

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 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 Vincent DeMelfi arriving at 4:03pm; Treasurer Michael Upton; Board Members Sylvia Costa and Bill Brobst; Assistant Plant Superintendent Mark Tappe; Maintenance/Collection System Supervisor Josh Young; 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 Special Projects Coordinator Ryan Longenberger.

#### **CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – ALAN AND ADAM KEMMERER**

Alan Kemmerer and his son Adam were present. Mr. Kemmerer expressed that his son is purchasing farm land from Stephen Kistler which is adjacent to the 7 acres of land that the Authority owns and Mr. Kistler has been farming. His son would like to continue to farm the 7 acres. Mr. Kistler told him that he was paying \$80.00 an acre per year and he feels that \$100.00 an acre is more common these days and would like to offer to pay that to the Authority. A. Kenney noted that Mr. Kistler and his family have been farming the Authority's land for the past 40 years and she has never been able to find a lease agreement. She also noted that she received paperwork from the Columbia County Conservation office at the end of last week about Mr. Kemmerer farming the 7 acres.

Solicitor Luschas disclosed that Alan Kemmerer is a client of his. He noted that the Kemmerer's would need to have liability insurance and would need to list the Authority as an additional insured. He asked when they would be starting to plant and Mr. Kemmerer stated at the end of April. Solicitor Luschas will work on a lease agreement with A. Kenney for the Board to review for approval at their next meeting.

#### **CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – MATT ZOPPETTI**

Matt Zoppetti was present. He wasn't able to attend the meeting last month. Now that the Board has had a couple of months to discuss his request, he wanted to know if the Board is good with the 160 EDU's he had previously discussed. Solicitor Luschas stated that the Board needs more information pertaining to his request. Matt stated that there is no more information to give. Mr. Zoppetti stated he doesn't want to have to pursue this legally, but he would. No action was taken on the matter and Mr. Zoppetti left the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 14, 2023 MINUTES**

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by V. DeMelfi and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the February 14, 2023 minutes without any additions or corrections.

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

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 February in the amount of \$371,563.58.

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

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 February in the amount of \$116,260.51.

#### **APPROVAL OF ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF INTERIM PLANT SUPERINTENDENT**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved eliminating the position of Interim Plant Superintendent effective retroactively to December 11, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF A 3-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH AIRIAM FOR COMPUTER MAINTENANCE AND BACKUP SERVICES**

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Three (3) (S. Costa, T. Evans and B. Brobst voting “Yes”) to Two (2) (M. Upton and V. DeMelfi voting “No”), the Board approved a 3-year agreement with Airiam for computer maintenance and backup services in the amount of \$944.83 per month.

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM AIRIAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW COMPUTERS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by V. DeMelfi and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a quote from Airiam in the amount of \$3,447.34 for the purchase of two (2) new computers for the administrative office.

**APPROVAL OF A SEWER BILL CREDIT FOR CINDY NEEB AT 57 WASHINGTON AVENUE**

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by V. DeMelfi and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit for Cindy Neeb in the amount of \$24.43 for the 01/31/22 bill; \$50.63 for the 02/28/23 bill and \$43.07 for the 03/31/23 bill for a water line leak under her trailer that went on the ground.

On a motion by S. Costa and seconded by V. DeMelfi, the meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.

AMBER KENNEY  
Secretary/Office Manager