

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 25, 2021**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:45p.m. by Chairman Keith Endy. Present in addition to Mr. Endy were committee members Barry Christman, Gene Gabel, 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; and Jason Newhard, SSM.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 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 April 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 April 2021. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

Sewer Rate Increase – Mr. Newhard reviewed with the Committee a sewer rate increase analysis. A sewer rate increase is necessary due to a shortfall in funding of long range capital projects. Following review and discussion, the committee and Mr. Heller agreed to increase the base rate from \$35.49 to \$39.23 and the per 1,000 gallon rate from \$10.24 to \$10.79, effective the 3rd quarter bill cycle of 2021. This rate increase is projected to generate an annual revenue increase of \$60,000. The Committee noted that this increase does not fully fund the annual shortfall in funding of long range capital projects, and there will be a need to raise rates again in 2022 to cover the funding shortfall to ensure adequate funding of long range capital projects.

New Business – Water and Sewer

There was no new business to conduct.

Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy and seconded by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee is scheduled on Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary