

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held Tuesday, October 12, 2021, beginning at 4:00pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Authority Office, 1000 Market Street, Suite 9, Bloomsburg, PA.

Chair Thomas Evans presided. Those present included Vice-Chair Vincent DeMelfi; Treasurer Michael Upton; Board Members Lawrence Mack and Jared Harris; Assistant Plant Superintendent Mark Tappe; Maintenance/Collection System Supervisor Josh Young; Special Projects Coordinator Ryan Longenberger; Jeff Slabinski and George Myers, Myers Environmental Services; Steven Siegfried, P.E., Rettew; Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney and Billing and Collections Director Amy Seamans. Absent was Solicitor Alvin Luschas, Luschas, Naparsteck & Crane LLP.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 MINUTES

On a motion by J. Harris, seconded by L. Mack and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the September 14, 2021 minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by J. Harris and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for September in the amount of \$1,306,362.75.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by J. Harris and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for September in the amount of \$31,528.41.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY INVOICES FROM FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by J. Harris and voted on Four (4) (M. Upton, J. Harris, V. DeMelfi and L. Mack voting "Yes") to One (1) Abstention (T. Evans "Abstaining"), the Board approved payment to First Columbia Bank & Trust Co. in the amount of \$505,852.98 for monthly invoices.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GHD, INC.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by J. Harris and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to GHD, Inc. in the amount of \$2,861.75 for engineering services associated with the WWTP Improvements Project from the Construction account.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SMITH SEWER AND MAINTENANCE

On a motion by J. Harris, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to Smith Service and Maintenance in the amount of \$5,995.00 for the demolition and elevation change to the Fournier dewatering press associated with the WWTP Improvements Project from the Construction account.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO KORN FERRY FROM THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE PENSION FUND

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by J. Harris and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to Korn Ferry in the amount of \$1,990.00 from the Municipal Authority Employee Pension Fund for actuarial services.

APPROVAL OF ENDING PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR LYLE NORQUEST

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by J. Harris and voted on unanimously, the Board approved ending the probational period for Lyle Norquest effective November 1, 2021.

RETTEW REVIEWING THE TOWN'S FLOODWALL DESIGN PROPOSAL

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by L. Mack and voted on unanimously, the Board approved tabling a review by Rettew of the Town's floodwall design proposal from Borton Lawson. G. Myers will contact Tom Lawson to question if the Authority would be reimbursed.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – PEGGY MILLER, RETTEW

P. Miller was present via phone to discuss the continuation of the copper limit study. She gave a background and discussed the next step. She recommends the Board complete the copper limit study. It is estimated that the cost to conduct a plume or conductivity analysis and the associated reporting should not exceed \$20,000.00.

APPROVAL OF COMPLETING COPPER LIMIT STUDY

On a motion by J. Harris, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the copper limit study to be completed at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR ALUMINUM SULFATE FOR 2022

On a motion by J. Harris, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved advertising for bids for Aluminum Sulfate for 2022.

APPROVAL OF BIDDING SLUDGE HAULING AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR 2022-2024

On a motion by J. Harris, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved bidding sludge hauling and disposal services for 2022-2024.

APPROVAL OF ELECTRICITY RATE QUOTE FROM DIRECT ENERGY

On a motion by J. Harris, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved an electricity rate quote from Direct Energy in the amount of \$0.06781 for 60 months beginning January 1, 2022 contingent upon the Authority being able to opt out at any time without a fee. A. Kenney will confirm this with Rose Consulting.

APPROVAL OF SEWER BILL CREDIT FOR CAROL BENZA AT 431 CHESTNUT AVENUE

On a motion by J. Harris, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit for Carol Benza in the amount of \$60.64 for the 08/31/21 bill and \$96.10 for the 09/30/21 bill due to a malfunctioning hot water heater at 431 Chestnut Avenue.

APPROVAL OF A SEWER BILL CREDIT FOR ELIZABETH DIETZ AT 835 E. SEVENTH STREET

On a motion by J. Harris, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit for Elizabeth Dietz in the amount of \$21.00 for her 08/31/21 bill at 835 E. Seventh Street due to her power washing outside.

APPROVAL OF A SEWER BILL CREDIT FOR CATHERINE FLICK AT 218 W. MAIN STREET

On a motion by J. Harris, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit for Catherine Flick in the amount of \$52.50 for her 08/31/21 bill and \$175.43 for her 09/30/21 bill due to a water leak that entered the dirt crawlspace under her office. The leak wasn't discovered until 09/21/21 so next month she will have another high water read.

APPROVAL OF A SEWER BILL CREDIT FOR DANE HAHN AT 153 E. FIFTH STREET

On a motion by J. Harris, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit for Dane Hahn in the amount of \$48.30 for his 10/31/21 bill at 153 E. Fifth Street due filling his inground swimming pool because of liner issues.

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by J. Harris and voted on unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.

AMBER KENNEY
Secretary/Office Manager