

SAXONBURG AREA AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING
Meeting Notes
February 18, 2020

Chairman Clifford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call Scott Herbst, Greg Clifford, Pat Rinebolt, John Ham, and Doug Roth were present.

Doug Farney, Jim Stanek and Curt Heakins were absent.

Also in attendance were Donald Graham/Solicitor, Paul Cornetti/Manager, Mary Papik/Controller, and Joe Neubert.

Correspondence None

Minutes Chairman Clifford asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of January 21, 2020. Hearing none, they were approved as submitted.

Public Comments

- Norm Poeppel from Short Street was present and addressed the Board. He explained that he has a good idea where some of the infiltration may be coming from in his lateral. He feels that he has the ability to repair the leaks and plans to do so, however he requested an extension until May 1, 2020.

After discussion, the Board agreed.

Motion was made and seconded by Doug Roth/Scott Herbst to provide Mr. Poeppel an extension to correct his private sewer lateral deficiencies until May 1, 2020. The motion carried.

Controller Mary Papik

Bills, Item C.2.3

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/John Ham to approve checks in the amount of \$20,742.02 and \$3,241.59 paid from the Borough General Fund on February 18, 2020. In addition, decrease adjustments from the Borough General Fund in January in the amount of \$55,756.96, and \$22,976.00 from the Revenue Fund, and payroll expenses for January 2020. The motion carried.

BNY Bond Payments, Item C.5

Motion was made and seconded by John Ham/Doug Roth to approve the transfer of funding to BNY Mellon in an amount to cover the \$995,534.39 March 1, 2020 bond payment less the cash on hand as of the transfer date from interest earnings. The motion carried.

CD Purchases, Item C.12

- Mary explained our CDs matured on 2/13/20 and we reinvested in two (2) CDs, both for a 330-day term so that they will both mature at the same time.

Manager

Paul Cornetti

Mr. Stanek Absence and Mr. Heakins

Motion was made and seconded by Pat Rinebolt/Greg Clifford to approve Mr. Stanek's and Mr. Heakin's absence from the meeting today. The motion carried.

PA Rural Water Association 2020 Conference

- The conference will take place March 24-27 in State College, PA.

Motion was made and seconded by Doug Roth/John Ham to authorize the attendance of any Board Member to the PA Rural Water Conference in State College on March 24th. The motion carried.

Municipal Liens, Item A.11

- Mr. Graham explained he filed all the liens on 2/12/20, except the few that had to be resent due to address matters.
- John E. Walker Property
 - Penn Township is negotiating a purchase with the property owner for the construction of the Mushrush Road Bridge.
 - SAA has a lien of \$31,882 on the property.
 - Taxes of about \$8,000 due on property.
 - Doug Roth explained that Penn Township is likely planning on securing a right-of-way rather than purchasing the property at this time. The Board decided that if Penn Township's plans change and they need to purchase the property, the Authority will assist with the lien Satisfaction.
- Rossi Property
 - Attorney called and explained that his client would be willing to pay the tap fee, connect and begin to pay user fees.
 - Paul explained that this is not acceptable.
- Betty Stahlman Estate
 - Attorney called Don Graham to discuss the lien and elimination of occupancy as per the Mandatory Connection Ordinance.

Office Cleaning, Item B.8

Jack's White Glove Cleaning Service started this month. Very pleased so far.

Electric Generation Charge, EMEX, Item E.2

- Paul explained that we had the auction today and the it resulted in a 10% reduction in rates.

Motion was made and seconded by Doug Roth/Pat Rinebolt to approve the pricing from Constellation Energy and enter into contract for 48 months for electric generation charge at price of \$0.04570/kWh. The motion carried.

Water Street Project Private Sewer Lateral Improvements

- 5 failures out of 18 connections.
- Improvements are due to be made by November 11, 2020.

McFann Pump #4, Item McF.1

- Insurance Company investigated our claim and we are covered for the new pump.
- We took our old broken pump back from Kappe and had the volute welded to the pump. It should not be used for anything other than emergency situations.
- The new pump should be here next week.

Chapter 94 Report, Item H.1.1

- Paul provided a summary of the contents of the Chapter 94 Report that was submitted to DEP. The Board reviewed the hydraulic loadings, organic loadings, local precipitation totals, customer connection history and projections, sludge disposal records, recently completed sewer line rehabilitation projects and planned sewer line rehabilitation projects. No overloads are expected in the next 5 years.

WETT Testing, Item H.7

Motion was made and seconded by Scott Herbst/John Ham to approve Environmental Science’s 5-year proposal for WET testing in the amount of \$1,770 per year. The motion carried.

100 Wildwood Drive, Item J.7

- Paul explained this customer has never been billed by the SAA. Samantha discovered this while responding to a lien letter request. The home was built in 2005-2006 and occupied in August 2006. The property would have been connected to the Thorn Ridge system prior to occupancy. The SAA purchased the Thorn Ridge/High Meadows system in June 2007. This property was not on the list of serviced properties and the SAA never billed. The SAA has since verified that all other customers in this system are served and billed.
- The Authority wrote a letter requiring tap fee payment and past 3-years of service to be paid. Mr. Cornetti also called the current property owner and explained the same.

Solicitor Don Graham of Dillion, McCandless, King, Coulter, & Graham, LLP
No further report.

Old Business None

New Business None

Executive Session, Item A.3 The meeting recessed at 6:28 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting reconvened at 6:28 p.m.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Jody Brown
Recording Secretary