

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 19, 2022**

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 were Committee members Gene Gabel, Barry Christman, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance was Council member Charles Heller; Lori Carnes, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark, LLC; 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 February 22, 2022 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Endy, seconded by Mr. Christman, and approved.

Inframark Report – Water and Sewer

Mr. Schoenly reviewed the operator's report for March 2022. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Mr. Schoenly reviewed with the committee cost proposals for pipe gallery painting at the water treatment plant. Mr. Schoenly recommends accepting the cost proposal submitted by Hannahoe Painting in the amount of \$44,845.00 for the pipe gallery; and \$8,950.00 for service piping in a separate room. Mr. Schoenly noted that the work should be done in the winter months due to humid conditions which exist in the gallery during the spring and summer months. Discussion was held on the subject and the committee agreed the painting should be done this year or early next year. The committee asked Mr. Schoenly to contact Hannahoe to inquire if we can accept their cost proposal and delay start of work until November or December of this year without an increase in the cost. Mr. Schoenly will make the inquiry and will advise Mrs. Loder of their response.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

Mr. Newhard reviewed the engineers' reports for March and April. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Discussion was held on the request submitted by Aqua for an interconnection to allow a bulk water purchase up to 500,000 gallons per day. Lengthy discussion was held on the subject which included discussion of current average daily water production, source limitations imposed by the DRBC and the DEP, treatment plant permitted gallons per day, current water plant production limitations, and the need for an assessment of the Ironstone Pump Station, which has not been used in recent years. It was noted that the pump station is currently able to pump about 300,000 gallons per day from the Ironstone Creek.

Following all discussion, the committee asked Mr. Newhard to perform an assessment of the Ironstone Pump Station to assist the committee with a decision concerning the sale of bulk water to Aqua.

Mr. Newhard then addressed the committee concerning a PA Uniform Construction Code provision which recently went into effect requiring sprinkler systems in townhouses. Mr. Newhard advised the committee that a policy will need to be established concerning whether or not a by-pass for the sprinkler system will be required. If the water service is turned off for failure to pay the bill and there is no by-pass the sprinkler system will be out of service until the water is turned back on. Prior to development of a policy, Solicitor's Setley and Hartman will be asked to offer a legal opinion on the matter. Mrs. Loder will contact both solicitors.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

Trout Run Dam Spillway – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that Mr. Boyer, of ARM Group, has indicated that H & K has agreed to replace the sealant as part of the warrant. In addition, Mr. Boyer noted that the waterstop representative recommends using the product that he originally specified. Mr. Boyer further noted that use of this product is temperature sensitive. No change from last month. Mrs. Loder advised that she has attempted to make contact with Mr. Boyer for an update; however, Mr. Boyer has yet to respond. Mrs. Loder will continue to attempt to make contact.

New Business – Water and Sewer

There was no new business to discuss.

Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy and seconded by Mr. Gabel. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary