

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
September 21, 2021**

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

Also in attendance were Council member Charles Heller; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Nathan Laucks and Ralph Schoenly; Inframark, LLC.; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Jason Newhard, SSM; and numerous interested citizens.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 24th, 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 August 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 August 2021. The complete report is on file in the administrative office. Mr. Newhard noted that Mr. Rehab removed the flow meters after Tropical Storm Ida. Mr. Newhard will review the data collected and anticipates having a report for the November Committee Meeting.

Mr. Newhard also discussed with the committee changing the chlorination at the Water Treatment Plant from gaseous chlorine to liquid chlorine and the idea of exploring a hypochlorite generator as an option to liquid hypochlorite deliveries. Mr. Newhard, Inframark staff and Mrs. Loder will visit a facility that is currently using a hypochlorite generator.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

Trout Run Dam Spillway – Mr. Newhard and Mrs. Loder attended a site meeting with ARM, and a product representative, concerning repairs to the leaking spillway joints. The product representative is proposing injecting a liquid into the joint that will harden and prevent water seepage along the joints of the spillway. Mr. Newhard is confident ARM is moving in the correct direction to solve the joint leak issue.

New Business – Water and Sewer

There was no new business to conduct.

Public Comments

Mr. Endy called for public comment and recognized Mr. Randy Dittman of 617 Rhoads Avenue. Mr. Dittman and numerous other residents of the 600 block of Rhoads Avenue inquired about the status of repairs to the sanitary sewer system to prevent basement flooding during periods of heavy rain. Mr. Endy outlined the steps the Borough is taking to find a solution to the inflow and infiltration problems which have plagued the Rhoads Avenue residents for many years. The report which Mr. Newhard anticipates delivering to the committee in November will provide insight into the problem and outline solutions to resolve the problem.

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. Christman. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary