

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held on Tuesday, December 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; Assistant Plant Superintendent Mark Tappe; Maintenance/Collection System Supervisor Josh Young; Special Projects Coordinator Ryan Longenberger; Jeff Slabinski and George Myers, Myers Environmental Services; Solicitor Alvin Luschas, Luschas, Naparsteck & Crane LLP; Steven Siegfried, P.E., Rettew; Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney and Billing and Collections Director Amy Seamans. Also in attendance were Mary Ward and MJ Mahon.

#### **CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – MIKE BARRATT**

Mike Barratt was present. He asked the Board why they only approved paying 50% of his monthly health insurance premium. T. Evans explained that the union contract states the employee is responsible for 100% of the cost of the premium until attainment of age 62 and the board agreed, as a gesture, they would cover 50% of the cost after the weekly required contribution is deducted. Mike explained that he gave 35 years to the Authority and has always gotten along with everyone and was hurt when he learned that the cost would not be completely covered by the Authority. He said he's retiring under disability because he has a bad heart and his doctor told him he shouldn't be working. He would like to see all of the premium paid for by the Authority. He remarked that now he will be starting off his retirement "in the hole".

#### **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by B. Brobst and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the November 12, 2024 meeting minutes without any additions or corrections.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR NOVEMBER**

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for November in the amount of \$230,879.61.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR NOVEMBER**

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by N. McGaw and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for November in the amount of 73,343.56.

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

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to Korn Ferry in the amount of \$4,285.00 from the Municipal Authority Employee Pension Fund for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter actuarial services.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

T. Evans adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 4:09pm to discuss two lawsuits and reconvened at 4:16pm.

#### **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FROM DON E. BOWER, INC. FOR THE ROSE AVENUE SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, the Board approved change order No. 1 from Don E. Bower, Inc. in the decreased amount of \$21,466.52 for the Rose Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

#### **APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT NO. 2 TO DON E. BOWER, INC. FOR THE ROSE AVENUE SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by B. Brobst and voted on unanimously, the Board approved final payment No. 2 to Don E. Bower, Inc. in the amount of \$8,066.84 for the Rose Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM BROWN AND BROWN INSURANCE CO. FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE**

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a proposal from Brown and Brown of LV in the amount of \$65,652.00 for liability package coverage through Selective Insurance Company for 2025.

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM BROWN AND BROWN INSURANCE CO. FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by N. McGaw and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a proposal from Brown and Brown of LV in the amount of \$11,286.00 for workers compensation coverage through Eastern Alliance for 2025.

**APPROVAL OF NON-UNION EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASE FOR 2025**

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by B. Brobst and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a 4% wage increase for non-union employees effective January 1, 2025.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-10-24.01 – AMENDING ARTICLE 3 (a) (1) OF THE SEWER RATE RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-13-22.03**

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board adopted Resolution No. 12-10-24.01 – amending Article 3 (a) (1) of the Sewer Rate Resolution Number 12-13-22.03. The sewer rental charges will be the following effective January 1, 2025.

GALLONS OF WATER PER CALENDAR MONTH	RATE
Minimum	\$34.00
1-2,000 Gallons (per 1,000)	\$3.00
2,001-10,000 Gallons (per 1,000)	\$13.10
10,001-100,000 Gallons (per 1,000)	\$12.50
Over 100,000 Gallons	\$12.00

**ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by N. McGaw and voted on unanimously, the Board adopted the 2025 Budget.

Total Revenue	\$5,188,700.00
Total Expense	<u>\$5,580,371.00</u>
Net Loss	-\$391,671.00)
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$391,671.00

**APPROVAL OF A SEWER CREDIT FOR NATE ROBERTS AT 645 LOCUST STREET**

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer bill credit for Nate Roberts at 645 Locust Street (The Beverage Station) in the amount of \$204.90 for the 08/31/24 bill and \$347.00 for the 09/30/24 bill for an outdoor hose leak.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:34pm.

AMBER KENNEY  
Secretary/Office Manager