

**SAXONBURG AREA AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 19, 2022**

Vice Chairman Farney called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Roll Call** Joe Neubert, Rob Mrozek, Scott Herbst, Doug Farney, Pat Rinebolt, John Ham, and Doug Roth were present.

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

Greg Clifford and Curt Heakins were absent.

**Correspondence**

On July 15, the Authority received a letter from Clinton Township advising that Clinton is applying for a DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant to replace an existing concrete box culvert bridge on Victory Road over Davis Run with an aluminized steel box culvert bridge.

**Minutes** Vice Chairman Farney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of June 21, 2022. Hearing none, they were approved as submitted.

**Public Comments** None

**Controller** Mary Papik

**Bills, Item C.2.3**

**Motion was made and seconded by Doug Roth/Pat Rinebolt to approve checks in the amount of \$27,812.37 paid from the SAA Revenue Fund and \$6,625.08 paid from the Borough General Fund on July 19, 2022. In addition, decrease adjustments from the Borough General Fund in June in the amount of \$48,250.12, and \$17,913.10 from the Revenue Fund, and payroll expenses for June 2022. The motion carried.**

**Manager** Paul Cornetti

**Union Contract, Item A.2.1**

Paul explained that the Borough approved the Union Contract last month. At this time, the Contract needs executed by all parties, which will be completed today.

**Connoquenessing Township Sanitary Sewer System, Item A.12**

Paul explained that the SAA received an email from HRG requesting some information related to providing sanitary sewer service to Connoquenessing Township (CT). He presented the Board with a summary of expenses that would be expected should the SAA provide service to CT by either bulk sewer service at a metering pit or through a more traditional method of providing full service to the Township, just as the SAA does for all its existing member municipalities.

Paul then explained that the study completed is based upon CT fully financing the capital project in the Township; the study only estimates CT's collection and pump station systems for an O&M budget standpoint, and that tap fees would have to be determined at a later date, but the capacity part for the system would be near \$4 million.

Finally, Paul provided a graph that illustrated the how providing CT the required capacity would reduce the time before the wastewater treatment plant would require an upgrade in capacity.

The Board discussed CT and decided that we should provide CT the information from our study and request a meeting with CT to fully understand CT's needs. The Board wanted to make sure CT understands that the SAA is not committing to service, nor is it denying service. Mr. Roth wanted to make sure that the SAA was forthcoming with information and respectful in our dealings with CT, because he remembers how difficult these decisions were when Penn Township was going through a similar study.

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

Paul explained the State Street project is now complete. It took about 7 weeks to complete, and grass is already growing pretty well. We have a couple asphalt driveway cuts to repair and a section of wedge curbing to replace. We are having our second electrician in tomorrow to review the electric service problems at 145 State Street.

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

Don reported that Zappa's attorney got back to him regarding offering to simply pay the tap fee, connect, and begin paying monthly bills. Don will explain that this offer is not acceptable, and he will provide some representative samples of what has been acceptable to the SAA in the past.

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Jody Vettori  
Recording Secretary