

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

February 21, 2023

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 8:05 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 were Lorraine Carnes, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark, LLC; and Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 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 January 2023. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

Due to a family emergency Mr. Newhard was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Endy briefly reviewed Mr. Newhard's report. In discussion of the need for Code drawings for the replacement of the roof at the Water Treatment Plant it was noted that the structural engineer at SSM recommends sampling the roof for asbestos prior to replacement. SSM can do this in conjunction with the roofing contractor for an estimated cost of \$1,000.00. Following discussion, the committee agreed that the roof should be tested for asbestos. Mrs. Loder will advise Mr. Newhard.

Water/Sewer Rate Increase – Mr. Endy reviewed the water/sewer rate increase analysis provided by SSM, Inc. The sewer rate increase analysis is to generate an additional \$50,000 in annual revenue. The analysis provided three options for consideration; the committee agreed that Option 3 was the preferred option. Fifty percent of the revenues gained by increasing the minimum and fifty percent gained by an increase in user fee.

Mr. Endy recommended deferring discussion on the water rate increase analysis to the March meeting of the committee when Mr. Newhard will be in attendance.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

There was no new business to discuss.

New Business – Water and Sewer

There was no new business to discuss.

Public Comment

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

There being no business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy, second by Mr. Gabel. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager