mannello needs a tank and check valve, and Brad Achey needs a tank and check valve. This would cost approximately \$10,000. To drill three wells, it would cost approximately \$30,000.

Mike Kuziak said that if they could fix these three issues then there would be no need for the pump station.

A Motion was made by Donald Lutz and seconded by Mike Kuziak, to move forward with phase 2 of the project and help three 3 homeowners with two tanks and three check valves.
MOTION CARRIED

SEWER:

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of September 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023. The expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$363,428.31 for September 2023.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant in the amount of \$363,428.31 for September 2023 was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report:

No actionable items at this time.

Borough Manager's Report:

- **Riverside Pump Station Services & Sampling Agreements** – Brindy said that she still has not heard back regarding the Agreement. She will reach out to them again. The general synopsis is that either we take it over, or they handle it from here on out.

Solicitor Dennehy said to add this to the November meeting and if we have not heard back from them, we should move to end service at the end of this year.

Other Items Under Borough Manager:

- **Correspondence from Cherokee Pharmaceuticals** – No action at this time; just provided for information purposes.
- **2024 Meeting Schedule** – Proposing to change the date of the meetings in 2024 and keep the meetings the 3rd week of the month just pick a different day. Dick Blosky requested that they discuss this more at the budget meeting.
- **Gannett Fleming** – Brindy has heard nothing from them regarding the letter of termination.

Solicitor Dennehy suggested that Brindy contact them and see if there are any outstanding invoices due. Mike Kuziak also suggested sending correspondence to them via certified mail.

- **October Budget Meeting** – Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Engineer's Report for Water/Sewer:

Report was reviewed.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary