

MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF BUFFALO TOWNSHIP

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

PRESENT: John Haven, Chairperson; Eric Smith, Vice-Chairperson; Gary Risch, Sr., Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Matt Sprung, Engineer; Chris Wharton, Engineer; Michael Hnath, Solicitor; Kristy Donaldson, Manager

ABSENT: Patrick Reitz, Secretary
Richard Healey, Treasurer

1. The September 15, 2022, regular monthly meeting of the Municipal Authority of Buffalo Township was called to order by John Haven at 7:03 p.m.
2. John Haven stated that the meeting was being recorded and requested that if anyone in the audience is taping the meeting to please state their name and address.
3. John Haven led in the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of the minutes of the August 18, 2022, regular monthly meeting: A motion was made by Eric Smith, and seconded by Gary Risch, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2022, regular monthly meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Open to the floor:
6. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Financial Report for August 2022: The Treasurer's Report for August 2022 was presented. A motion was made by Eric Smith, seconded by Gary Risch, to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Invoices: The Board reviewed the list of monthly bills for approval as of September 15, 2022. A motion was made by Gary Risch to approve payment of the monthly bills. The motion was seconded by Eric Smith, which passed unanimously.
7. Manager's Report:
 - a. The BCATO Safety Seminar is scheduled for October 12th. Registration is due September 30th, if any Board Members would like to attend.
 - b. Brett Renfro, Utility Person, recently passed and received his PA State Wastewater Operator License.
 - c. The field crew worked today to fix a leaking valve on Edgewood Drive.
 - d. The lead and copper samples have all been collected and results are forthcoming.
 - e. The request from last month's meeting for reduction of the Heritage Crossings maintenance bond was granted.
8. Solicitor's Report:
 - a. Michael Hnath reported that the subdivision for the Terminals property was completed. Eric Smith made the motion to accept and have John Haven sign the subdivision of the Terminals property for the water treatment plant expansion. Gary Risch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
9. Engineer's Report:
 - a. Chris Warton provided an update on the water treatment plant expansion. He is currently 65% through design and permitting. It is taking longer than expected because he is waiting on the pump manufacturer to provide further information.
 - b. Matt Sprung provided an update on the installation of sewer at Oak Creek Farms.
 - c. Matt Sprung reminded Kristy Donaldson to review the plans for the line from Laneville to the Sunset Tanks. He suggested to submit the request for permitting of the line project with the water treatment plant expansion to DEP (to reduce permitting costs).

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10. Old Business:

- a. Discussion took place regarding the planting of trees within the sewer easements throughout the Twin Oaks Development. Pete Robertson with Ryan Homes was in attendance. He described how the trees were initially to be planted close to the curbs in the front yards along the street, but the Township requested for the trees to be moved back. Mr. Robertson spoke about how it will be difficult to remove or move the trees because homeowners were promised a tree and may not want the tree moved. Additionally, there really isn't room within the lots to relocate the trees. The Board suggested that Mr. Robertson contact the Township to request an exemption from the P.R.D. requirement that every lot is required to have a tree given the unique situation.
- b. Kristy Donaldson provided an update on efforts to secure grant funding for several projects. On September 1st, she attended the Armstrong County Commissioners Meeting to speak about the Freeport Waterline Project and request funding from the County. There was an update provided on the September 13th, Municipal Outreach Call, for Butler County's Municipal Infrastructure Program. The county received 68 applications, amounting to \$68.1M with \$32M available. The personnel reviewing the MIP applications were hoping to start awarding money by the end of the month.

11. New Business:

- a. No New Business to report.

12. Adjournment: Gary Risch made the motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting, which was seconded by Eric Smith. The motion passed unanimously, and the regular monthly meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.