

MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, December 18, 2023. Present were Pete Rickert, Dick Blosky, Donald Lutz, Josh Seidel, and Mike Kuziak, along with their Solicitor, Michael P. Dennehy, Esquire. Also, present was Brindy Mordan, Borough Manager, Brad Horne, Water Superintendent, and Jane Graham, Sewer Superintendent. Guests included Larry Bloskey and John Novak, from Valley Township. Also, present was Press Enterprise.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Geri Gibbons of the Press Enterprise brought up some rumblings that she heard regarding alleged pressure in hot water heaters causing them to malfunction and check valves not installed properly. Brad Horne responded that the check valves that were put in place were approved by DEP. Further, he stated that he could not specifically respond to her questions unless she could cite a specific person that has the issue. Brad noted that the purpose of check valves is to keep a homeowner's meter from backing up into the public system and possibly contaminating it. Some older homes never had proper check valves before to prevent this. With a check valve if your water heater has overpressure, that pressure won't back into the public system but will need to be released in the home. A pressure reducing valve or tank would help these types of issues. Josh further added that if the homeowner doesn't have the water heaters plumbed and installed correctly that would also cause an issue.

- Geri requested a copy of the minutes of when the Authority cut ties with Newman Plumbing.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of November 20, 2023, were approved as published on Motion of Donald Lutz and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED

WATER:

Superintendent's Report:

No actionable items at this time.

Financial Report

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023, were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the water plant were \$260,682.93 for November 30, 2023.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$260,682.93 was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Joshua Seidel.
MOTION CARRIED

Borough Manager's Report:

Sidler Hill Project:

- Individuals Solutions have already been discussed in the report.
 - a. 707 Upper Street – completed.
 - b. 1668 Upper Street – Sent Acknowledgement Release form. on 10/23/2023. The owner is waiting for Phase II to be completed before proceeding.
 - c. 775 Powder Mill Road, installation scheduled.
- Phase II in the works

SEWER:

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023. The expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$131,507.78 for November 2023.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant in the amount of \$131,507.78 for November 30, 2023, was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Joshua Seidel. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report:

No actionable items currently.

Borough Manager's Report:

- **Amendment for Wastewater Service Agreement with Veolia** – After review of the Amendment. A Motion was made by Mike Kuziak to approve the same and seconded by Joshua Seidel. MOTION CARRIED
- **Chapter 94 Report** – After some discussion Brindy informed the Authority that this report could be done in-house and the savings to the Authority would be \$5,700.

Other Items Under Borough Manager:

- **Final budget approval, attached pages 28 – 32.** After some discussion amongst the Authority, a Motion was made to approve the budget as submitted by Dick Blosky and seconded by Donald Lutz.
- **2024 Meeting Schedule** – third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am

January 16th
February 20th
March 19th
April 16th
May 21st
June 18th
July 16th
August 20th
September 17th
October 15th
November 19th
December 17th

A Motion was made by Donald Lutz to approve the new meeting schedule and to publish the same in the newspaper and seconded by Mike Kuziak. MOTION CARRIED

- Valley Act 537 - Act 537 was updated and we are in the 30 day window for Advertising.
 1. Operational Agreement – The Agreement was presented to the Authority for review by Solicitor Dennehy. As of January 2024, it becomes the Danville Municipal Authority. Attorney Davidson and Solicitor Dennehy agreed that they were satisfied as things are progressing and decided to do a short form that encompassed bullet points previously discussed. The Supervisors Loan and the remaining Operational Costs will be paid by Valley Township. The loan to 1st Keystone will be paid by the Danville Municipal Authority. Mike Kuziak expressed some concerns regarding the bullet points that were previously discussed and not included in the Operational Agreement. Brindy reviewed the list that was discussed previously with the Authority and that most of the list has already been completed or is in the process of completions. Larry Bloskey has been working with them to make a smoother transition. Mike Kuziak asked that the previous bullet points be included in the minutes. (See below)

- List of any open applications for proposed projects
- Updated lien list – letter of assignment of liens
- Quick list of daily/monthly/annual activities of current Valley employees
- 4th Quarter Billing – Past due and current amounts due list
- Transfer of billboard lease
- Keys
- Close PO box and fill out a change of address form, refund $\frac{3}{4}$
- Pay off Supervisors loan
- cancel property policy as of 12/31/23
- Cancel liability policy as of 12/31/23
- Change PPL billing address & contact info
- Cancel workers comp as of 12/31/23
- Change PA One Call contact info
- Change mailing address on Keystone Loan
- Financials as of 12/31/23
- List of ongoing projects at pump stations

Larry Bloskey went on to explain that they have people working through December 31, 2023 and that they will not be able to cash their last check through Valley Township until after that date. The money for the loan for the Supervisors will be paid in full. He and Brindy along with Jane and Brad have accomplished much of the above list or things are already in motion. Further, he also stated that all the liabilities are paid except the 1st Keystone Loan and some small incidentals.

He also wanted to explain their billing process that on January 1, 2024, they will bill for December at the old rates, and then correct accordingly for the new year.

In closing he wanted to thank Brindy, Jane, and Brad for helping make things happen. The Supervisors voted to support this and once the Danville Municipal Authority approves, they will sign off on the Agreement.

A Motion was made to approve the Operating Agreement by Dick Blosky and Joshua Seidel. MOTION CARRIED

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

A Motion was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Donald Lutz to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary