

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 23, 2023

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:15 p.m. 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; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark, LLC; 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 April 18th, 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 April 2023. The complete report is on file in the administrative office. Mr. Schoenly advised that a training exercise on the subject of water hammer was hosted by he and Mr. Eidle for the local volunteer fire companies on Monday, May 22nd. The exercise was well attended and well received by the local volunteers.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

Mr. Newhard reviewed the engineers' report for April 2023. The complete report is on file in the administrative office. Mr. Newhard also advised the committee that he is working with Inframark personnel on optimizing the filter plant operations and chemical feeds. Testing will be conducted within the next few weeks on the maximum daily plant flows in order to determine chemical feed needs and any additional capital improvements. The information will also serve as a bench mark to the maximum flow that the plant can produce when approving new allocations.

A brief discussion was also held concerning Colebrookdale RR's application for water service to the rail yard. In 2021 Borough Council approved the RR's request for a waiver from payment of a connection fee for a 2" water connection. Recently the RR submitted an application for a 4" connection. A meeting was held with RR personnel to confirm their need for a 4" connection and to provide them with our standard meter pit detail for oversized meters. They were also given flow rate information and asked to have their engineer confirm the size connection they need. Mr. Newhard noted that they need water for a farmer's market, station bathrooms, irrigation and a water tower.

Regarding the Madison/Rhoads Avenue Sewer Main Project, Mr. Newhard advised the project will be advertised for bids in June with receipt of bids in July.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

Sewer Connection 100 S Madison Street, Colebrookdale Township – Mrs. Loder advised that there was nothing new to report on this subject. She noted that she informed BMMA that the Borough will permit 100 S Madison Street to connect to our sanitary sewer main conditioned upon payment of the \$2,000 connection fee. Mrs. Loder will follow-up with BMMA on this matter.

Discussion was held on the need for a written agreement between BMMA, Colebrookdale Township and the Borough regarding connection of properties located in Colebrookdale Township to the Borough’s sanitary sewer system. Mrs. Loder will pursue this with BMMA.

New Business – Water and Sewer

There was no new business to discuss.

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 8:10 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy, second by Mr. Christman The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager