

BETHEL PARK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
3100 Piney Fork Road
South Park, PA 15129-9001
Regular Meeting Minutes August 8, 2024

1. Regular Meeting

a.) Chairman Hannan called the BPMA Regular Meeting for August 8, 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 Cheberenchick, Bruce Beaver, Alan Stone and Tim Moury.

Also present: Mr. Joseph Gaydos, Solicitor, Gaydos Law PC; Mr. Dan Goodwin and Mr. Shawn R. Rosensteel, PE, of Wade Trim; Mr. Scott Dunn, Plant Supervisor and Mr. Jake Miller, Assistant Plant Supervisor; Ms. Abigail Corrigan, Bethel Park Sanitary Sewer Engineer; Mr. John Oakes, Bethel Park Council President; Ms. Kristen Denne, Bethel Park Municipal Manager and Mr. Jim Jenkins, Bethel Park Council, Ward 6.

3. Approval of Minutes

a.) Mr. Stone motioned to approve the Municipal Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of 07/25/2024. Mr. Ruhl seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Correspondence

a.) Mr. Beaver presented the following correspondence to the Board:

i. A letter from Mr. Anthony Mele, President Mele Mele & Sons Inc. to Mr. James Hannan, Chairman BPMA. RE: 2021 WWTP Grit and Headworks Improvement Project, Contract One General Construction.

Protest of Award of Contract.

Copied on the letter were the Board members, the professionals involved with the bid process, Mr. Hunter Shreffler, Associate Attorney, Gaydos Law PC, Ms. Kristen Denne and Mr. John Oakes.

The letter specifically details Mele Mele & Sons objections to the bidding award.

5. Executive Session- Potential Litigation

a.) The Board went into Executive Session at 7:05 PM.

b.) The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:43 PM.

6. Facility Discussion and Superintendent Report

a.) Mr. Dunn reported on the WWTP and LRPS:

i. The staff dropped both final clarifiers and cleaned and serviced them.

ii. The staff did major service and cleaning on the UV system today.

iii. The centering brackets fix for the trickling filters has been fabricated and will be sent to be powder coated and then installed. The staff built them using the metal t the WWTP. The cost for the fix will be for the powder coating.

iv. The DEP/ Health Department completed the inspection and found no deficiencies. The sampling tests results will be reported when available.

v. Next Tuesday, Evoqua personnel will be on site to work with the staff to rebuild the UV module.

vi. In September, the Emergency Response Plan meetings will start.

vi. Major generator service at LRPS was done to replace faulty parts.

vii. There will be no additional information on the Federal Grant Application through Pa. Representative Ms. Summer Lee's office until the State budget is passed.

b.) South Park Clubhouse Issues

- i. Mr. Dunn reported on the work at Stewart and Brownsville Roads. In response to the concern about erosion at the manhole on the interceptor if the creek changes course, Mr. Dunn asked the original contractor to provide a price to put rip rap 50 feet down from the manhole to prevent erosion. Mr. Dunn will contact additional contractors to provide a price for the work and compare prices.
- ii. Mr. Moury asked if budgeting for the capital budget had started. Mr. Dunn responded that he is currently working on the capital budget and the regular budget.

7. Municipal Engineering Reports- South Park/Bethel Park

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

- i. On Monday August 12, 2024, the applications for the 2024 CDBG Project will be available.
- ii. South Park Township finished the camera and flushing work last week for the 2025 projects. The information has been submitted to their Engineer for review.
- iii. Dye tests and mark outs for One Calls continue.

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

- i. Rotor Rooter continues to work on the lining contract, manhole raises and digs for collapsed pipes. This work needs to be done for Jet jack to continue with their lining work.
- ii. Ms. Corrigan was on site with plumbers this week while sewer backwater valves were installed on Beagle Drive and on Clark Avenue. The residents had flooding during the heavy rains in April 2024. The work was completed and inspected.
- iii. Ms. Corrigan continues to work with code enforcement on follow up to violations found during smoke testing. They are working on the fixes by violation type. Currently, they are on smoking down spouts which need to be fixed by the homeowner.
- iv. Ms. Corrigan is working on the Consent Order Report. At the next BPMA meeting she will provide a detailed explanation of the 2025 Consent Order compliance projects. The compliance report will be presented to Bethel Park Council at their next committee meeting at the end of the month.
- v. The final version of the report will be complete by the end of August 2024 so that Council may approve it at the September Regular Council Meeting.
- vi. Mr. Stone suggested that Ms. Corrigan present the final report to the Board during a meeting to enable a review period for voting on the report at the next BPMA meeting. Mr. Hannan agreed.

8. Wade Trim Professional Engineering Services Report

Mr. Goodwin reported on the following:

a.) Collection System

- i. Repairs at the South Park Clubhouse are the tin whistle pipe has been cut opened and the stream is exposed. The interceptor currently runs well below the pipe and will be closely monitored.
- ii. Mr. Moury stated that he suggested to Mr. Dunn that a detailed drawing of where the interceptor is located with elevations be added to the GIS in case the stream bank is impacted by erosion. This will be an accurate starting point for measuring any future changes to the area.
- iii. Mr. Dunn explained that he will meet with the contractor before the restoration work to discuss changes to improve the stability of the area.

b.) Consent Order

- i. The SSOEP Report was submitted as required.
- ii. Ms. Corrigan is working on the Source Flow Reduction Projects Report which is due in September 2024.

c.) Headworks Project (HWP)

- i. The bids opened July 31, 2024. Mr. Goodwin distributed copies of the certified bid tab for the 3 contracts for discussion. The Board discussed the bid results for the General, Electrical, and Plumbing Contracts. The Board discussed the bid ranges from lowest to highest.
- iii. Mr. Goodwin pointed out that the bid decisions are not made until after the Engineers thoroughly review the information and determine if the bid is responsible.
- iv. Mr. Goodwin noted that the General Contract includes the alternate bid item for the Emergency Access Road (EAR) if the Board would decide to include the EAR in the project.
- v. Mr. Goodwin distributed a summary sheet of the overall finances for the HWP which includes finances available and the financial obligations associated with the construction for the HWP.
- vi. Mr. Moury asked if the bid summary sheet had been sent to Mr. Jim Vanek, DEP, since he is very willing to work with the BPMA on the HWP financial considerations. Mr. Goodwin agreed.
- vii. The Board discussed the obligation for complete transparency with the contract process.
- viii. At the request of Mr. Moury. Mr. Goodwin explained the 3%-5% estimate for change orders. Mr. Moury stated that the potential total cost of the HWP is unknown until the work starts and issues are determined.

d.) Financial Discussion of HWP Financing

- i. Mr. Moury stated that with cost increases for the HWP, the BPMA will have a significant financial shortfall if the scope of the project remains as planned.
- ii. The discussions included the increased costs to the residents in South Park and Bethel Park and the need to advise the elected officials who represent these communities so that they can budget for increases and inform their residents.
- iii. The Board discussed sewer rates predicated on fund based accounting principles, cost reducing measures by reducing the scope of the HWP, value engineering, potential impact on consumer rates and the need for alternative plan for consideration.

e.) Alternatives and Long Term Strategy

- i. Mr. Moury stated that the BPM|HWP is at a turning point. Funds for the project are short of costs and there are numerous uncertainties with the HWP work and financing.
- ii Mr. Moury added that the Board should stop spending money and work on an alternative Plan B. He pointed out that the HWP does not increase capacity at the WWTP at the cost of \$40 million plus.
- iii. The Board discussed the impact on the NPDES Permit requirements. Ms. Denne added that the DEP has stated that it is willing to work with the BPMA on the NPDES requirements.
- iv. Mr. Goodwin stated that there is a financial meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Ms. Denne, Mr. Goodwin and Members of Council.
- v. Mr. Moury pointed out that the Board has 2 options to consider: 1) moving forward with the current plan 2) developing a Plan B.
- v. The Board agreed to wait until after the financial meeting tomorrow and discuss the options at the next Board meeting.

9. Finance Report

a.) Mr. Cheberenchick reported on the accounts held at the Bank of New York Mellon as of July 31, 2024

10. New Business

a.) There is no new business.

11. Old Business

a.) There is no old business.

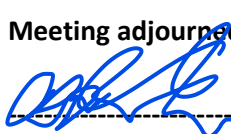
12. Solicitor's Report

a.) Mr. Gaydos had nothing to add to his previous statements.

13. Adjournment

a.) **With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ruhl motioned to adjourn. Voice vote was unanimous.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.


Bruce Beaver, Secretary


Date