

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

April 18, 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 Lorraine Carnes, Mayor; Councilmen Jeff Cascino and Charles Heller; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark, LLC; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; and Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 21st, 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 March 2023. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

Mr. Newhard reviewed the engineers' report for March 2023. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Water Rate Increase – Discussion was held on a water rate increase. The committee favors a 6% increase in rates in 2023 and 6% rate increase in 2024. Mrs. Loder will forward the rate increase recommendation to the Water Authority.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

There was no new business to discuss.

New Business – Water and Sewer

Sewer Connection 100 S Madison Street, Colebrookdale Township – Mrs. Loder reviewed with the committee a request from a Colebrookdale Township property owner to connect to the Borough's sanitary sewer main on South Madison Street. Public sewer service to Colebrookdale Township properties is provided by the Berks Montgomery Municipal Authority; however, the Authority has no main on South Madison Street. Mrs. Loder stated that there is no formal agreement between the Borough and BMMA for this type of situation; however, the Borough is currently providing sanitary sewer service to several properties in Colebrookdale Township. In those cases the Borough bills BMMA quarterly based on our rate schedule for the consumption used by the customer. BMMA charges the customer a connection fee and bills the customer based on their rate schedule. Mrs. Loder advised the committee that she informed BMMA that the Borough has the capacity to serve 100 S Madison Street and is willing to do so; however, the Borough does expect to be paid our \$2,000 connection fee. The Borough has not yet received a response from BMMA.

Public Comment

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

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy, second by Mr. Christman The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager