

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 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 Mary Ward; 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 LLP; Steven Siegfried, P.E., Rettew; Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney and Billing and Collections Director Amy Seamans.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – KAYLIN BOWER

Kaylin Bower of North Centre Township stated that she is one of the affected residents of DEP’s investigation of PFAS or “forever chemicals” in wells. DEP tested Brookside Village mobile home park on Ridge Road in March of 2024 and then they expanded a half mile radius and this is when her well was tested on McDowell Hill Road. DEP held a hearing on March 19, 2025 and they stated that a possible source could be from the sludge that the Municipal Authority applied to farm land in the late 80’s and 90’s. It was spread on the McDowell Hill Farm which is across the road from her house. She stated that DER, which is now DEP, began the program in 1977. PFAS chemicals were not known about at that time. She wanted to bring this to the attention of the Board and stated that she is not blaming or pointing the finger but expressed this is a pressing issue in her community. She and her husband are worried about the health effects and the decrease in property values. DEP is providing bottled water and filters to some residents but this issue is unplanned and unfunded and she expects to have high out-of-pocket expenses. She would like Veolia to run public water lines but she knows this would be a great expense for them with the homes being so spread out. She and her community group are working with DEP, Senator Culver’s office, the Township, County and many other agencies.

Board Members thanked her for coming and stated they are sorry for what she is having to deal with. There are no current Board Members that were on the Board when the Authority was participating in this program. She stated she will keep everyone updated and thanked the office staff for working with her to access the available records.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2025 MINUTES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by M. Ward and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the March 11, 2025 minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR MARCH

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by N. McGaw and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for March in the amount of \$261,208.11.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR MARCH

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by M. Ward and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for March in the amount of \$8,030.72.

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

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by M. Ward and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to Korn Ferry in the amount of \$2,414.00 from the Municipal Authority Employee Pension Fund for 1st quarter actuarial services.

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by N. McGaw and voted on unanimously, the Board approved Rettew submitting a PA Small Water and Sewer Grant on the Authority’s behalf in the amount of \$280,330.00 for the replacement of a mixed liquor return pump with the Authority matching \$49,470.00.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-08-25.01 – REQUEST FOR CFA – PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT MIXED LIQUOR RETURN PUMP REPLACEMENT

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by M. Ward and voted on unanimously, the Board approved Resolution No. 04-08-25.01 – Request for CFA – PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Mixed Liquor Return Pump Replacement and designating Thomas Evans, Chairman, and Sylvia Costa, Vice-Chairman, as the officials to execute documents and agreements between the Authority and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE 2025 LINING PROJECT

On a motion by M. Ward, seconded by B. Brobst and voted on unanimously, the Board approved advertising for bids for the 2025 Lining Project subject to staff reviewing and approving the bid documents that are being prepared by Rettew.

APPROVAL OF A SEWER CREDIT FOR MVRN FOUR LLC AT 420 E. THIRD STREET

J. Young reported that he visited 420 E. Third Street along with Jared Harris from MVRN Four LLC. He verified that due to the pipe burst, the water soaked into the dirt basement and also ran into the back yard. He noted that Veolia also changed out the meter. He believes it froze and was spinning backwards because there is no way that amount of water (188,400 and 450,500 gallons) ended up in the basement. On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by M. Ward and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit in the amount of \$2,290.60 towards the 02/28/25 billing and \$5,435.80 towards the 03/31/25 billing at 420 E. Third Street.

A. Kenney reminded the Board of the meeting with Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver and Verdantas on April 14, 2025 at 2:30pm regarding the flood protection project.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.

AMBER KENNEY
Secretary/Office Manager