

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
February 16, 2021**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Keith Endy. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Endy were Barry Christman, and ex-officio member Frank Deery. Committee member Gene Gabel was absent.

Also in attendance were Council members Charles Heller and Lori Carnes; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Nathan Laucks and Ralph Schoenly; Inframark, LLC.; Jason Newhard, SSM Group, and interested citizens.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 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 2021. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

Mr. Newhard reviewed with the committee cost proposals for Sanitary Sewer Flow Metering. Mr. Newhard recommends acceptance of the proposal submitted by Mr. Rehab, Inc. in the amount of \$17,400. The project would be undertaken during the months of April, May and June. Following discussion, the committee agreed to recommend Borough Council authorize acceptance of the proposal submitted by Mr. Rehab. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the March 1st meeting of Borough Council.

Mr. Newhard also reviewed a cost proposal for GIS Mapping of the water and sanitary sewer system. The cost breakdown is as follows: water system \$14,400; sanitary sewer collection system \$7,300; ArcGIS online account set up \$3,700; an annual subscription service to ESRI, which owns the access program, at an estimated cost \$950. Following discussion, the committee agreed to recommend Borough Council authorize acceptance of the proposal at a total cost of \$25,400 to be paid from the Capital Improvement Water Fund. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the March 1st meeting of Borough Council.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

New Business – Water

Connection Fee 603 North Reading Avenue – Mr. Laucks advised the committee that the property at 603 North Reading Avenue consists of two detached residential dwellings which are presently serviced by public water through a single connection. Two Growing Properties, LLC submitted a subdivision plan to Colebrookdale Township, which would subdivide the single parcel into two parcels each parcel containing a single residential dwelling. Colebrookdale Township requires each parcel to have a separate public water connection. Parcel two would be connected to the public water main on Brickyard Lane. The question for the committee is whether Two Growing Properties, LLC must pay a connection fee for the separate connection to the public water system. The committee considered the request and agreed that because both dwellings are presently serviced by the public water system no connection fee will be charged to make the separate connection for parcel two.

New Business – Sewer

There was no new business to conduct.

Public Comments

Mr. Endy called for public comment and recognized Ms. Mullen, a resident of the 600 block of Rhoads Avenue, who asked questions regarding Inflow and Infiltration Studies to alleviate the problem of sewer backups on Rhoads Avenue during periods of heavy rain.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy and seconded by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary