

A Special Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 5:00pm in Council Chambers of Town Hall, Bloomsburg, PA.

Thomas Evans presided. Those present included: Board Members Claude Renninger and Carey Howell; Alvin Luschas, Derr, Pursel, Luschas and Naparsteck LLP; Brian Book, Hazen and Sawyer, P.C.; Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney and Assistant Secretary Carol Mas. Absent were Board Members Andrew Keister and Lawrence Mack.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – REVEREND STEVE HUMMEL

Reverend Steve Hummel, on behalf of the Bloomsburg Landlords Association, thanked the Board for posting the minutes on the website. He addressed several of the Board's responses to the list of questions they presented at the last meeting. They are concerned about the financial oversight of the Authority. T. Evans noted that the Municipal Authority is audited every year. Rev. Hummel also asked about the total budget number which T. Evans explained that 25% of the total expenses is debt service. The Landlord Association compared sewer rates to water rates. Solicitor Luschas said that they should be comparing Bloomsburg's sewer rates with other sewer rates within the area and they would find that Bloomsburg's are among the lowest. He said that they cannot compare sewer and water as they are completely different. B. Book agreed. Treatment of sewer costs more than treatment of water. Rev Hummel again raised the issue with the university. T. Evans explained that the university is a partner and they shared in the cost the construction project. Rev. Hummel also questioned the engineer's costs. B. Book listed what his firm does for the cost of \$1,800 per year and that other projects would be submitted through a proposal with the associated cost included in the proposal. T. Evans assured the landlords that the Authority would not be instituting the billing charges at this time and will meet with the Association and go over the issues.

#### APPROVAL TO SUBMIT CHAPTER 94 REPORT

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved authorizing Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. to submit the Chapter 94 report.

#### APPROVAL OF SEWER CREDIT REQUEST FROM MELANIE MARX

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit for Melanie Marx, 716 Park Street, in the amount of \$107.87 due to a broken water heater. The water did not enter the sanitary sewer system.

#### APPROVAL OF SEWER CREDIT REQUEST FROM IRON STREET ASSOCIATES LLC

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit for Iron Street Associates LLC, 128 Iron Street, in the amount of \$373.19 due to a broken water pipe. The water did not enter the sanitary sewer system.

T. Evans announced that the regular March meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

There being no further business the meeting at 6:00pm.

AMBER KENNEY  
Secretary/Office Manager

CAROL L. MAS  
Assistant Secretary