

MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF BUFFALO TOWNSHIP

MAY 19, 2022, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

PRESENT: John Haven, Chairperson; Richard Healey, Treasurer; Patrick Reitz, Secretary; Gary Risch, Sr., Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Michael Hnath, Solicitor; Ed Schmitt, Engineer; Kristy Donaldson, Manager

ABSENT: Eric Smith, Vice-Chairperson

1. The May 19, 2022, regular monthly meeting of the Municipal Authority of Buffalo Township was called to order by Chairperson John Haven at 7:00 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 April 21, 2022, regular monthly meeting: A motion was made by Richard Healey, and seconded by Patrick Reitz, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022, regular monthly meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Open to the floor:
6. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Financial Report for April 2022: The Treasurer's Report for April 2022 was presented. A motion was made by Patrick Reitz, seconded by Richard Healey, to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Invoices: The Board reviewed the list of monthly bills for approval as of May 19, 2022. A motion was made by Patrick Reitz to approve payment of the monthly bills. The motion was seconded by Richard Healey, which passed unanimously.
7. Manager's Report (presented by Kristy Donaldson):
  - a. An update was provided on the report received from the DEP regarding the Sanitarian Inspection completed April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>. The items DEP commented on are recommendations and design issues. They did write the Authority up for repairs needing made to the Freeport Reservoir, SCADA improvements and some permitting issues.
  - b. Field Operations is currently flushing the entire distribution system and should be soon completed.
8. Solicitor's Report:
  - a. No separate report provided.
9. Engineer's Report:
  - a. Ed Schmitt reported that Gibson-Thomas is working on the submittals to PENNVEST for the four projects identified and discussed during last month's meeting. John Haven stated that he talked to Mark Gordon with Butler County and they are now working closely with PENNVEST and offering a 20-year loan at a lower interest rate than PENNVEST. He also stated that he has been speaking with the Commissioners about how to get ARPA funds for some of the Authority's projects. Gary Risch suggested for Kristy to talk with Commissioner Leslie Osche and let her know what the needs are and see if the Authority can get some funding. The distribution of ARPA funds is determined by the County Commissioners.
10. Old Business:
  - a. Kristy Donaldson provided a brief presentation to the Board on the Authority's current ability to secure additional debt. Discussion also took place on prioritizing the four capital water projects that have been discussed at prior meetings and whether or not to lump all four projects together when soliciting PENNVEST for funding. The Board agreed to move forward with trying to secure funding for all four projects.
  - b. Kristy Donaldson provided an update on April's meeting and the information that was provided regarding the eight private grinder pump systems in Winfield Township. Kristy

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suggested to the Board that there are three options: Take full ownership and continue replacing the switches and pumps when a failure occurs; take partial ownership by having an agreement with the current resident and voiding the agreement if there is a transfer of property, until parts are obsolete and/or charge for the parts; or take no ownership. A discussion took place regarding the cost of the parts and how many switches and pumps have been replaced since 2012. The Board agreed to continue to honor the agreement in place between Winfield Township and the eight residents but only for the existing grinder pump systems.

11. New Business:

- a. No New Business to report.

12. Adjournment: Richard Healey made the motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting, which was seconded by Gary Risch. The motion passed unanimously, and the regular monthly meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.