

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 7, 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....Barry Angstadt, Kevin Bieber, and Joshua Kratzer. Also, from Entech Engineering Kim Mazur; Solicitor David Allebach; plant operator Michael Eshbach; and one citizen 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. No public comment was heard on any of the listed agenda items.

There being no changes to the October 3, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Barry Angstadt to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2024 meeting as presented. Kim Seidel – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The treasurers report was presented for the month. Sewer Fund: in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$21,214.21; in the REVENUE account \$341,667.80; and in the INVESTMENT FUND \$605,610.07. Water Fund: in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$518.70; in the REVENUE account \$27,927.63; and in the INVESTMENT FUND \$1,819,805.51. A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Kim Seidel to approve and accept the treasurers report as presented. Kim Seidel – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Following is a list of past due accounts: (1) account #55 - \$328.84; (2) account #87 - \$309.88; (3) account #176 - \$450.32; (4) account #184 - \$312.50; (5) account #378 - \$312.50; (6) account #382 - \$312.50; (7) account #407 - \$165.50; (8) account #468 - \$312.50; (9) account #485 - \$638.79; (10) account #566 - \$516.46; (11) account #601 - \$362.50; (12) account #660 - \$402.80; (13) account #491 - \$1,804.90, only on public sewer, lien filed through 6-30-23; (14) account #687 - \$5,129.50, only on public sewer, liens filed through 3-31-24; (15) account #734 - \$2,035.56, only on public sewer, liens filed through 3-31-24; and (16) account #806 - \$147.00, only on public sewer. A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to mail a notice to account numbers 55, 87, 176, 184, 378, 382, 407, 468, 485, 566, 601, and 660 informing them that on November 20, 2024 their water will be turned off unless payment in full is received prior to that time; authorize our Solicitor to file an additional lien on account number 491 for non-payment of sewer bills; and authorize our Solicitor to send a lien letter to account number 806. Kim Seidel – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Atty. Allebach said he will send a letter to account #687 indicating that the Authority will foreclose on the property if the unpaid sewer bills are not paid.

A report was provided on the operation at the sewer plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) replaced manhole cover on Main Street; (2) removed multiple loads of sludge from digester and SBR 1 for tank cleaning; (3) reassembled digester 2 mixer/aerator and placed back in service; (4) SBR 1 cleaned by JG Environmental; and (5) Groff's Container Service did not have a dumpster available but took some pipes to his site.

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A report was provided on the operation at the water plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) pumped 3,472,640 gallons for the month; (2) fire hydrants and dead ends flushed; (3) leaking fire hydrant on Water Street; and (5) chlorine taste and odor in area of Well #1.

Incoming communications:

1. Email received November 6, 2024 from DEP informing us that Berks County is in a drought warning. Mr. Eshbach said he has been monitoring all the well depths and at this time he does not feel there is a concern but he will continue to monitor all the wells.

Committee reports:

Administrative: Nothing to report.

Finance: Budget meeting to be held Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Any large budget items to be included in the 2025 budget will need to be received by the end of next week. Mr. Eshbach would suggest a surge protector for the entire sewer plant. Received letter from John Muir of Kozloff Stoudt reminding us that the UCC-1 financing statement for the sewer loan will expire December 9, 2024 and indicating that BB&T (now Truist) would not handle filing this statement. Mr. Bieber said the bank should be filing this statement, he will contact Truist to discuss this.

Wastewater Plant: Mr. Mazur indicated that the 2023 Chapter 94 report has been filed with DEP by Entech Engineering.

Water Plant: There was a missed PFOS/PFAS water sample for the third quarter of 2024, this sample was now taken by M.J. Reider and reported to DEP.

Mr. Mazur said he will be discussing with the Oley Township Supervisors on November 9, 2024 our current Act 537 Plan, the number of EDU's, and the areas of Oley Township they would like to see served by public sewer as part of the Earl Township potential sewer project. Atty. Allebach has received the Sewer Service Agreement between Amity Township and Earl Township.

