
NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP
WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday –July 18, 2024 - 6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Sewer Authority was held on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls and adjourned at 6:29 pm, the Water Authority meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. In addition to the Board Members, in attendance were the Manager, Lisa Crespo via telephone, Field Supervisor, Ryan Cooper, Engineer, Jason Stanton and David Ritsema, and Solicitor Gene Dimeo.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Morrow, followed by the salute to the flag at the beginning of the Sewer Authority Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Scott Morrow	Present
Arthur Hayes	Present
Emmett Santillo	Present
Jason Wilds	Absent
Rudolph Shirilla	Present

PUBLIC SPEAK:

None

MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Rudolph Shirilla to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Water Authority, dated June 20, 2024. Four ayes, motion carried.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL:

The bills for the North Sewickley Township Water Authority were presented in the amount of \$73,891.66 for discussion and approval. **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Scott Morrow to approve payment of the bills as presented. Four ayes, motion carried.**

BUDGET REVIEW:

The budget for the month of June 2024 was presented for review and discussion.

GENERAL REPORTS:

- a) Water Loss Report – The Board would like to work with the Fire Department on their training and when they are using the hydrants so we can track our water loss a little closer. Also, Lisa will reach out to other municipalities to ask how they account for water loss in their budgets.
- b) Balance Sheet
- c) Aged Accounts Receivables
- d) 2023 Water Authority Audit Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Meter Replacement Program Update –Lisa informed the Board that we are beginning the meter replacements and building the schedule for the contractor to start on the 22nd of July.
- b) Update on Delinquencies – There is one additional agreement that has been added to the schedule.

- c) Trac Loader Quotes – Two quotes were presented, one from John Deere in the amount of \$114,975.00 and one from Bobcat in the amount of \$73,555.36. At this time Ryan was asked to identify right of ways that need cleared and prioritize them by the top 5 that need to be addressed and bring to the meeting next month.
- d) Garage Update – Kevin Popovich attended the meeting to talk about the garage that is being proposed. The plans have been created by an Engineer and the Board had the opportunity to review them in advance of the meeting. Kevin answered questions about lighting and garage doors, etc. Discussion of separating the buildings in two as a means of cost savings. **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Arthur Hayes to approve the construction of the maintenance building not to exceed the amount of \$600,000.00 subject to the review of constructing two buildings to save money by eliminating a required firewall in a single building. Four ayes, motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) LB Water Quote - \$4266.40 – Discussion on the saw that would be helpful on water main breaks. **Motion by Scott Morrow and seconded by Emmett Santillo to approve the purchase of a gas, concrete chainsaw and blade in addition to the protective equipment and training on the piece of equipment. Four ayes, motion carried.**

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- a) Monthly Engineer’s Report – Jason Stanton and David Ritsema presented the Engineers Report. Jason is working on a priority list of water lines that are in need of replacement and preparing the surveys. Update on the Brush Creek water line replacement. The line has been run under the creek, and they are continuing forward with the pressurizing of the line and bacteria tests and hope to tie in the first of August. Moving slowly but getting through it. LSA grant opening is September 1st and ends November 30th. Emmett wanted ideas of projects, if we put in for the building, it would push us back. The hydrant replacement project is still pending as an application with the LSA grant. Ryan, Lisa and Jason think about opportunities for grants. Wanting water line replacements to potentially go to the LSA grant applications. Light discussion on lead and copper
- b) **Motion by Scott Morrow and seconded by Emmett Santillo to authorize LSSE to issue the RFP for water tank inspections. Four ayes, all in favor.**

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Update on delinquencies.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:28 pm, Scott Morrow made the motion to adjourn the Water Authority meeting, Emmett Santillo seconded the motion. Three ayes, motion carried.