# MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Kim Seidel with the following board members in attendance....Mark Hoch, Barry Angstadt, Kevin Bieber, and Joshua Kratzer. Also, from Entech Engineering Kim Mazur; Solicitor David Allebach; sewer plant operators Michael Eshbach and Bryer Eshbach; and two 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. <u>Katelyn Perrone</u> – She had to replace the liner in an aboveground pool on her property and filled the pool with approximately 15,000 gallons of water and would like a credit on the sewer portion of the bill. She had been provided with the information from our Rates, Rules & Regulations regarding the installation of a non-discharge meter which would meter any outside water usage and then a sewer credit could be issued if 2,500 gallons or more is used on that meter within the quarter, but she feels the wording is not clear. Mr. Seidel said we could review the language in our Rates, Rules & Regulations dealing with outside water usage to make it clearer, but at this time the Authority would need to follow the procedure to have outside water usage metered in order to issue any type of sewer credit.

There being no changes to the June 6, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Barry Angstadt to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 meeting as presented. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The treasurers report was presented for the month. <u>Sewer Fund:</u> in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$30,194.84; in the REVENUE account \$577,194.65; and in the INVESTMENT FUND \$301,518.78. <u>Water Fund:</u> in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$1,065.61; in the REVENUE account \$112,182.77; and in the INVESTMENT FUND \$1,802,640.28. A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to approve and accept the treasurers report as presented. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Atty. Allebach said we could convert the present liens filed on the Michael James property for non-payment of sewer bills to a judgement, we could then foreclose on the property for Sheriff's Sale. A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Mark Hoch to convert the present liens which are filed on the Michael James property for non-payment of sewer bills to a judgement. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Bryer Eshbach said the water meter was changed at the Alon Touti property but the valve that isolates the meter broke, the homeowner is responsible to replace this and he was told to contact us when this will be replaced so that the water could be turned off at the curb for this repair.

A report was provided on the operation at the sewer plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) received scrap dumpster from Groff's; (2) replaced exhaust fan motor on blower #1; and (3) had total phosphorus violation which was reported to DEP.

A report was provided on the operation at the water plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) pumped 3,216,330 gallons for the month; (2) mowed and marked new tank site property; and (3) installed water line and hose bib in Well #2 for mixing CL2. Committee reports:

Administrative: Health insurance for Bryer Eshbach and Michael Eshbach will be discussed in executive session as a personnel matter.

Finance: Nothing to report.

Wastewater Plant: Nothing to report.

<u>Water Plant:</u> Michael Eshbach contacted Met-Ed regarding the removal of trees at Well #3 but he has not yet heard back from them.

Mr. Mazur said it sounds like Earl Township will be taking action at their next meeting on the alternative analysis study.

The deadline for action on the new water storage tank land development plan is August 13, 2024 and we would need to grant an extension to continue the review of this plan. A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Barry Angstadt to extend the review time for Oley Township Municipal Authority New Water Storage Tank Land Development Final Plan to December 31, 2024. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Atty. Allebach said the Hoshall easements have been finalized and we can now reimburse the Hoshall's the agreed upon amount of \$7,700 for these easements. Mr. Mazur is completing the driveway permit application for the temporary road cut/construction entrance to the water storage tank property off of Old State Road. Mr. Mazur will contact Met-Ed to set up the new electric service for the new water storage tank. Mr. Mazur said a corrected land development final plan will be submitted to the township for their next Planning Commission meeting. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Kevin Bieber to authorize advertising for bids by the end of July 2024 for the water storage tank project to be received prior to the September 5, 2024 meeting. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor...motion carried.

Mr. Mazur said we received Amandus Reichert's signed affidavit that there are no lead line services on our water system and this will be submitted in the final package to DEP by the end of this month.

Atty. Allebach said he will have the draft of the Rates, Rules & Regulations by our next meeting.

Mr. Mazur said the contractor completed the grading, drainage and macadam work at Wellhouse #1 the week of July 1, 2024. Bryer Eshbach said there is no access to get a mower on the left side of the wellhouse.

A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Barry Angstadt to approve the proposal received from T-Mobile for cellular service at an approximate cost of \$225 per month plus hardware costs. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshual Kratzer – yes. All in favor...motion carried.

Bryer Eshbach said all the modems for the SCADA system have been ordered.

Michael Eshbach said the scrap dumpster was received from Groff's and he has most of the scrap cleaned up at the sewer plant.

Received a proposal from JG Environmental in amount of \$6,170 to clean one of the SBR tanks, we have two tanks and both should be cleaned. A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Kim Seidel to authorize JG Environmental to clean the two SBR tanks at a cost not to exceed \$13,000. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor...motion carried.

Received a proposal from Pump & Corrosion Tech., Inc. in amount of \$981 to replace the chlorine pump at Well #1 with a ChemTech Peristaltic pump. A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to purchase a ChemTech Peristaltic pump at a cost of \$981 for Well #1. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor...motion carried.

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

Michael A. Eshbach	 3,448.81
Shirley M. Moyer	 2,004.89
Bryer M. Eshbach	 2,429.01
Michael A. Eshbach	 2,588.66
Bryer M. Eshbach	 2,295.27
Infinisource, Inc.	 3,811.04
Infinisource, Inc.	 46.15
Infinisource, Inc.	 2,102.04
Infinisource, Inc.	 46.15
Met-Ed	 2,449.23
Windstream Conestoga, Inc.	 354.48

Verizon Wireless	 91.96
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	 100.00
Cardmember Service	 250.80
Clean Image, Inc.	 146.40
East Penn Manufacturing Co., Inc.	 149.84
Rogers Mechanical Company	 4,775.00
Univar USA, Inc.	 1,541.78
Borough of Pottstown	 493.00
Gotwals Sanitation	 250.00
Delaware County Solid Waste Auth.	 1,293.60
Denali Water Solutions, LLC	 2,025.00
Entech Enginering, Inc.	 935.00
Oley Township	 450.70
Cardmember Service	 879.99
Ridge Support Technologies	 410.95
Dallas Data Systems, Inc.	 1,200.00
Herbein+Company, Inc.	 1,750.00
Eastern Allicance Insurance Group	 1,074.00
McGriff Insurance Services	 6,001.00
Entech Engineering, Inc.	 2,511.18
Yergey.Daylor.Allebach.Scheffey	 1,863.30
TOTAL SEWER BILLS	 \$49,769.23
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The following bills were presented for payment for the Water System:

 \$ 900.86
 51.57
 1,806.18
 100.00
 500.00
 110.00
 3,027.90
 100.00
 \$6,596.51

A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Mark Hoch to approve the above bills for the sewer and water systems as presented. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor...motion carried.

The following public comment was heard:

1. <u>Kaitlyn Perrone</u> – Asked if there is someone else she needs to speak to regarding the request for a sewer credit for the water used to fill her pool. It was explained that this board would address any credits but without having the non-discharge meter no credit could be issued. Mr. Mazur said the cost to have the non-discharge meter installed would be \$320 and the cost of the sewer charges for 15,000 gallons is \$210 so it would actually be cheaper to pay the sewer charges versus paying to have a non-discharge meter installed.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to retire to executive session at 8:10 p.m. relative to a personnel matter. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor...motion carried. A motion was made by Barry Angstadt and seconded by Mark Hoch to reconvene the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor...motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Moyer

cc: K. Seidel J. Kratzer J. Spatz
M. Hoch D. Allebach L. Schaeffer
B. Angstadt G. Philips E. Pollock
K. Bieber K. Mazur K. Picardi