

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

MINUTES

July 27, 2023- 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Barry Schweitzer
Robert Engle
Brian Berger
Rosemarie Capone

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 June 22, 2023, was made by Engle, seconded by Capone. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Trash Bid – Manager Reider has been working through the bid documents with Mark Brown. Manager Reider is suggesting splitting up the town to attract more bidders. A dramatic price increase is anticipated. Reider will move forward with preparing the bid documents.

237 North 7th Street – Manager Reider stated that this property has had an issue of having sewage back-up during heavy rain events over the last few years due to heavy I&I coming from Roseto in this part of the sewer system. Reider is suggesting that the Authority purchase and install a grinder pump as a preventative solution. Any ongoing maintenance and upkeep would be the responsibility of the homeowner. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Berger to approve the purchase, and installation of a grinder pump for 237 North 7th Street. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

872 Lower South Main Street - Manager Reider stated that the realtors have contacted him for an update regarding listing 872 Lower South Main. Reider will notify the realtors that the Authority has decided to hold off on listing the property at this time.

Roseto Borough – Will be discussed in Executive Session.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Flooding – Manager Reider stated that there was damage at the WWTP due to the flooding on July 16th. Reider included the damage in the boroughs public facilities report that was submitted to Northampton County for potential FEMA funds.

During the flood event the plant flows topped out at 5.6 million gallons per day.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Saber Healthcare – At the direction of the Authority at the last meeting, Margle provided a draft letter to Manager Reider and Mike Gable regarding the complaint against Saber Healthcare for their unwillingness to acknowledge any financial responsibility for compensation to Bangor Borough Authority for matters discussed at the last Authority meeting.

RBSA – At the direction of the Authority at the last meeting, Solicitor Margle and Mike Gable met with investigators from the Pennsylvania State Police in Bethlehem. This meeting was suggested by the PADEP as to whether the Acts and Omissions of the RBSA, resulted in financial losses. The Pennsylvania State Police will do a sufficient background investigation to decide if any further action on the non-civil part of the law would be pursued.

Ridge Road- Will be discussed in Executive Session.

Authority Insurance – Margle reported that there is an insurance issue regarding a claim that has been submitted and a denial was issued. Margle will follow up with the insurance company.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

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

The WWTP went into hydraulic overload due to the rainfall event on July 16th, coupled with the high-water table and saturated ground conditions from rainfall events on the days prior. LVL filed a report with the PADEP.

Capital Improvements Project – A pre-consultation meeting has been scheduled with PennVEST to start the final process of the Grant application.

Ridge Road Property – Gable reported that he is doing review work with the applicant regarding the pumping station design and the sewer capacity.

Chapter 94 Compliance – Available EDU Tracking – Gable updated the Authority Board on the Chapter 94 Compliance regarding Ridge Road and Roseto.

Slate Belt Veterans Housing Project – No updates to report.

2023 I&I Video Inspection - No updates to report

Flood Damage to WWTP – Gable reported that during the flooding event on July 16th the stream leading from BioSpectra, crossing South Main, flooded across the road, washing out the road with the floodwater being partially redirected towards the WWTP. A field meeting will be scheduled with Washington Township and PennDOT regarding stream restoration.

Gable provided a list to the Authority outlining how to control future flooding.

A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Capone to authorize Mike Gable to prepare a maintenance waiver for maintenance of the culverts underneath the WWTP influent line. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 8:04 P.M. to discuss legal matters with potential action to follow was made by Engle, seconded by Capone. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

Legal matters were discussed, which is permitted under the Sunshine Act (section 708) as an exempt meeting topic. No action was taken.

A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Berger to authorize the Authority Solicitor and Authority Manager to revise and finalize the draft letter of intent regarding Ridge Road and further the same on to the Alternate Solicitor for Borough Council review and input and to follow up with any further action necessary to finalize the terms and conditions of the letter of intent. 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 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary