

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
October 19, 2021**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Keith Endy. Present in addition to Mr. Endy was Committee member Gene Gabel, Barry Christman, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were Council member Lori Carnes; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark, LLC.; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Jason Newhard, SSM; and an interested citizen.

Mr. Endy called for public comment on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 21st, 2021 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Endy, seconded by Mr. Gabel, and approved.

Inframark Report – Water and Sewer

Mr. Schoenly reviewed the operator's report for September 2021. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

Mr. Newhard reviewed the engineers' report for the month of September 2021. The complete report is on file in the administrative office. Mr. Newhard noted that the Water Authority has executed Professional Services Agreement for review of three water main extensions. As noted last month, Mr. Rehab removed the flow meters after Tropical Storm Ida. Mr. Newhard is reviewing the data collected and will have a report for the November Committee Meeting.

Mr. Newhard also discussed with the committee changing the chlorination at the Water Treatment Plant from gaseous chorine to liquid chlorine and the exploration of a hypochlorite generator as an option to liquid hypochlorite deliveries. Mr. Newhard advised that he, Inframark staff, and Mrs. Loder took a field trip to the Phoenixville Water Plant last week to view their existing hypochlorite generator system. The Phoenixville system operates at 2.5 million gallons per day, which is a little more than double Boyertown's size. The Phoenixville staff stated that their system has been in place for 8 years. They stated that they are very satisfied with the system and noted that daily maintenance is minimal and the largest maintenance cost would be replacement of the electrodes approximately every 5 to 7 years at a cost of approximately \$12,000. Mr. Newhard stated the capital cost recovery for the hypochlorite generator system is 5 ½ years. This is based upon the annual operating savings from the liquid hypochlorite system. Following discussion, the committee requested Mr. Newhard provide the borough with a design proposal, which will include DEP permitting.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

Trout Run Dam Spillway – Mr. Newhard and Mrs. Loder advised the committee that H & K submitted a proposal to provide water stopping for the spillway; however, their subcontractor proposed a different water stop than was suggested by the water stop representative. ARM is working with the representative to find the best solution.

New Business – Water and Sewer

There was no new business to conduct.

Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy and seconded by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled on Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary