

**MEETING MINUTES WORK SESSION
NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
July 15, 2021**

Role Call The monthly Sewer Business meeting adjourned 6:19 pm by Rudolph Shirilla and seconded by Arthur Hayes. Immediately following the adjournment of the Sewer Authority business meeting, the Water Authority business meeting began. Present were Ken Chute, Brent Tritt, Arthur Hayes, Rudolph Shirilla, Emmett Santillo, Manager, Lisa Crespo, Engineer, Emily Palmer and Solicitor, Myron Sainovich.

Pub/Input None

Meeting Minutes **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Brent Tritt to approve the Regular Business Meeting Minutes of the Water Authority, dated June 17, 2021. Five ayes, motion carried.**

Bills for Board Approval The Water Authority bills were presented to the Board for review. Bills totaling \$64,743.40 were presented for review/approval. **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Ken Chute to approve payment of all bills. Five ayes, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report Presented was the Water Authority Treasurer's report from June 2021 for review and discussion.

Engineer's Report Emily Palmer presented the Monthly Engineer's Report. Emily reported that the Risk and Resilience Assessment was completed, and the certificate sent to the EPA. The next task is to do the Emergency Response Plan updates. Discussion on the tank painting and what a potential schedule will look like with completion in August 2022. Emily presented the 2021 Water Authority bond issue Engineer's Certification. Discussion on the O'Hare Subdivision.

Solicitor's Report Myron updated the board that the closing on the 2021 Water Authority bond issue will be in the next couple months. Lisa and Myron met with Beaver Falls regarding negotiations for water rate increases. Beaver Falls will be sending 2 scenarios for ways to increase the rates, Lisa will email these to the Board once we have them. Emmett Santillo thanked Lisa and Myron for doing a nice job with the bond issue and that it went smooth. Emmett participated in an intense phone call with the bond company. Myron reported we got an A+ rating and explained that we are doing the right things with our money. Ken Chute informed the public that the bond is for improvements that need to be done over 25-30 years.

General Reports Presented were the water loss report and the bank balance sheet for review and discussion.

Old Business None

New Business Lisa presented the need for a new chop saw to repair water main breaks. The current saw is very difficult to use and costs us more time and money to get the work completed. The rough estimate on the price is \$2,000.00. The Board asked for specs and pricing via email before purchasing. **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Rudolph Shirilla to approve up to \$2,000.00 on a chop saw from D&G Rent-alls with Board approval via email on the specs. Five ayes, motion carried.** Lisa presented the Board with the 2021 Water Authority bond official statement. Ken Cute wanted to let those watching via Facebook that all financial statements are

received by all Board members prior to the meeting for review. Lisa was asked about customers posting on Facebook about double bills. Lisa reported that research was done to compare 2020 usage reports to 2021 usage reports to see if there was a difference. Usages compared to one another. Additionally individual customer accounts were reviewed, there were a couple that stood out and we sent the Operator out to see if there were any problems. We do have to report back that our equipment is working properly, and we have to trust our equipment. The best way to find out about these things is to call in to the office to discuss them so the Authority can work with the customers on an individual basis. Lisa informed there is no charge for our Operators to come out and check to see if there is a problem. Lisa is also offering to do a weekly read for the length of one month to see if there are any issues that could indicate a water leak. Emmett Santillo stated that the office phone number is 724-843-5826. Additionally, Emmett explained that we don't bill 1,000 gallons until your meter rolls over. Ken Chute updated the public that the crew was out all night working hard on a water main break and it says a lot that they were at work the following day and wanted to thank the employees.

Announcements None

Adjournment **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Rudolph Shirilla to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. Four ayes, motion carried.**

Lisa A. Crespo, Manager

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