

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 24, 2022**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:10 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; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark, LLC; 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 April 19, 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 April 2022. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Mr. Schoenly reviewed with the committee a cost proposal he requested from Mumford-Bjorkman Associates, Inc. (MBA) for ROV Evaluation of the water storage tanks at a cost of \$9,000. Mr. Newhard stated that it is currently recommended that water storage tanks be inspected every 5 years. Discussion was held on the subject and the committee agreed that all three tanks should be inspected at this time. Mr. Schoenly will execute the proposal and schedule the inspections.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

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

As requested by the PU Committee Mr. Newhard investigated the condition of the Ironstone Pump Station to determine improvements that are needed to return the facility to operational condition. The options presented are to rebuild the pump station or rehabilitation of the existing pump station. The cost opinion for rehabilitation of the existing station is \$1,176,500; construction of a new station is projected to cost \$1,566,000. Following lengthy discussion, the committee agreed that the new construction option is the best approach. A meeting will be scheduled with Aqua to discuss the proposed interconnection and cost sharing to return the pump station to an operational condition.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

Trout Run Dam Spillway – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that Mr. Boyer, of ARM Group, provided certificate of payment #10 in the amount of \$123,167; the remaining retainage is \$25,000. Mr. Boyer has not yet provided a date when H & K will return to the project site to replace the sealants, this will be done as part of the warranty.

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 7:55 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy and seconded by Mr. Gabel. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary