

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
November 23, 2021**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:55 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 members Chuck Heller, Lori Carnes, and Terry Mest; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Ralph Schoenly Inframark, LLC.; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Jason Newhard, SSM; and interested citizens.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 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 October 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 October 2021. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

A brief discussion was held on lead service lines. Mr. Newhard stated that water suppliers must submit a survey report of lead service lines to the DEP in 2023.

Mr. Newhard submitted an engineering cost proposal for the Water Treatment Plant Chlorination change. The estimated engineering cost to provide design, permitting and limited construction phase services for liquid hypochlorite generation system is \$38,400. Mrs. Loder will execute the proposal.

Mr. Newhard distributed and reviewed with the committee and council members present the Infiltration and Inflow Study for the Rhoads Avenue and Madison Street Drainage Area. The study shows sharp increases in flow followed by steep drop offs in flow after rain events, which means that there must be direct inflow of rainwater into the sewage system. Due to the immediate need to reduce surcharging in the Madison/Rhoads Avenue area SSM recommends replacing lines in that area first, which would be Phase 2A of the report. The cost opinion for this phase is \$499,706. Following discussion all committee and council members present agreed that Mr. Newhard should prepare an engineering cost proposal for preparation of the bid documents to complete Phase 2A of the I/I Study.

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. No change since last month. ARM has not been able to confirm that the alternate water stop is comparable to the product originally proposed.

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 8:34 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy and seconded by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled on Tuesday, December 21st, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary