

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
March 23, 2021**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:15 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, Lori Carnes, and Terry Mest; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Nathan Laucks and Ralph Schoenly; Inframark, LLC.; Jason Newhard, SSM Group, Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor, and interested citizens.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 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 February 2021. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Mr. Schoenly and Mr. Laucks reviewed with the committee the quotes received for relocation and replacement of the generator at the Water Treatment Plant. The low quote was submitted by Dynatech in the amount of \$90,148.

Mr. Schoenly also reviewed the quote from Merrick for replacement of the Carbon Feed System at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$55,871.

Both of the above noted projects are included in the 2021 Capital Project Budget, Inframark will proceed with both projects.

Mr. Laucks and Mr. Newhard outlined and reviewed with the committee EPA changes to the Lead and Copper Rule, which will be implemented and enforced by the DEP. Mr. Newhard noted that DEP has delayed implementation of the new rule until 2022/23 pending review and consideration of public comments received on the subject.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

Mr. Newhard reviewed the engineers' report for reporting period through March 19th. Mr. Newhard also reviewed with the committee a cost proposal for a Risk and Resilience Assessment in the amount of \$14,600. Mr. Newhard advised that under the American's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 all water systems serving a population of

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3,300 or more must conduct a Risk and Resilience Assessment and certify the Assessment has been completed by June 30th, 2021. The plan will evaluate water system vulnerabilities from natural or man-caused disasters and make recommendations on mitigating the risks within the water system. The Committee agreed to list this matter on the agenda of the April 5th meeting of Borough Council for approval.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business – Water and 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 about the time line for installation of flow meters for the 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 7:50 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy and seconded by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled on Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary