

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
July 25, 2023**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:50 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 Councilmen Charles Heller and Jeffrey Cascino; Lorraine Carnes, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark, LLC; Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc.; and interested citizens.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 20th, 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 June 2023. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Mr. Schoenly advised the committee of another water main break caused by water hammer when a local fire department was using a hydrant on South Reading Avenue. This is the third incident of this nature within the current budget year; total cost to the maintenance budget is approximately \$70,000.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

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

Mr. Newhard reviewed with the committee a change order submitted by Bachman's Roofing in the amount of \$37,899.00. The change order is for the installation of a tapered insulation system to all roof sections to promote positive water drainage. The need for the tapered insulation was determined when the SSM structural engineer completed the design drawings required by Earl Township in order to obtain a UCC Permit for the work. Following discussion, the committee agreed Mrs. Loder should execute the change order; Council will affirm the execution of the change order at the August 7th meeting of Borough Council.

Unfinished Business – Water and Sewer

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

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 8:05 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy, second by Mr. Gabel. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager