

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
September 19, 2023**

The meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:35 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 Councilman Charles Neubauer; Lorraine Carnes, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; 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 August 22nd, 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 August 2023. The complete report is on file in the administrative office.

Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Report

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

Mr. Newhard noted no change on the pending developments; stating however that it does appear that the Swamp Creek Personal Care Home and Townhome Development in Colebrookdale Township is very close to start of construction. Mr. Newhard noted that there are no major outstanding issues with the water main extension; however, a Watermain Extension Agreement and escrow have not yet been approved by the Authority.

Regarding the Madison/Rhoads Avenue Sewer Replacement Project it was noted that Rettew did perform the rock profile survey on September 12th; Mr. Newhard has not received the report at this time. Mr. Newhard and Mr. Peck prepared a Project and Financing Timetable, which requests Borough Council authorize SSM to advertise the Madison/Rhoads Avenue Sewer Replacement Project for receipt of bids on November 20th, 2023, and authorize Concord Public Finance to issue a Request for Proposals for a bank loan to cover the cost of the following projects: South Reading Avenue Pump Station Upgrade, Madison/Rhoads Avenue Sewer Replacement Project, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator Replacement. The total cost for the above noted projects is projected to be \$2,300,000. The committee agreed; the above stated matters will be listed on the agenda of the October 2nd meeting of Borough Council for approval.

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 7:50 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy, second by Mr. Gabel. The next meeting of the Public Utilities Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager