

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 2025

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 (via speaker phone), 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 February 6, 2025 minutes, a motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Mark Hoch to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2025 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. Sewer Fund: in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$13,610.68; in the REVENUE account \$359,158.96; and in the INVESTMENT FUND \$608,985.69. Water Fund: in the OPERATION & MAINTENANCE account the balance is \$742.04; in the REVENUE account \$164,703.65; and in the INVESTMENT FUND \$1,345,251.41. A motion was made by Kim Seidel 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 an evidentiary hearing has been scheduled for April 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. for the OTMA vs. Michael A. James civil action for the outstanding sewer bills on his account. Atty. Allebach said we cannot enforce the liens filed against the property unless we take to judgement, he has filed a motion to strike Mr. James response, there may not be a need for the hearing.

A report was provided on the operation at the sewer plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) annual calibration of effluent meter performed; (2) lost CL2 to chlorine contact tank, replace feed lines and cleaned regulator to restore CL2 to chlorine tank; and (3) thawed and unclogged frozen equipment.

A report was provided on the operation at the water plant during the month. The following was reported: (1) compiled safety data sheets for well houses; and (2) remove tree branches at wells blocking driveway. Mr. Seidel asked when the lead and copper testing will need to be performed. Mr. Eshbach said that will need to be performed this year.

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Incoming communications:

1. Copy of letter dated February 18, 2025 from Berks County Planning Commission to Alsace Township providing their comments on the ASC Rentals, LLC Subdivision with a comment that the project site is in the OTMA's ground water source water protection area. Mr. Mazur showed on the map where this lot is in comparison to our wells, this lot in Alsace Township was the former General Battery landfill, the contaminants are low, he will contact DEP to discuss and will respond to the letter.

2. Letter dated February 28, 2025 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 Kevin Bieber and seconded by Joshua Kratzer to authorize the Chairman to sign the National Flood Insurance Program form. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Committee reports:

Administrative: A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Barry Angstadt to adopt Resolution #2025-1 amending the Personnel Policy amending Article V, Safety. 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 Kim Seidel and seconded by Kevin Bieber to adopt Resolution #2025-2 adopting a schedule of attorney's fees in connection with collection of delinquent sewer charges. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Finance: Nothing to report.

Wastewater Plant: Miller Environmental personnel had not covered the plant the first weekend of March 2025 as was agreed upon, they notified DEP of this non-coverage. A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Mark Hoch to continue the first weekend coverage by Miller Environmental for the next three months (April, May and June 2025). Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Water Plant: Mr. Mazur said Miller Environmental does not yet have the contract complete for the operation of the water system, they will have this by next week. Once this contract is executed Miller Environmental would then perform the daily residual testing, purchase the chlorine and soda ash, and they will need access to the SCADA system. Mr. Eshbach was directed to continue to perform the daily residual testing until our next meeting. Mr. Seidel said the water inspection report was completed by Miller Environmental, they will need the operation and maintenance plan, emergency response plan, and a source water protection plot plan.

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Mr. Mazur said they are working on the Act 537 Plan Update, prepared a GIS data base map and showed us this with the entire township overlayed on the township zoning map, the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer did not see any concentrated failing systems in the township.

Mr. Mazur said that Summit Valley completed eighty percent of their work on the water storage tank project, all of the stormwater basin work is complete, will begin the installation of the water line up the hill to the tank site. A motion was made by Barry Angstadt and seconded by Kim Seidel to approve Pay Application #4 to DN Tanks, Inc. in amount of \$34,369.33 for the Water Storage Tank Project. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. The cost of the building permit for the tank project is \$9,000, there was only an allowance of \$1,000 in the bid package for this permit. Mr. Seidel said he wrote a letter to the township requesting a reduced fee or waiver of this building permit fee.

We continue to review the draft of the Rates, Rules & Regulations.

Mr. Mazur reported that the 2024 Chapter 94 Report is complete and will be submitted to DEP by March 31, 2025. A motion was made by Mark Hoch and seconded by Kim Seidel to authorize the Chairman to execute the 2024 Chapter 94 Report. Kim Seidel – yes; Mark Hoch – yes; Barry Angstadt – yes; Kevin Bieber – yes; Joshua Kratzer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Mr. Mazur reported that the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report should be complete by next week.

Mr. Seidel asked about the chlorine pump alarms that are being received. Mr. Eshbach said they are now hooked up to the SCADA system for these alarms.

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

Michael A. Eshbach	---	\$ 3,958.27
Shirley M. Moyer	---	2,074.29
Michael A. Eshbach	---	5,192.82
Shirley M. Moyer	---	1,904.31
Bryer M. Eshbach	---	4,517.98
Michael A. Eshbach	---	3,045.25
Infinsource, Inc.	---	5,981.16
Infinsource, Inc.	---	46.15
Infinsource, Inc.	---	1,443.97
Infinsource, Inc.	---	46.15
Met-Ed	---	3,027.60

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Windstream Conestoga, Inc.	---	298.96
Michael A. Eshbach	---	2,000.00
Delaware River Basin Commission	---	780.00
W.G. Malden	---	564.25
Delaware County Solid Waste Auth.	---	1,510.24
Denali Water Solutions, LLC	---	1,500.00
M.J. Reider Associates	---	1,122.80
Entech Engineering, Inc.	---	2,566.25
Picardi Philips & Ottaviano	---	803.00
Truist Governmental Finance	---	35,430.55
T-Mobile	---	111.44
T-Mobile	---	152.78
Oley Township	---	160.49
Cardmember Service	---	99.50
Postmaster	---	100.00
Ridge Support Technologies	---	410.95
Dallas Data Systems, Inc.	---	1,200.00
PA One Call System, Inc.	---	2.00
Fred Beans Ford of Boyertown	---	156.58
Miller Environmental, Inc.	---	5,188.00
Entech Engineering, Inc.	---	1,488.75
Picardi Philips & Ottaviano	---	<u>1,323.30</u>
TOTAL SEWER BILLS	—	\$88,207.79

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

Met-Ed	---	\$ 1,297.28
Delaware River Basin Commission	---	575.00
M&A Excavating, LLC	---	6,298.40
M.J. Reider Associates, Inc.	---	472.30
Entech Engineering, Inc.	---	15,280.51
David & Ruth Ann Christman	---	100.00
DN Tanks, Inc.	---	<u>34,369.33</u>
TOTAL WATER BILLS	—	\$58,392.82

A motion was made by Kevin Bieber and seconded by Kim Seidel 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.

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Public comment:

1. Daniel E. Levengood – The new restroom building project is almost complete on the Oley Fire Company grounds, the plumber did install a separate water pipe that would lead out to the grounds where there are standpipes for camper connections and the barn wash area. He asked if it would be possible to install a meter at this area not to be used as a non-discharge meter but so it could be monitored to determine if there are any leaks throughout the grounds. Mr. Eshbach said he has some used meters that were going to be disposed of that he could install for this purpose. It was agreed to install a used meter on the Oley Fire Company property to internally monitor water used throughout the grounds.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Kim Seidel and seconded by Kevin Bieber to retire to executive session at 7:41 p.m. relative to potential litigation. 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 Mark Hoch and seconded by Kim Seidel to reconvene the meeting at 7:51 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 Barry Angstadt and seconded by Kim Seidel to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 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
M. Hoch
B. Angstadt
K. Bieber

J. Kratzer
D. Allebach
G. Philips
K. Mazur

J. Spatz
L. Schaeffer
E. Pollock
K. Picardi