

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Paul Herb with the following board members in attendance....Amandus Reichert and Carmen Italia. Also, from Entech Engineering Kim Mazur; Solicitor Brian J. Boland; and nine citizens were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was observed.

The meeting agenda was posted in the meeting room and the township website twenty-four hours prior to the start of the meeting. The following public comment was heard:

1. Mark Maher – We received letter dated April 20, 2023 from Mark & Jeanne Maher of Coach Lane indicating that an easement was discovered that was recorded on their property from 1986 for a proposed water tower to be constructed in the area and they would like to install a fence and plantings in this area and asked if there are any permanent restrictions from doing this. Mr. Maher said he will not plant the bushes on the easement line, he will go back six feet from the easement. It was agreed that the planting of bushes six feet back from the easement line is acceptable.

2. Kevin Bieber – On the Xpress Bill Pay site it lists the township office phone number and he understands that the office staff have been directed not to provide any information on the sewer/water billings, that this was being handled by the billing support and/or sewer plant staff. On the current bill that is on-line it lists the due date as October 31, 2021 for the April 30, 2023 bill. The water portion of his bill lists \$70.00 as the amount of the charge but he thought the water rates were increased as of January 1, 2023 which would make a minimum water bill \$110.00. Mr. Herb said the bills were put in the mail today, he will have to contact Dallas Data Systems as to these issues to have them correct them. Shirley Moyer also indicated that she had some customers call her and explained that when they call the billing support number they are told they cannot answer their questions regarding the billings and they will need to call the township office phone number.

3. Joshua Kratzer – Expressed that he had some dirty/cloudy water issues at his property again. Mr. Mazur said that tanker trucks were pulling water out of the fire hydrant on Clay Slate Road for a fire emergency which causes sediment in the pipes to become dislodged and enters nearby water services as customers use water. There was discussion to install an auto-flushing device at the blow off valve adjacent to the well #1 building. Also investigated whether the new water line loop through the high school property would increase flows through this pipe section at well #1 and the hydraulic model showed little change in overall flow. There is consideration to install a whole-house filter in the homes effected by the dirty/cloudy water issues, this unit would include a by-pass feature, each unit would cost approximately \$150, replacement filter cartridges are approximately \$25 each, the initial installation cost would be approximately \$500. A fire hydrant could be installed on the main near the well building, this would provide a better flushing mechanism than the two inch blow off. Atty. Muir will contact both property owners (Kratzer and Angstadt) next week to set up an appointment for Mr. Reichert and Mr. Schaeffer to show them the filter and how it would work. Mr. Kratzer asked why no one has been at Well #1 in the last two weeks. Mr. Herb said the employees were

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threatened by Mr. Krazter and are scared to go to that wellhouse, this will be discussed in the meeting that they are scheduling with the property owners. Mr. Kratzer asked how he could disconnect from the public water system. Mr. Herb said the township would need to waive the mandatory connection requirement and he would need to reconnect to his private well source. Jamie Kratzer said a lot of water was used to flush their water line due to the dirty water and Michael and Bryer Eshbach told them they would not receive a bill for the quarter due to this. Mr. Herb said they should not have told them they would not receive a bill for the quarter as they would at least need to pay the minimum quarterly charge for the service. Mr. Kratzer asked if there was chlorine in the water that was discharged into the stream when they were flushing. Mr. Herb said there was chlorine in the water but it was very minimal. Mrs. Kratzer said she asked Michael Eshbach and he indicated there was no chlorine in the water discharged into the stream. Mr. Kratzer said he took a sample and had it tested. Mr. Mazur said a report was filed with DEP on the emergency flushing.

4. Barry Angstadt – He wanted to hear the discussion on the dirty/cloudy water issue and he would like to be included in any and all meetings on this matter.

5. Daniel E. Levensgood – For the past several months the water shuts off momentarily and then comes back on, he asked what could be causing this to happen. Mr. Mazur said we could install a pressure recorder to monitor the water line in that area.

Following is a list of past due accounts: (1) Oley Meadows Apartments, account #86, \$260.00; (2) Oley Meadows Apartments, account #87, \$220.50; (3) Oley Meadows Apartments, account #100, \$316.01; (4) Oley Meadows Apartments, account #101, \$200.19; (5) Wilhem Roscher Estate, account #209, \$349.89; (6) Matthew & Kelli Hoch, account #300, \$260.00; (7) Michael W. & Bethany Kline, account #318, \$282.47; (8) Brian P. & Traci L. Yorgey, account #344, \$244.33; (9) Timothy M. Kummerer, account #372, \$296.33; (10) Alon Touti, account #430, \$315.00; (11) Matthew J. & Marisa Horne, account #468, \$260.00; (12) Thomas L., Sr. & Linda Laub, account #504, \$299.27; (13) Perry R. Good, Jr., account #566, \$304.10; (14) Michael A. & Tina Mohrey, account #584, \$210.00; (15) Jennifer L. Essig, account #601, \$260.00; (16) Linda L. Stofflet, account #613, \$253.89; (17) Randolph Lee & Doreen Weidner, account #615, \$210.00; (18) Mark Smolarski, Jr., account #643, \$143.00; (19) Dennis & Wendy Mundy, account #648, \$408.38; (20) Linden Lime, LLC, account #491, \$242.32 (only on public sewer); (21) Ronald S. & Blanche Wegman, account #521, \$137.00 (only on public sewer); (22) Thomas J. & Dawn I. Spiegelberg, account #696, \$140.00 (only on public sewer); (23) Thomas J. & Dawn I. Spiegelberg, account #697, \$166.22 (only on public sewer); (24) Marcy Lightbourne, account #712, \$140.00 (only on public sewer); (25) Joseph Gechter, account #806, \$140.00 (only on public sewer); (26) Reading Motorcycle Club, Inc., account #889, \$242.90 (only on public sewer); (27) Michael A. James, account #687, \$3,827.50 (only on public sewer, liens filed through 9-30-22); (28) Brian M. Miller, II & Kaylee A. Wallace, account #734, \$1,707.48 (only on public sewer, liens filed through 6-30-22). Typically the properties would have been posted with water turn-off notices the week prior to the meeting but this posting has

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not yet occurred again due to the billing switchover. A motion was made by Carmen Italia and seconded by Amandus Reichert to authorize our Solicitor to send lien letters to account numbers 491, 521, 696, 697, 712, 806, and 889 and authorize our Solicitor to file a lien on account number 734 for non-payment of sewer bills from 7-1-22 to 12-31-22. Paul Herb – yes; Amandus Reichert – yes; Carmen Italia – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Action will be tabled until next month to establish the actual date and time that water will be turned off for non-payment of the sewer and/or water past due bills that are listed above until the proper notices have been posted for water turnoff.

There being no changes to the April 6, 2023 minutes, a motion was made by Carmen Italia and seconded by Amandus Reichert to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 meeting as presented. Paul Herb – yes; Amandus Reichert – yes; Carmen Italia - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The treasurers report was presented for the month. Sewer Fund: in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$24,377.58; in the REVENUE account \$489,351.17; in the INVESTMENT FUND \$289,754.48. Water Fund: in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$1,885.04; in the REVENUE account \$1,065.27; in the INVESTMENT FUND \$257,780.23; and in the PROJECT FUND \$12.18. A motion was made by Carmen Italia and seconded by Amandus Reichert to approve and accept the treasurers report as presented. Paul Herb – yes; Amandus Reichert – yes; Carmen Italia - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

A report was provided on the operation at the sewer plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) reset influent meter; and (2) cleaned CL2 contact tank.

A report was provided on the operation at the water plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) pumped 2,809,200 gallons for the month; and (2) hydrant on Clay Slate Road used by fire service causing cloudy water in system.

Incoming communications:

1. Letter dated April 4, 2023 from Pamela E. Kopel expressing concern of the fifty-seven percent water rate increase and questioning whether the sewer rate will also increase.

2. Letter dated April 28, 2023 from National Flood Insurance Program asking us to acknowledge that we received the Declaration page and Summary of Coverage, received the property loss history and claims handbook, and understand that we have the option to purchase building and content coverage. A motion was made by Carmen Italia and seconded by Amandus Reichert to authorize the Chairman to sign the National Flood Insurance Program form. Paul Herb – yes; Amandus Reichert – yes; Carmen Italia – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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Committee reports:

Administrative: Atty. Muir said the amendment to our Rates, Rules & Regulations to include a policy to issue credits for excessive water consumption due to leakage is complete, Mr. Reichert would like more time to review and make changes to this policy prior to adopting the resolution, action on this amendment will be tabled.

Finance: Nothing to report.

Wastewater Plant: Nothing to report.

Water Plant: Nothing to report.

Mr. Mazur said he had nothing new to report at this time on the alternative analysis study for the Earl Township sewer project.

Mr. Mazur said a pre-construction meeting was held with the contractor of the Main Street Water Main Replacement Project and they plan to begin the project mid to late May 2023.

Received copy of letter dated April 19, 2023 from LTL Consultants to Oley Township providing their comments on the April 10, 2023 corrected New Water Storage Tank Land Development Preliminary Plan. Received copy of letter dated May 2, 2023 from Oley Township Planning Commission to Oley Township Board of Supervisors recommending that the Supervisors approve the Oley Township Municipal Authority New Water Storage Tank Land Development Preliminary Plan. Mr. Mazur said the easement agreements will be sent to the property owners for their review and execution. Mr. Mazur said they are moving forward with Met-Ed to relocate the existing electrical pole from private property to the road right-of-way. It was agreed to wait to bid this project until we receive final plan approval for the land development plan.

Received letter dated April 12, 2023 from DEP providing us with our operation permit for the Well No. 3 Pump Replacement. Mr. Mazur reported that this well is now back in service.

It was agreed to table action this evening on revising the sewer and water tapping fees.

We had approved APPI Energy's proposal for electric service at last month's meeting but the rate changed by the time they were contacted to sign the paperwork. A new proposal was received from Freepoint through APPI Energy for electric at \$0.08069 for thirty-six months. A motion was made by Amandus Reichert and seconded by Carmen Italia to accept APPI Energy's proposal for a thirty-six month contract with Freepoint at \$0.08069 and authorize the execution of the contract for electric services to begin in December 2023. Paul Herb – yes; Amandus Reichert – yes; Carmen Italia – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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The cost to re-line the biosolids dumpster would be \$2,500 or a new dumpster could be purchased for \$4,155. Mr. Herb said the repair will make the dumpster stronger. A motion was made by Amandus Reichert and seconded by Carmen Italia to re-line the biosolids dumpster at a cost of \$2,500. Paul Herb – yes; Amandus Reichert – yes; Carmen Italia – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

A letter was sent to Spotts, Stevens & McCoy per the action taken at our last meeting directing them to replace and pay for the door at the overhead bean in the wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$13,462 as quoted from Builders Door & Hardware, Inc. As of this date we have not received a response from Spotts, Stevens & McCoy.

The following bills were presented for payment for the Sewer System:

Michael A. Eshbach	---	3,829.53
Paul A. Herb	---	1,033.97
Bryer M. Eshbach	---	2,213.11
Shirley M. Moyer	---	1,965.59
Michael A. Eshbach	---	3,141.03
Paul A. Herb	---	1,060.36
Bryer M. Eshbach	---	2,181.33
NCR Payroll	---	155.25
NCR Payroll	---	4,415.94
NCR Payroll	---	31.60
NCR Payroll	---	2,832.41
NCR Payroll	---	31.60
Met-Ed	---	1,672.67
Windstream Conestoga, Inc.	---	315.04
Cardmember Service	---	1,156.63
Custom Environmental Technology	---	2,384.80
Delaware County Solid Waste Auth.	---	1,225.50
Denali Water Solutions, LLC	---	445.12
M.J. Reider Associates	---	739.85
Suburban Water Testing Labs	---	372.00
Entech Engineering, Inc.	---	5,600.00
Kozloff Stoudt	---	2,837.96
Verizon Wireless	---	143.07
Oley Township	---	169.50
Cardmember Service	---	1,254.15
Ridge Support Technologies	---	155.95
Dallas Data Systems, Inc.	---	1,200.00
Travelers	---	700.00
Eastern Alliance Insurance Group	---	1,077.00

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Herbein+Company, Inc.	---	6,500.00
Kozloff Stoudt	---	<u>5,135.00</u>
TOTAL SEWER BILLS	---	\$55,975.96

The following bills were presented for payment for the Water System:

Met-Ed	---	\$ 687.53
Bryer M. Eshbach	---	51.57
Bryer M. Eshbach	---	1,631.04
Cardmember Service	---	2,019.86
Deluxe	---	306.98
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	---	4,000.00
M.J. Reider Associates, Inc.	---	110.00
Entech Engineering, Inc.	---	16,751.19
Kozloff Stoudt	---	2,280.50
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	---	9,000.00
Oley Township	---	<u>5,936.20</u>
TOTAL WATER BILLS	---	\$42,774.87

A motion was made by Carmen Italia and seconded by Amandus Reichert to approve the above bills for the sewer and water systems as presented. Paul Herb – yes; Amandus Reichert – yes; Carmen Italia - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The following sewer report was given as of April 30th -

<u>898</u>	Sewer tapping fees paid to date
<u>39</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-23
<u>\$4,840.97</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-23
<u>3</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-22
<u>\$519.54</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-22
<u>3</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-22
<u>\$519.54</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-22
<u>2</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 4-30-22
<u>\$404.46</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 4-30-22
<u>2</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-22
<u>\$430.22</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-22
<u>2</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-21
<u>\$846.39</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-21
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-21

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<u>\$210.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-21
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 4-30-21
<u>\$210.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 4-30-21
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-21
<u>\$210.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-21
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-20
<u>\$210.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-20
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-20
<u>\$210.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-20
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 4-30-20
<u>\$210.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 4-30-20
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-20
<u>\$180.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-20
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-19
<u>\$180.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-19
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-19
<u>\$180.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-19
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 4-30-19
<u>\$180.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 4-30-19
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-19
<u>\$180.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-19
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-18
<u>\$180.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-18
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-18
<u>\$58.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-18

The following water report was given as of April 30th –

<u>811</u>	Water connections to date
<u>32</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-23
<u>\$1,150.06</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 1-31-23
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-22
<u>\$70.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 10-31-22
<u>1</u>	Number of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-22
<u>\$70.00</u>	Total of unpaid rental bills of 7-31-22

Public comment:

1. Jamie Kratzer – Asked whom she should call if there is a question on her sewer/water bill when she receives it due to the usage since extensive flushing had to be done to clear up the water. Mr. Herb said she will need to call the customer support number that is listed

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on the bill. A motion was made by Carmen Italia and seconded by Amandus Reichert to issue a sewer and water credit to Joshua & Jamie Kratzer for account number for any gallons over the 10,000 gallon minimum for the first quarter of 2023. Paul Herb – yes; Amandus Reichert – yes; Carmen Italia – yes. All in favor...motion carried.

2. Joshua Kratzer – Asked when the Authority will begin to mow the grass at Wellhouse #1. Mr. Herb said they will begin to cut the grass shortly at Wellhouse #1. Jamie Kratzer said she has been mowing some of the grass that is near their property. Mr. Kratzer said this grass should be cut on a more regular basis.

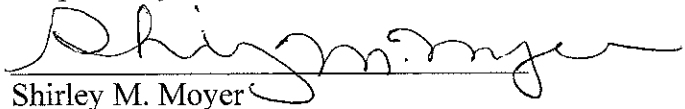
3. Kevin Bieber – Asked what the Authority will do if all the water bills that were mailed out are at the incorrect rate. Mr. Herb said Dallas Data Systems will need to send out corrected bills and they would need to pay all costs associated with this mailing.

It was announced that an executive session will be held immediately after the adjournment of this meeting to discuss potential litigation.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Carmen Italia and seconded by Amandus Reichert to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Paul Herb – yes; Amandus Reichert – yes; Carmen Italia - yes. All in favor...motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley M. Moyer

cc: P. Herb
A. Reichert
K. Seidel
C. Italia

A. Schaeffer
J. Muir
K. Mazur