

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held on Tuesday, June 10, 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 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; Steven Siegfried, P.E., Rettew; Solicitor Alvin Luschas, Luschas & Naparsteck LLP; Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney and Billing and Collections Director Amy Seamans. Absent was Board Member Bill Brobst.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – JEFF GROSHEK, STEVE CRAWFORD AND BRIAN TRETTER, CENTRAL COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jeff Groshek, Superintendent of Central Columbia School District, explained that their sewer system is failing in South Centre Township. South Centre Township officials have been telling the school district for at least 10 years that they plan to construct a system but nothing has happened to date. They spoke to Scott Township and they are alright with the school’s flow coming through Scott Township.

Steve Crawford, President of the Central Columbia School District Board, stated that they are here today to ask what the cost would be if the school district were to hook onto the sewer system at Sekisui and have their flow treated at the Bloomsburg WWTP. Once South Centre has a system in place, they would be mandated to hook onto that system and asked if the Authority would reimburse the school district the fees that were paid to Bloomsburg. Mr. Crawford stated that Mr. Tretter has flow information that he can provide the Authority.

T. Evans stated that there would need to be discussion amongst plant staff and A. Kenney to determine what the cost would be. He asked that the flow information be given to A. Kenney. He thanked them for attending and that staff will be in touch.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – TAMMY TANEY AND STEPHANIE OAKES, JOURNEY BANK

Tammy Taney and Stephanie Oakes, representatives from Journey Bank, were present to discuss the Master Services Agreement for Treasury Management the Authority needs to execute with the bank. The agreement was presented to staff over a year ago when First Columbia Bank & Trust Co. transitioned to Journey Bank. The agreement was given to Solicitor Luschas and he forwarded it to the law office of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin for review. They responded with their concerns on June 10, 2024 and Solicitor Luschas sent the concerns to Journey Bank’s attorney, Cliff Rieders, on August 16, 2024. Stephanie stated that the last correspondence she knew of was Attorney Rieders requesting that Solicitor Luschas redline the agreement with how he wanted the concerns worded. She also noted that the bank purchased this agreement from TrueStage, one of the largest companies that provides compliance documents, and it is used for all of their clients. It cannot be changed or modified or it would not be compliant with their regulations.

Solicitor Luschas referred to some of the areas of concern with the Board. T. Evans expressed that it sounds like the attorneys need to talk about the areas of concerns and come to some sort of agreement. A meeting between Solicitor Luschas and Attorney Cliff Rieders will be arranged. A. Kenney asked if not having this agreement executed will affect the Authority’s lock box and Stephanie stated that eventually the bank’s auditors will be looking for this agreement but nothing will happen right now.

APPROVAL OF MAY 13, 2025 MINUTES

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the May 13, 2025 minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF MAY 27, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the May 27, 2025 Special Meeting minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR MAY

On a motion by M. Ward, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for May in the amount of \$179,685.24.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR MAY

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by M. Ward and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for May in the amount of \$13,912.43.

APPROVAL OF BID FROM VORTEX SERVICES, LLC FOR 2025 SEWER LINING PROJECT

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by M. Ward and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the bid from Vortex Services, LLC in the amount of \$111,421.00 for the 2025 Sewer Lining Project.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.

AMBER KENNEY
Secretary/Office Manager