

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
January 24, 2023**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order 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 council members Charles Heller and Jeff Cascino; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark, LLC; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc.; 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 December 20, 2022 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 December 2022. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

Mr. Newhard reviewed the engineers report through January 20, 2023. Bachman's Roofing, Building and Remodeling, Inc. completed roof repairs at the water plant at a cost of \$2,838.00. Mr. Newhard received and reviewed a proposal provided by Bachman's for replacement of the water plant roof at a cost of \$118,617.00. Bachman's is a Co-Stars participating contractor; all work will be done under state contract, therefore the project is not subject to public bidding. Mr. Newhard recommends acceptance of the proposal. The committee agreed to recommend council approve execution of the proposal at the February 6th council meeting.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

Pine Road Access Easement – Harlen Snyder – Mrs. Loder advised that there is nothing new to report on this matter. This will be removed from the agenda pending further response from Mr. Snyder and his surveyor.

New Business – Water and Sewer

There was no new business to discuss.

Public Comment

Mr. Endy called for public comment and recognized Mr. Ryan Schweiger, 31 East Third Street, who expressed concerns about the new business occupant at 48-50 South Reading Avenue. Concerns relate to an odor of plastic emanating from the building, storage of pallets, loading and unloading at the side door of the building rather than the loading dock, parking illegally, traveling the wrong direction on Boyer Alley, which is one way north bound, location of the dumpsters, and general disregard for the residential neighbors.

Mrs. Loder advised that code official Matt Davenport investigated Mr. Schweiger's initial complaint concerning the odor of burning plastic. Mr. Davenport contacted the building personnel who agreed to allow him to tour the facility. The origin of the smell is a production room where a laser cutter is used to cut acrylic sheets into signs. The exhausted air from this machine is discharged from the building via the existing exhaust fan. Mr. Davenport's conclusion is that this condition is not a violation of an existing code. During the visit Mr. Davenport learned that I-Sign is operating from this space, and they plan to have more equipment moved into the space, including a paint booth. Mr. Davenport contacted the building owner to advise him that permits are required. Mrs. Loder further noted that she reviewed the permitted uses in the TC Zoning District and feels that the current occupant's use of the building is not in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. Mrs. Loder will follow-up with Mr. Davenport for clarification on compliance with the zoning ordinance, and will also have Keith Yeager, Property Maintenance Code Official visit the property on Thursday to discuss with the occupant exterior conditions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager