

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 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 Treasurer Michael Upton; Board Members Sylvia Costa, Bill Brobst and Nick McGaw; Maintenance/Collection System Supervisor Josh Young; Special Projects Coordinator Ryan Longenberger; Jeff Slabinski and George Myers, Myers Environmental Services; Solicitor Alvin Luschas, Luschas, Naparstek & Crane LLP; Steven Siegfried, P.E., Rettew; Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney and Billing and Collections Director Amy Seamans. Absent was Assistant Plant Superintendent Mark Tappe.

PRESENTATION

Clinton Sorber, PE, CFM, and Tom Lawson, PE, PLS, of Verdantas were present to update the Board on the progress of the Flood Mitigation Study.

The top of the levee system would be 483.3". The base flood level is 480.2" leaving 3.1' over the base flood level and they noted 1' over the Tropical Storm Lee Flood level.

They divided the system into four segments, South, West, North and East. The South segment is along Fort McClure Blvd. An earthen levee is not feasible and they recommend a concrete t-wall. The West segment is adjacent to the DAR McClure House property. An MSE levee is proposed but a full earthen levee is less costly and preferred if the property owners are agreeable of having it on their property. The North segment is located behind the plant. A full earthen levee tight to the plant would be lower in cost but may cause additional utility issues and it wouldn't provide for any useable area for future plant expansion, etc. A full earthen levee extended towards the County levee system and pump station is preferred. The East segment runs from the County levee to Fort McClure Blvd. An earthen levee tied into the existing County levee is preferred and is the lower cost option. If the school district doesn't allow an easement on their property then a concrete-capped sheet pile wall is proposed but the cost is higher.

There are also some questions for DEP that need to be worked through concerning by-passing during a flood event. They suggest scheduling a meeting with representatives after the study is complete. They stated that they are half way done with the study and will schedule another meeting with the Board after it's completed.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 13, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the August 13, 2024 meeting minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR AUGUST

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by B. Brobst and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for August in the amount of \$158,218.72.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR AUGUST

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for August in the amount of \$38,528.19.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO VERDANTAS FOR FLOOD RISK MITIGATION STUDY

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by N. McGaw and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to Verdantas in the amount of \$33,550.00 for a Flood Risk Mitigation Study. \$10,475.00 was for professional services from June 29, 2024 through July 26, 2024 and \$23,075.00 from July 27, 2024 through August 23, 2024.

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

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by N. McGaw and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to Korn Ferry in the amount of \$4,285.00 from the Municipal Authority Employee Pension Plan for third quarter actuarial services.

APPROVAL OF A SEWER BILL CREDIT FOR GIUSEPPE LA FATA AT 18-20 WEST THIRD STREET

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer bill credit for Giuseppe La Fata in the amount of \$611.58 for the 08/31/24 bill for a broken hot water heater.

APPROVAL OF 2025 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO)

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by N. McGaw and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Municipal Authority Employee Pension Plan in the amount of \$94,541.00.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.

AMBER KENNEY
Secretary/Office Manager