BANGOR BOROUGH AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT 197 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, BANGOR, PA

MINUTES
CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

MARCH 23, 2023-7:00PM

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Barry Schweitzer Robert Engle James Kresge Brian Berger

Others Present:

Stanley J. Margle – Solicitor Michael E. Gable, P.E., LVL Engineering Stephen Reider – Borough Manager **Absent:** Robert Rhodes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated February 23, 2023, was made by Kresge, seconded by Berger. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Roseto Borough – Solicitor Margle reported that he prepared a letter to Solicitor Arifaj stating the Bangor Borough Authority's action regarding the merger and legal action.

872 Lower South Main Street – Will be discussed in Executive Session.

Slate Belt Health & Rehabilitation – Manager Reider reported that a memo was received from Slate Belt Health & Rehabilitation regarding their engineer's analysis of the water usage. Gable reviewed the letter and commented that in the letter SBHR is acknowledging that they are using forty-six EDU's but only own one. A MOTION was made by Berger, seconded by Engle to have Solicitor Margle draft a letter to SBHR advising them that they will need to pay for the additional tapping fees for the forty-five EDU's for the tapping fee at that time. Also, stating that six months from the time that they implement their flow reductions if the numbers are lower, than the additional payment for the EDU's will not be required. All were in favor, MOTION carried.

Gordian Quotation – Manager Reider stated that a quote was received from Gordian for a new roof above the control station at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$71,709.01. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Berger to approve the quotation. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Corrective Action Plan – Gable updated the Authority Board on the current flow data.

Capital Improvements – Gable stated that permits for the capital improvements have been submitted to the PA DEP and the DRBC for review.

Ridge Road Property – A copy of the submission plans made to the Borough have been received and discussions were made with the applicant for some minor changes with the layout of the gravity collection system.

As discussed in prior Authority meetings, an evaluation of the gravity system's conveyance capacity from the proposed connection point in North Main Street, all the way to the Wastewater Treatment Plant is required. Gable stated that he would need to do a capacity analysis for the point where they connect to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Slate Belt Veterans Housing Project – There are no updates to report.

2022 Grant Programs – There are no updates to report.

2022 Chapter 94 Report – Gable reported that he received and reviewed Roseto's Chapter 94 Report. The report did not address various concerns. Gable discussed these items with the Authority.

Consistent with last year, a response has not been received from Roseto Borough Sewer Authority regarding Gable's review of their Chapter 94 Report. The outlined deficiencies in the Roseto Borough Sewer Authority's report were included in Bangor Borough Authority's report and this will be submitted to the PA DEP.

Corrective Action Plan Continued: Gable stated that LVL Engineering prepared bid documents for video inspections on the South side of Bangor, to the east side of Martin's Creek.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Margle reported that the Authority received the deed and it has been executed for the sale of the half an acre parcel of property (Smith-Wilbert) next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Attorney Margle stated that during recent conversations with Attorney Piperato who represents the prospective buyers of the incinerator/Ridge Road property, he indicated that he anticipates that this matter would proceed to a closing in April.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session was made by Berger, seconded by Engle. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 8:41 P.M. Real Estate, personnel and potential litigation matters were discussed, which is permitted under the Sunshine Act (section 708) as an exempt meeting topic.

The Authority discussed a capacity reservation letter as recommended by Gable. A **MOTION** was made by Berger, seconded by Engle to authorize the Authority Engineer and Solicitor to examine the terms that will be set fourth in a letter providing for a reservation of capacity agreement which will include not only cost and fees but also any administrative fees on top of that which the Authority Manager shall do in his discretion after receiving advice from the Authority Engineer and Authority Solicitor. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Kresge to authorize the Authority Manager to contact local commercial realtors to explore and discuss the possibility of marketing and sale of 872 Lower South Main Street. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Berger, seconded by Engle to authorize the Authority Engineer and Authority Solicitor to begin putting together the nature and extent of the financial and related loses cost and fees incurred by the Authority and Bangor Borough as to any acts or omissions on part of Roseto Borough Sewer Authority and Roseto Borough and to report back at the next meeting regarding the initial numbers which will be made part of the litigation which is being prepared. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Berger to authorize the Authority Solicitor to draft a letter for the Manager's review as to the Slate Belt Health & Rehabilitation matter that was discussed during the action items of this meeting. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Berger to approve LVL Engineering to prepare and advertise the bid documents for video inspections on the South side of Bangor, to the east side of Martin's Creek. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Engle, seconded by Berger. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Authority Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary