

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 20, 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; Jeffrey Cascino, Councilman; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark, LLC; Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc.; and Tom Unger, SDE, Inc.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Endy, seconded by Mr. Gabel, and approved.

**Inframark Report – Water and Sewer**

Mr. Schoenly reviewed the operator's report for May 2023. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Mr. Schoenly also reviewed the quote received from DynaTech for replacement of the generator and upgrade of the electric service at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The total cost is \$568,504; approximately \$200,000 of that is attributable to upgrading the electric service. DynaTech also provided a cost \$128,197 to install a generator at the Trout Run Dam Pump Station. Mr. Schoenly and Mr. Eidle reminded the committee that presently there is no generator at the TR Pump Station. A grant application will be submitted through the Local Share Account Category 4 Facilities Program.

**Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report**

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

Regarding the Madison/Rhoads Avenue Sewer Main Project, Mr. Newhard advised that project bids will be received on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Newhard requested a special council meeting be scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> to award the bid. The committee agreed.

**Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer**

**Sewer Connection 100 S Madison Street, Colebrookdale Township** – Mrs. Loder advised that the new property owner has decided not to connect to the public sewer system at this time. Berks Montgomery Municipal Sewer Authority is in agreement that if the property is connected the Borough should receive the connection fee stipulated in the borough fee resolution and that BMMA would not charge a connection fee because they will not receive the flow.

BMMA does not appear interested in entering into a formal agreement with the borough to manage this type of situation. Mr. Unger's firm serves as the Authority Engineer; he will consult on this matter with the engineer assigned to the Authority and advise Mrs. Loder.

**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 7:55 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy, second by Mr. Christman The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder  
Borough Manager