# NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING Thursday – July 20, 2023 - 6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the North Sewickley Township Sewer Authority was held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 893 Mercer Road, Beaver Falls and adjourned at 6:14pm, the Water Authority meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm. In addition to the Board Members, in attendance were the Manager, Lisa Crespo, Engineer, Emily Palmer, Solicitor Gene Dimeo, Field Supervisor, Ryan Cooper and various members of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary, Emmett Santillo, followed by the salute to the flag at the beginning of the Sewer Authority Meeting.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Ken Chute Absent
Arthur Hayes Here
Emmett Santillo Here
Jason Wilds Here
Rudolph Shirilla Here

#### **PUBLIC SPEAK:**

None

#### **MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Rudolph Shirilla and seconded by Emmett Santillo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Water Authority, dated June 15, 2023. Four ayes, motion carried.

#### **BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

The bills for the North Sewickley Township Water Authority were presented in the amount of \$84,735.13 for discussion and approval. **Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Arthur Hayes to approve payment of the bills as presented. Four ayes, motion carried.** 

# **BUDGET REVIEW:**

The budget for the month of June 2023 was presented for review and discussion. Emmett Santillo asked if we could use some of the bond money for purchasing water main breaks and supplies. They are not capital purchases and will need to be shown in the monthly budget.

#### **GENERAL REPORTS:**

- a) Water Loss Report Emmett Santillo mentioned this is the reason we need another employee to be hired. There are a lot of system issues we need to fix, and another employee would be beneficial.
- b) Balance Sheet

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) Meter Replacement Program update – LB Water cost vs. Exeter. Lisa informed the Board that she received the pricing just before the meeting and hadn't had the opportunity to discuss the costs and will update the Board after we talk about the details.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) None

# **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

a) Monthly Engineer's Report – Emily Palmer reported on the Brush Creek Water Line Replacement. She is estimating the cost to be somewhere between \$300,000 - \$350,000. Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Jason Wilds to authorize the Brush Creek Water Line replacement. Four ayes, motion carried. Discussion on a near future rate increase, Emily provided documentation within the Engineer's Report. Emmett Santillo mentioned that it is necessary to increase rates as rates go up around us or we are putting the Authority in a bad position financially. Small incremental increases would be more appropriate rather than having to take bigger increases to fix the years the rates weren't increased. Motion by Emmett Santillo and seconded by Arthur Hayes to approve US Bank Requisition #3 in the amount of \$12,420.79. Four ayes, motion carried.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:30 pm, Emmett Santillo made the motion to adjourn the Water Authority meeting, Rudolph Shirilla seconded the motion, four ayes, motion carried.

Lisa A. Crespo, Manager

August 17, 2023