

SAXONBURG AREA AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2022

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

Roll Call Joe Neubert, Doug Farney, Greg Clifford, Pat Rinebolt, and Curt Heakins were present. Rob Mrozek attended via phone.

Also in attendance were Don Graham/Solicitor, Paul Cornetti/Manager, Mary Papik/Controller, Ryan Malarik/Director of Development, and Jody Vettori/Recording Secretary.

Scott Herbst, John Ham, and Doug Roth were absent.

Correspondence

On May 31, the Authority received a letter of resignation from Dave Evans of the Field Crew, as he has accepted employment closer to his home.

Minutes

Chairman Clifford asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of May 17, 2022. Hearing none, they were approved as submitted.

Public Comments

None

Director of Development Ryan Malarik

Ryan explained that only 5 of 91 projected taps have been made this year although we are halfway through the year. The staff isn't concerned because the taps will come since the Developers have built the systems.

Hawkins Crest PRD Status Update, Item I.7

Ryan discussed this most recently dedicated development, which includes 32 of its planned 50 homes. The first inspection of the 32 is scheduled for tomorrow. There is no schedule for the remaining 18 lots in this project at this time.

Roach Line Extension Status Update, Item I.11

Ryan described this 300' line in Middlesex that was built for one house. The line includes one manhole, and two lampholes, and was completed in about a week. The house has yet to be built.

Other Development Project Status Updates

Ryan described these developments:

- The Giammatteo Extension is nearly 1800' of low-pressure service line, grinder pump line, with two homes planned for it. There are about a dozen nearby homes that could connect using this line as well, but those interested were unable to come to an agreement with the developer. When the line is accepted, these homeowners may come forward again. Due to the Authority's policy to allow only 10 homes to connect to a low-pressure force main line, some homeowners may eventually ask the Board for an exception so they can connect.

- The Croyle Extension is a 180' gravity line extension with one lamphole replacement, for one home. We're waiting for shop drawings and the contractor's insurance certificate.
- We entered into agreement in March with the Greyhawk plan in Middlesex and they sent their developer deposit in April. We returned the first review letter in early April and are still awaiting their secondary designs to be submitted.
- Sienna Village is next to Weatherburn. Sienna has the same developer as Greyhawk, who seems to be very busy with plans elsewhere. When completed, Sienna Village will add about 49 residential lots and 6 commercial EDUs across several storefronts.

Development Sewer Connection Status, Item I.1

Controller Mary Papik

Bills, Item C.2.3

Motion was made and seconded by Curt Heakins/Doug Farney to approve checks in the amount of \$47,587.66 paid from the SAA Revenue Fund and \$15,121.77 paid from the Borough General Fund on June 21, 2022. In addition, decrease adjustments from the Borough General Fund in May in the amount of \$15,992.09, and \$17,253.34 from the Revenue Fund, and payroll expenses for May 2022. The motion carried.

New PCs for Employees, Item B.4

Mary explained that the proposal for the WWTF laptops are higher than budgeted for the year and therefore we are asking for the Board to approve the overage. Mary pointed out that Board members may have seen Mr. Herbst's email on the cost of these laptops. Mary explained that each station will have two monitors. This increases the price a bit.

Motion was made and seconded by Joe Neubert/Curt Heakins to approve the proposal from Wolf for two laptop computers for the treatment Plant, in the amount of \$7,182.00. The motion carried.

Manager Paul Cornetti

Union Contract, Item A.2.1

Paul explained that the Board approved the Union Contract at last month's meeting contingent upon Borough's approval of the same. The Board did not act on the Contract at last month's meeting.

PMAA Annual Conference and Tradeshow Voting Delegates, Item A.4.1.1

Mr. Clifford and Mrs. Rinebolt are signed up to attend the conference.

Motion was made and seconded by Doug Farney/Curt Heakins to appoint Greg Clifford as the Voting Delegate and Pat Rinebolt as the Alternative Voting Delegate at the PMAA Annual Meeting. The motion carried.

Connoquenessing Township Sanitary Sewer, Item A.12

Paul explained that HRG is completing a second-opinion review of Connoquenessing Township’s Act 537 Plan and that the study suggests that service by the SAA is their most cost-effective option. Paul explained that the identification of alternatives is required by the Act, and the SAA would likely only be interested if our customers would benefit from the deal. The Board requested that Mr. Clifford, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Cornetti meet with Connoquenessing Township at the appropriate time and bring information back to the Board.

State Street Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement Project, Item F.13

Paul explained the first run of 260 feet took 3 weeks to complete due to utilities in the construction path. To date, the SAA has completed 740 feet of 8” pipe and 330 feet of 8” pipe remains. 227 feet of 6” pipe remains as well. We expect construction to continue a couple more weeks.

Matt Salina, 104 Township Lane Road, Item F.14

Paul explained that Mr. Salina connected to the sewer system in February 2022, and he has been paying his sewer bill each month as required. However, Mr. Salina called and explained that he is having some unanticipated problems getting his occupancy permit from Penn Township and therefore he requested to suspend sewer service billing for 2 to 3 months. SAA staff explained to Mr. Salina that service billing can only be suspended if the property is not required to connect by the terms of the Mandatory Connection Ordinance. Mr. Salina explained that he does not have a well water line that enters the building presently.

Motion was made and seconded by Doug Farney/Joe Neubert to postpone sanitary sewer service billing the sooner of 4 months, or at such time the well water line is connected to the home. The motion carried.

Channel Monster Replacement, Item H.22

Paul explained that the original Channel Monster was installed in 2007 with the original plant construction. After several rebuilds the original was replaced with a “refurbished” unit in 2013. That unit has since been rebuilt several times as well, and we now need to purchase and install a new “refurbished” unit.

Motion was made and seconded by Curt Heakins/Doug Farney to purchase the refurbished muffin monster from JWC for the cost of \$40,741. The motion carried.

Solicitor Don Graham of Dillion, McCandless, King, Coulter, & Graham, LLP

Zappa, 156 Oak Ridge Drive Lien

Mr. Graham explained the attorney for this property owner contacted Mr. Graham. She would like to sell the property and would like to negotiate the amount of the lien. Mr. Graham asked the attorney to provide a request. Mr. Graham will bring back that request once he receives one.

Old Business None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

Jody Vettori
Recording Secretary