

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 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 Vice-Chair Vince DeMelfi; Treasurer Michael Upton and Board Member Sylvia Costa; 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. Absent was Board Member Bill Brobst.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – RONALD FERDOCK RE: 140 W. THIRD STREET

Mr. Ferdock expressed that he wanted to turn the water off at his home so he would not receive a water bill anymore. When he called to inquire about how he could stop receiving a sewer bill, a gentleman told him he would owe two bills and then the billing could be discontinued. When he called after he actually had the water scheduled to be turned off on June 30th, he spoke to a different gentleman and was told that he would have to pay for three months and a \$50 shut off fee. He wasn't happy with that answer so he called the Authority office and was told the same thing so this is why he came to the meeting. He explained that he has leaks in the cast iron pipe in the wall that goes from the second floor to the first floor. It's going to be expensive to replace so he's trying to save money by having the utilities turned off. T. Evans explained that this policy is part of the Authority's resolution. Mr. Ferdock was told that this was initially enacted because of student landlords requesting that the billing turned off over the summer when the students are not here and he doesn't feel it's right since this isn't student housing related. S. Costa asked Mr. Ferdock if he is living in the house with the water turned off and he stated yes. It was asked where he goes to use the bathroom and he stated that he owns a home on Market Street and there is a carriage house at the rear of that property. His son used to live there so it has a toilet and a shower and it's located down the alley from his house on West Third Street. A. Seamans asked how long he plans to have the water turned off and Mr. Ferdock stated one year. The Board thanked Mr. Ferdock for coming to the meeting and they would discuss the issue and get back to him. The Board agreed that they shouldn't change the policy for one person and Solicitor Luschas concurred. Staff will contact Mr. Ferdock.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 14, 2022 MINUTES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the June 14, 2022 minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR JUNE

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by V. DeMelfi and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for June in the amount of \$211,496.28.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR JUNE

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for June in the amount of \$125,307.44.

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

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to Korn Ferry in the amount of \$3,887.00 from the Municipal Authority Employee Pension Fund for 2nd quarter actuarial services.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE SUMMIT AVENUE LINING PROJECT

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved advertising for bids for the Summit Avenue Lining Project.

APPROVAL OF SEWER DEDUCTION METER REQUEST FROM MILCO INDUSTRIES

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously and on the recommendation of the plant staff, the Board approved the Milco Industries request to meter and deduct water being used in the humidifiers of their knitting room which is evaporated in the air and also meter the water that is evaporated in their dyehouse and meter the water going into the restrooms. They would be charged based on the total of the metered water for the restrooms plus the metered water being discharged through their water shed.

APPROVAL OF RESTRUCTURED SEWER RATE SCHEDULE WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2023

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a restructured sewer rate schedule with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2023.

APPROVAL OF A SEWER BILL CREDIT FOR PAUL GILBERT AT 2 W. TWELFTH STREET

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit for Paul Gilbert at 2 W. Twelfth Street in the amount of \$259.82 for the 07/31/22 bill for filling a swimming pool.

APPROVAL OF A BID THROUGH MUNICIBID FROM KEITH MILLER FOR THE SALE OF 1983 CHEVROLET FLUSHER TRUCK

On motion by S. Costa, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a bid through Municibid from Keith Miller in the amount of \$2,150.00 for the sale of the 1983 Chevrolet Flusher Truck.

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

AMBER KENNEY
Secretary/Office Manager