

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, February 20, 2024. Present were Pete Rickert, Dick Blosky, Donald Lutz, and Josh Seidel, 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, and Harold Beers. Guests included Beth Goldman.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting of January 16, 2024, were approved as published on Motion of Dick Blosky and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

WATER:

Superintendent's Report:

No actionable items at this time. However, regarding Sidler Hill, Brad did update the Authority that by replacing the 2-inch pipe with 6-inch pipe, it did increase the pressure from 20 psi to 32 psi at the Mannello residence. They also started replacing the 2-inch pipe from Upper Street to Reservoir Street with 6-inch pipe which may resolve some of the other issues. Brad feels that if those issues are resolved then they will not need to move to phase 3.

The 240 to 280 ft of piping that they replaced will not cause any budget issues.

Brad is also looking to see if Rita Roberts will need a check valve installed.

DEP is requiring monitoring currently, which Brad has been reporting the progress to them as they move forward.

The high-pressure notification was sent out to all residents. Beth Goldman spoke up stating that the notification was not sent on letterhead and received on plain copy paper to all residents and didn't even have the date on it. Solicitor Dennehy informed Ms. Goldman, that notifications to residents do not require letter head. The notification's purpose was information only.

Further, Solicitor Dennehy, drew attention to the hand-out regarding Pressures. He referenced PA Code Title 25, Chapter 109.

§ 109.607. Pressures

- (a) Distribution systems and distribution system modifications shall be designed and constructed to maintain normal operating pressures of not less than 25 p.s.i.g nor more than 125 p.s.i.g. at the main, except that during periods of peak seasonal loads the pressures at the time of hourly maximum demand may be not less than 20 p.s.i.g. nor more than 150 p.s.i.g. and that during periods of hourly minimum demand the pressure may be not more than 150 p.s.i.g.*
- (b) A public water system may furnish a service which does not comply with the specifications in subsection (a) where compliance with the specifications would prevent it from furnishing adequate service to a customer or were called for by good engineering practices.*
- (c) The Department may require service improvements incorporating standards other than those set forth in this section when it determines that the improvements are necessary.*

Source

The provisions of this § 109.607 adopted December 7, 1984, effective December 8, 1984, 14 Pa.B.4479.

Cross References

This section cited in 25 Pa. Code § 109.703 (relating to facilities operation); and 25 Pa Code § 109.1009 (relating to design and construction standards).

Brad made the Authority aware that meter installation in Valley Township is moving forward. However, they may not meet the February deadline, so a manual read will need to be done the 1st quarter.

Financial Report

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of January 1, 2024, through January 31, 2024, were reviewed. The expenditures for the operation of the water plant were \$180,628.33 for January 31, 2024.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$180,628.33 was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Joshua Seidel.
MOTION CARRIED

Borough Manager's Report:

Sidler Hill Project Update:

- Individuals Solutions

- a. 707 Upper Street – completed.
 - b. 1668 Upper Street – sent Acknowledgment and Release Form on 10/23/2023, owner is waiting for Phase II to be completed before proceeding.
 - c. 1668 Upper Street – Sent Acknowledgement Release form. on 10/23/2023. The owner is waiting for Phase II to be completed before proceeding.
 - d. 775 Powder Mill Road – completed.
- Phase II in the works – increased pressures. Brad indicated that if replacing the rest of the 2-inch line with 6-inch line works, Phase III may not be needed. Part of Phase II was completed with Phase II.

Veolia-Danville Interconnection near intersection of Rte 11 and State Hospital Drive.

- a. Livic quoted the Authority \$35,000 for the project. Veolia agreed to pay half of the amount, (\$17,500) and we would pay the other half, (\$17,500). After some discussion among the Authority Members, A Motion was made by Donald Lutz to approve the scope of work provided by Livic; seconded by Joshua Seidel. MOTION CARRIED.

SEWER:

Financial Report:

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of January 1, 2024, through January 31, 2024, for the expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$494,898.47.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant in the amount of \$494,898.47 for January 2024, was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report:

Jane updated the Authority on some estimates from Larson to fix the issues with equipment from Valley Township. Larson estimated that it would take \$10,500 to fix the pump station at McCracken Road. Additionally, they also estimated \$5,000 per pump to be fixed.

After some discussion a Motion was made by Dick Bloskey to accept the estimate of \$10,500 to fix the pump on McCracken Road and the \$5,000 per pump station; seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED,

Jane also spoke with Larson regarding other ongoing issues with the programming. Larson quoted Jane a cost of \$10,000 to reprogram the wastewater system.

After some discussion A Motion was made by Joshua Seidel to accept the quoted cost and not to exceed the \$10,000 for the reprogramming; seconded by Donald Lutz. MOTION CARRIED.

Borough Manager's Report:

- **Penn Vest** - Brindy informed the Authority that Gannett did meet the deadline for Penn Vest.
- **Rate Structure** – The Authority reviewed a Resolution to Amend the Sewer Use Fees of the Danville Municipal Authority. After a brief discussion, A Motion was made by Joshua Seidel to approve the Resolution as presented; seconded by Dick Blosky. MOTION CARRIED
- **Gannett Fleming** – Brindy discussed with the Authority to stay with Gannett Fleming for the Wawa Capacity Review Agreement. A Motion was made by Donald Lutz to continue with the services of Gannett Fleming for the Capacity Review; seconded by Joshua Seidel. MOTION CARRIED.

Water/Sewer Combined:

- Brindy suggested to the Authority that perhaps at this point moving forward they would continue to use Livic for the Water Services and Larson for the Sewer Services

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary