

**BETHEL PARK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**3100 Piney Fork Road**  
**South Park, PA 15129-9001**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes July 25.2024**  
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**1. Regular Meeting**

**a.)** Chairman Hannan called the BPMA Regular Meeting for July 25, 2024 to order at 7:00PM at 3100 Piney Fork Road, South Park Township, PA. 15129.

**2. Roll Call**

**a.)** Secretary Beaver called the roll. Present for roll call: Messrs.: James Hannan, William Ruhl, Dave Brodnos, Daniel Cheberenichick, Bruce Beaver, Alan Stone and Tim Moury.

Also present: Mr. Gaydos Law PC; Mr. Shawn R. Rosensteel, PE, of Wade Trim; Mr. Scott Dunn, Plant Supervisor; Ms. Abigail Corrigan, Bethel Park Sanitary Sewer Engineer; Mr. Joe Janosik, Ward 5, and Mr. John Oakes, Bethel Park Council President.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**a.) Approval of the Minutes**

**i) Mr. Stone motioned to approve the Municipal Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of 07/11/2024. Mr. Ruhl seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion passed 7-0.**

**4. Correspondence**

a. Mr. Hannan advised that there was a PMAA brochure available is any member planned to signup to attend.

**5. Facility Discussion and Superintendent Report**

**a.) Mr. Dunn reported on the WWTP.**

i. Mr. Dunn stated that that the WWTP staff would make the fix for the trickling filter center column rather than MultiMetals since the drum on the center column bottom is not square. He then explained the basics of the fix to the Board

ii. The staff temporarily fixed the broken check valve on trickling filter # 1 at LRPS. Mr. Dunn is getting quotes from contractors on the cost to replace the check valve.

iii. Crane work is complete at the WWTP.

iv. The Health Department has not been on site for the inspection

v. The parts are in stock for the UV module rebuild. Mr. Dunn submitted the paperwork for the factory rep to be scheduled to be on site to help work on the rebuild.

vi. The Headworks Project is on the street. The bid opening is July 31, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the Municipal Building.

vii. Mr. Robert Kominsky, Department of Homeland Security, is a place holder on the agenda for security updates.

viii The NPDES Permit cost savings is being calculated.

ix. The Emergency Response Plan will be addressed in September 2024 when schedules permit.

x. The final pay application from JP Environmental for LRPS is on the July Requisitions. The contract will be closed out.

xi. Mr. Dunn finished the GIS work order sheets and sent a copy to all Municipal Council members. He reviewed the request and problem process using the GIS work order forms. The process will limit calls directly to Mr. Ross Volkwein, PE, Wade Trim and allow for accurate financial accounting based on the details from the work order-examples: time, cost, training requests, tracking of the GIS issues.

xii. At Mr. Moury's request, Mr. Dunn contacted the office of Ms. Summer Lee, United States Representative for Pennsylvania 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, to check on the status of the Federal Grant Application.

xiii. Mr. Dunn explained where the BPMA currently stands in the process and the next steps. Mr. Moury added that the timing for the Federal Grant is early 2025.

#### **b.) South Park Clubhouse Issues**

i. Mr. Dunn asked Mr. Gaydos if he had received the copies of responses from the Army Corps of Engineers to the letter sent to the parties involved with the sinkhole of the coverage on the properties. Mr. Dunn had forwarded the responses where the Army Corps of Engineers acknowledged that they were aware of the sinkhole issues and that the parties had been informed. Mr. Gaydos responded that he had seen the letters.

\*The pipe has been removed and is totally open.

\*The State storm sewers have been totally opened and the road should no longer flood.

ii. Mr. Dunn reported on the status of the sinkhole.

\*The State has already sent an email saying that they would fix the road and all their storm sewers.

iii. The BPMA will need to allow the State to finish their work in the area because they are not going to put the pipe back in. Instead, the State will secure the creek banks.

iv. Mr. Dunn stated that the BPMA's concern is that when the repair is complete that the creek banks do not erode into the BPMA sanitary sewer.

v. Mr. Gaydos asked if the portion of the line below grade that goes under the Clubhouse Restaurant has been investigated to determine if it is intact. Mr. Dunn responded that he has been advised that it is intact. Mr.

Dunn added that he has asked for the cctv videos to be shared by the bank that paid to have the work done.

Mr. Dunn anticipates cooperation in getting access to the tapes.

vi. Mr. Moury added that if the DEP has a copy of the videos the videos may be subject to Right to Know Act.

vii. Mr. Stone asked if there were any type of sensor that could be placed in the sewer line and remain until the work is done that would detect motion or a crack in the line. Mr. Rosensteel replied that there are devices that can note movement. The type device depends on the specifics of the situation.

viii. Mr. Moury expressed concern about erosion in several years if the creek changes course what the impact would be on the interceptor. Mr. Dunn agreed.

ix. Mr. Gaydos had concerns about the impact on the Right of Way if riff-raff or very heavy rocks are placed in the Right of Way. Mr. Gaydos will assign an Associate to research Right of Way protections.

### **6. Municipal Engineering Reports- South Park/Bethel Park**

#### **a.) Mr. Beaver reported on South Park's Projects:**

i. The SHACOG trucks are out cctving with the Flusher Truck in the Township.

ii. South Park is considering 2025 projects and preparing them for the engineer's review.

iii. Their goal is to have the 2025 projects bid and awarded in January 2025.

iv. They are working on a CDBG Project for 2025.

v. Dye tests and inspections at point of sale continue.

#### **b.) Ms. Corrigan reported on Bethel Park's projects:**

i. The CCTV Project is ongoing. Ms. Corrigan just finished reviewing the June 2024 data.

ii. A large portion of the contract work is currently underway in McLaughlin Run South where a storm sewer tied directly into the manhole was found. Previous smoke testing identified the problem and the video helped find the location of the tie in.

iii. On the lining and digs contract, Rotor Rooter is out completing repairs needed to the lining contract work, unburying manholes and doing point repairs. This work is ongoing.

iv. Rotor Rooter finished manhole work for the road program.

- v. The Lateral Ordinance Committee met this past week. The committee is targeting October 2024 for a presentation to Council on what the Lateral Ordinance should include with the hope that the ordinance can be adopted in January 2025.
- vi. For the Consent Order Ms. Corrigan has been working on the Design of Projects Report due at the end of September 2024. Basically., all of Ms. Corrigan's 2025 projects will be for the Consent Order. The Painter's Run Project is happening in the 2024 contract. Brush Run and Saw Mill Run will be under the 2025 contract.
- vii. Ms. Corrigan continues to work on the design of the Saw Mill Run 10% Project. She has a meeting scheduled with the staff of the ALCOSAN GROW Grant Department to finalize the project's design and try to have it GROW Funding eligible.
- viii. In McLaughlin Run, the BPMA has the contribution committed for the Bridgeville Project and 2 storm sewers tied into McLaughlin Run to remove. The storm sewer tie in removal is part of the cost reduction source reduction upstream in McLaughlin Run.
- ix. Mr. Stone asked if the date for the design phase in McLaughlin Run had changed. Ms. Corrigan had no update on a change to the September 2024 date.

## **7. Wade Trim Professional Engineering Services Report**

**Mr. Rosensteel introduced himself and reported on the following:**

### **a.) Collection System**

- i. The South Park Clubhouse issues were previously discussed at this meeting.
- ii. The Consent Order for McLaughlin Run finalized version of the SSOEP Report was signed by the BPMA and Council and submitted to the Regulatory Agencies. The Saw Mill Run finalized version of the SSOEP Report was also signed and submitted.
- iii. The design of source flow reduction projects report due by the end of September 2024 is currently being worked on by Ms. Corrigan.

### **b.) WWTP**

- i. The Headworks Project (HWP) Heat Exchanger and Surge Valve Project are complete and the pay application is on the July 2024 Requisitions.
- ii. Wade Trim is responding to questions and requests for information by contractors interested in the HWP.
- iii. As stated the bid opening is Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 2:00PM at the Municipal Building. Addendum #1 and #2 were previously issued and copies were sent to Board members. Addendum #3 was issued prior to tonight's meeting with copies sent to Board members.
- iv. The next PennVest meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

### **c.) Regulatory**

- i. The new NPDES Permit was effective July 1, 2024.
- ii. A meeting was held July 22, 2024 with the DEP, BPMA and Council Members to discuss options if the bids come in high.
- iii. Mr. Hannan stated that the meeting was positive. Basically, the BPMA restated their commitment to the HWP. If bids come in high, the BPMA remains committed to finding a way to get things done. This message was well received by the DEP. The DEP was helpful, open and willing to work through issues.
- iv. The extension process and Mr. Stone asked about an extension. The Board discussed the extension process and limitations.
- v. Mr. Moury added that Mr. Oaks and Ms. Denne attended the meeting. He echoed Mr. Hannan's statement that the Mr. Vanek was very good, open and willing to adjust to the situation.
- vi. Mr. Moury added that the BPMA reviewed the efforts made to find additional funding, example: the \$15 million PennVest loan, for the HWP. Mr. Moury further stated that Mr. Vanek would work with the BPMA on the numbers through the end of the current NPDES Permit.

- vii. The Board discussed the HWP timeline and options if the bids come in high.
- viii. Mr. Dunn stated that the phosphorous limit on the NPDES Permit must be met. Mr. Hannan said the way to reduce phosphorous is by feeding more alum which increases sludge. The Board discussed the mutually beneficial arrangement with South Hills Landfill for the sludge and ways to manage the sludge.
- ix. Mr. Oaks added that the numbers must go back to Council and any decision is based financial aspects.

## 8. New Business

- a.) There is no new business.

## 9. Old Business

- a.) There is no old business.

## 10. Requisitions

- a.) Mr. Rosensteel presented the General Fund Requisitions for July 2024:

### i. General Fund A:

The payees are: Board members, Gaydos Law, PC and secretarial services

**The July 2024 General Fund Requisition A TOTAL is \$3,203.50**

**Motion: Mr. Ruhl motioned to approve. Mr. Cheberenchick seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion passed 7-0.**

### ii. General Fund B

The payees are: Wade Trim.

**The July 2024 General Fund Requisition B TOTAL is \$35,667.62**

**Motion: Mr. Stone motioned to approve. Mr. Ruhl seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion passed 7-0.**

### b.) Construction Fund July 2024 Requisitions:

Mr. Rosensteel presented Construction Fund Requisition #42 for July Series 2020 B \$29,570,000.00 Account # 486348

Wade Trim	
2021 WWTP Grit & Headworks Improve. Project-	
\$9,652.78	\$9,652.78
Bid Phase Svcs Billing 06/01/2024–6/28/2024 MBP 203701H/ Invoice 5006955	
JP Environmental, Contractor's Application for Payment BPMA Heat Exchanger Project	\$15,850.00
Contract 1- General Construction Pay Application #4 Dated 7/15/2024	
US Asset Management, LLC. Quarterly Management Fee 2nd Quarter 2024/ Dated 7/08/ 2024	\$8,285.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,788.71</b>

**Mr. Stone motioned to approve. Mr. Ruhl seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion passed 7-0.**

## **11. Solicitor's Report**

### **a.) Chevron Decision**

i. Mr. Gaydos reported that at the request of Mr. Ruhl, Mr. Shreffler, Associate Attorney, prepared a short brief on the Court's Chevron decision. Mr. Gaydos concisely explained the Chevron Decision.

### **b.) Oil and Gas Mineral Rights**

i. Mr. Gaydos reported on the discussions concerning oil and gas rights for Parcel # 1008C 004 which is .145 acres in South Park. The Board has no need or interest in selling the lease now.

### **c.) Pennvest Loan**

i. Mr. Gaydos is working with Mr. Ron Brown, Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, PC., Mr. Robert McTiernan, Bethel Park Solicitor, Council and the Board on the Pennvest Loan.

ii. Mr. Gaydos explained what actions Mr. Brown will be taking on behalf of the Board and Municipality to prepare the legal documents in compliance with the statutes which are required to be met for the loan.

iii. The intention is for the Municipality to approve the guarantee ordinance, assuming the BPMA is moving forward, at the September 9, 2024 Council meeting. Mr. Brown will then complete the supporting documents and distribute them. He will also do the required opinions and review all the documents before submission.

iv. If all requirements are met and submissions made, the October 15, 2024 will be the closing date as planned.

## **12. Interceptor at the Corner of Stewart and Brownsville Roads**

a.) Mr. Dunn reported on a manhole which was raised and rehabbed during the Interceptor Lining Project. The riff raff which was used to stabilize the ground has been dislodged due to heavy storms. Mr. Goodwin called contractor who has a maintenance bond. The contractor came to the site and reported that the work was done exactly to specifications. Mr. Dunn is concerned that with continued erosion the interceptor will be in the creek. Mr. Dunn also reported that a neighbor is very concerned about the impact on his driveway. The Board discussed the problem and how to resolve it. When Mr. Goodwin returns, he and Mr. Dunn will discuss how to reestablish the bank.

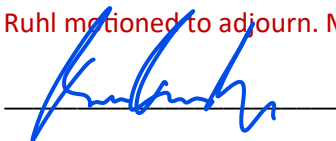
b.) Mr. Stone reported that a new link, simplified link is available to use to signup for direct deposit by contacting Ms. DeFabbo Who will send it to the member.

## **13. Adjournment**

**i. With no further business to conduct, Mr. Ruhl motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.**

Date

8-8-24



Bruce Beaver, Secretary