Received letter dated October 14, 2024 from Entech Engineering informing us our NPDES permit coverage for discharges of stormwater associated with construction activities of the new water storage tank will expire on December 7, 2024. Mr. Mazur is working on renewing this NPDES permit. Mr. Mazur reported that the contractor will begin work on the waterline to Friedensburg Road by November 18, 2024.

Mr. Seidel began reviewing the draft of the Rates, Rules & Regulations.

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Mr. Mazur said the Oley Valley School District will have the grass restoration work completed from the Phase II waterline project and N. Abbonizio Contractors will reimburse the school.

Mr. Mazur will investigate if there would be any grants available for the painting of our current water storage tank.

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

Michael A. Eshbach	---	3,090.81
Shirley M. Moyer	---	2,004.91
Bryer M. Eshbach	---	2,479.15
Michael A. Eshbach	---	2,904.88
Bryer M. Eshbach	---	2,679.73
Infinisource, Inc.	---	3,600.54
Infinisource, Inc.	---	46.15
Infinisource, Inc.	---	2,540.59
Infinisource, Inc.	---	46.15
Met-Ed	---	2,315.03
Windstream Conestoga, Inc.	---	252.74
Cardmember Service	---	419.00
Exeter Supply Company, Inc.	---	541.82
Custom Environmental Technology	---	3,577.20
JG Environmental	---	7,088.75
Aston-Mauger Contracting, Inc.	---	2,850.00
Borough of Pottstown	---	1,419.84
Delaware County Solid Waste Auth.	---	1,300.00
Denali Water Solutions, LLC	---	1,500.00
M.J. Reider Associates	---	2,514.50
Entech Engineering, Inc.	---	392.50
Oley Township	---	243.31
Cardmember Service	---	1,007.99
Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.	---	1.00
Ridge Support Technologies	---	445.95
Dallas Data Systems, Inc.	---	6,052.00
Eastern Alliance Insurance Group	---	1,528.00
McGriff Insurance Services	---	5,798.00
Entech Engineering, Inc.	---	843.09
Yergey.Daylor.Allebach.Scheffey	---	<u>1,484.35</u>
TOTAL SEWER BILLS	---	\$60,967.98

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

Met-Ed	—	\$ 772.36
Bryer M. Eshbach	---	2,254.36
Buckman’s, Inc.	---	1,010.72
Pump & Corrosion Technologies, Inc.	---	269.82
M.J. Reider Associates, Inc.	---	510.00
Entech Engineering, Inc.,	---	9,432.39
David & Ruth Ann Christman	---	100.00
Peoples Security Bank & Trust	---	<u>101,944.00</u>
TOTAL WATER BILLS	—	\$116,293.65

Mr. Bieber questioned what the ESRI for an ArcGIS online creator user annual subscription in the amount of \$538 is used for and also questioned the cost of the Dallas Data System 2025 Caselle annual agreement in the amount of \$4,852, he will contact Bryer Eshbach about the ESRI invoice and Jim Arms about the Dallas Data invoice. A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Barry Angstadt to approve the above bills for the sewer and water systems as presented subject to satisfactory explanations on the ESRI and Dallas Data invoices. Kim Seidel – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The following public comment was heard:

1. Daniel E. Levensgood – A new outdoor restroom facility is being constructed on the Oley Fire Company fairgrounds with a new water line installed to extend out to the other manhole and asked if they could install a non-discharge meter for that water since it will not be entering the sewer system. It was explained that the cost of this meter is \$320 and then in order for a credit to apply for the sewer portion of the bill there would need to be usage on that meter of at least 2,500 gallons in the quarter. Mr. Levensgood said it would then probably not be worth it to install this non-discharge meter.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Kevin Bieber to retire to executive session at 8:25 p.m. relative to a personnel matter. Kim Seidel – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Kim Seidel to reconvene the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Kim Seidel – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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A discussion was held with Mr. Mazur on engineering performance and addressed some areas of improvement in communication between the Board and Mr. Mazur.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Kim Seidel – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Moyer

cc: K. Seidel
M. Hoch
B. Angstadt
K. Bieber

J. Kratzer
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