

## MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2024

The regular meeting of the Danville Municipal Authority was held at the Danville Borough Hall, on Monday, March 19, 2024. Present were Pete Rickert, Dick Blosky, Donald Lutz, and Wes Walters, along with their Solicitor, Cory Piontek, Esquire. Also, present were Brindy Mordan, Borough Manager, and Jane Graham, Sewer Superintendent. Guests included Beth Goldman, Rita Roberts, Valerie Tanner, Tom Kenley, and Steve Wagner.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Kenley Owner of Systematic Filing - Mr. Kenley approached the authority regarding his sprinkler system fee. Last year his fee was \$1800/year and now it's up to \$2500/year. He was asking how that figure is calculated. He is looking for some solutions to see if he can lower the cost. The increase is hurting him especially as a small business owner. Brindy explained that the amount is an annual charge as they do not require sprinkler systems to be metered. The rate structure has gone up for 2024 (2023 with the new rate structure). Brindy did relay that she had spoken with Brad Horne, the water superintendent, and he has no problem with reducing the size of the piping to help reduce cost. However, he should talk to Danville Borough regarding a new system put in to reduce the charge. Brindy also suggested maybe before he does anything, see if the Borough Could re-evaluate the system as well. (He needs to submit drawings and have a code review by the Boroughs third party.) Brindy told Mr. Kenley that she would make sure he received an email with the new rate structure, so he has it for his records.

Rita Roberts – Ms. Roberts stated that the pipes were replaced in front and around the corner of her property. The water is clearer. However, the pressure is still not increased enough. She said that the pressure is around 8 to 12 psi in the early morning and at dinner time. It is up to 20 psi at other times. Brindy said that previously, Brad suggested that they install a check valve to help. Rita has just had all new piping installed and is hesitant to allow them to cut her pipes to install the check valve. Brindy will have Brad contact her as he was not able to make the meeting due to illness.

Valerie Tanner – Ms. Tanner referred to the minutes of the last meeting wherein, regarding the Mannello residence. She spoke with Michelle who informed her that the pressure is under 20 psi in their home. She also wanted to know if they were continuing to move forward into Phase III, as the information she saw in previous Authority minutes said that Phase III might not be necessary, since there has been pressure improvement after the work that was already done. Brindy informed her that Phase II was complete, and part of Phase III was done. However, she will need to speak with Brad about the progress. Brindy will also have him speak with Ms. Tanner as well. Ms. Tanner also had concerns regarding the two single dwelling homes going in and how that would affect them, along with the possibility of their pumps going out again. She also asked about grant money. Brindy said that they can apply for grants, but it takes

time, sometimes up to a year to even receive funds. At this point they have been able to cover the costs. However, if Ms. Tanner is referring to a separate pump station, that will cost about 1 million dollars. They could try to apply for a grant for that. However, Brindy suggested that perhaps this discussion could be picked up at the next meeting when Brad can address everyone directly.

**Beth Goldman** – Ms. Goldman suggested that when moving forward in the future to installing meters, they could also immediately install pressure valves. She asked that the Authority consider the request.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Meeting of February 20, 2024, were approved as published on Motion of Donald Lutz and seconded by Wes Walters. 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 February 1, 2024, through February 29, 2024, were reviewed. The expenditure for the operation of the water plant was \$219,875.18 for February 2024.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the water plant in the amount of \$219,875.18 was made by Dick Blosky and seconded by Donald Lutz.  
MOTION CARRIED

**Borough Manager's Report:**

No actionable items under water at this time.

**SEWER:**

**Financial Report:**

The financial reports submitted by the Borough for the month of February 1, 2024, through February 29, 2024, for the expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant were \$455,291.45.

A Motion to approve the financial reports and expenditures for the operation of the sewer plant in the amount of \$455,291.45 for February 2024, was made by Dick Blossky and seconded by Wes Walters. MOTION CARRIED

**Superintendent's Report:**

No actionable items at this time.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

No actionable items under Sewer at this time.

**Water/Sewer Combined:**

- Brindy drew the Authority's attention to the Amendment presented by Gannet Fleming for the Consulting services agreement for the Liberty Valley Road Capacity Review. She also stated that she received prior to the meeting from Acadia an Amendment regarding the same for a Consulting services Agreement for a capacity review.

After some discussion a Motion was made to approve both the Amendments for Gannett – Liberty Valley Road and Acadia by Wes Walters and seconded by Donal Lutz. All in favor – Wes Walter (yes), Donal Lutz (yes), Pete Rickert (yes), Dick Blossky (nay)

MOTION CARRIED

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary