

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held on Tuesday, April 11, 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 4:04pm; Treasurer Michael Upton; Board Members Sylvia Costa and Bill Brobst; Assistant Plant Superintendent Mark Tappe; Special Projects Coordinator Ryan Longenberger; George Myers, Myers Environmental Services; Solicitor Alvin Luschas, Luschas, Naparsteck & Crane LLP arriving at 4:04pm; Steven Siegfried, P.E., Rettew; Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney and Billing and Collections Director Amy Seamans. Absent were Maintenance/Collection System Supervisor Josh Young and Jeff Slabinski, Myers Environmental Services.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – LISA VANDERSLICE

Lisa Vanderslice of 730 Center Street was present to ask that the service fee billing that started last month for the 728 Center Street side of her double home be discontinued. They opened a wall between the two sides to convert it into a single home. There is only one sewer lateral which is on the 730 side. She stated that Veolia removed the water meter. A. Seamans confirmed that Veolia removed the meter on March 29th. The Board stated they would discuss the matter and staff would be in contact with her regarding the outcome.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – JOHN BOYER

John Boyer of 546 W. First Street was also present to ask that the service fee billing that started last month for the 548 W. First Street side of his double home be discontinued. The 548 side has been vacant since the flood in September of 2011. The electric and water meters have been removed and he also removed the copper pipes. The plumbing used to come over to the 546 side. There is only one sewer lateral which is on the 546 side. He stated they use this side for storage. The Board stated they would discuss the matter and staff would be in contact with him regarding the outcome.

APPROVAL OF DISCONTINUING THE SEWER BILLING AT 728 CENTER STREET AND 546 W. FIRST STREET

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, the Board approved discontinuing the sewer billing at 728 Center Street and 546 W. First Street contingent upon WWTP staff inspecting both properties to verify what the owner's stated they did to the property concerning water meter removal, renovations and pipe removal. The owner's will be notified in writing that the Authority reserves the right to reinstate the billing at any time if water usage is found through the monthly auditing.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2023 MINUTES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Brobst and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the March 14, 2023 minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR MARCH

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 March in the amount of \$252,407.38.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR MARCH

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for March in the amount of \$10,025.02.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST COMPANY

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by V. DeMelfi and voted on Four (4) (M. Upton, V. DeMelfi, B. Brobst and S. Costa voting "Yes") to One (1) Abstention (T. Evans "Abstaining"), the Board approved an interest payment to First Columbia Bank & Trust Company in the amount of \$49,132.81 for note 2020 (construction loan).

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO. FROM THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE PENSION FUND

On a motion by M. Upton, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Four (4) (M. Upton, S. Costa, B. Brobst and V. DeMelfi voting “Yes”) to One (1) Abstention (T. Evans “Abstaining”), the Board approved payment to First Columbia Bank & Trust Co. in the amount of \$1,530.23 from the Municipal Authority Employee Pension Fund for first quarter trustee fees.

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

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by B. Brobst and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to Korn Ferry in the amount of \$2,190.00 from the Municipal Authority Employee Pension Fund for first quarter actuarial services.

APPROVAL OF A FARM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ADAM KEMMERER

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by M. Upton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a one (1) year renewable Farm Lease Agreement with Adam Kemmerer to farm approximately 7 acres of land adjacent to the WWTP at \$100.00 per acre.

APPROVAL OF A SEWER BILL CREDIT FOR WILLIAM AND DONNA KREISHER AT 425 MARKET STREET

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by V. DeMelfi and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit for William and Donna Kreisher in the amount of \$1,730.38 for the 02/28/23 bill for frozen pipes that broke and flooded the basement of 425 Market Street. The water was pumped outside on the ground.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:07pm.

AMBER KENNEY
Secretary/Office Manager