

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

MINUTES

September 28, 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
Paul Brady – Whitetail Disposal
Ron Carlson– Waste Management

Absent:

Robert Rhodes

ACTION ITEMS:

Trash Contract – Manager Reider reported that there were three bidders and J.P. Mascaro did not bid on one of the options, so they are disqualified. The low bid for the three-year contract was Waste Management in the amount of \$2,901,225.60. The low bid for the five-year contract was Whitetail Disposal in the amount of \$5,097,027.59. Mayor DeFranco and Joanna Paulson asked for qualifications on the terms of the contracts. Solicitor Margle and Manager Reider answered their questions. Representatives from Whitetail Disposal and Waste Management answered questions from the Authority board. A **MOTION** was made by Berger, seconded by Engle to make a recommendation to Borough Council to award the municipal waste and recyclables contract to Whitetail Disposal for a five (5) year contract (Option 1). All in favor, **MOTION** carried.

Application Process & Reservation of Sewer Capacity Resolution -2023-04 – Mike Gable stated that this Resolution would establish a clear definition of how new applicants request sewer capacity in the system. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Capone to approve Resolution 2023-04, and have Solicitor Margle, Engineer Gable, and Manager Reider draft a policy for reservation. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

2023 Video Inspections – Gable reported that he completed the bid documents for the 2023 Video Inspections. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Capone to approve advertising the bid subject to receiving the Notice to Proceed from Northampton County for CDBG. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

Roseto Borough – Will be discussed in Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated August 24, 2023, was made by Capone, seconded by Berger. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Saber Healthcare –Margle reported that his office received notice from the Sheriff's department that the Defendant was served with the complaint. Solicitor Margle and his office are working with Manager Reider to prepare the pleading that the Authority needs to file in response to Saber Healthcare's counter claim.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 8:07 P.M. to discuss legal matters with potential action to follow was made by Engle, seconded by Capone. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 8:17 P.M. Prospective pending litigation was discussed, which is permitted under the Sunshine Act (section 708) as an exempt meeting topic.

A **MOTION** was made by Berger, seconded by Engle to file a complaint against Roseto Borough and Roseto Borough Sewer Authority. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

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

Capital Improvements Project – Gable reported that the H2O and Small Water and Sewer Grants are currently under review for project funding, and it is anticipated that the grant award will be announced at the CFA meeting held in November.

Gable is in the process of preparing required PennVEST documents for use with the PennVEST loan process.

Ridge Road Property – Gable reported that he has completed the review of the hydraulic capacity of the sewer system and found that available capacity does exist.

Slate Belt Veterans Housing Project – Gable reported that the application for services was received.

Chapter 94 Compliance – Available EDU Tracking – Gable updated the Authority on the three projects currently under reservation for sewer capacity.

2023 I&I Video Inspection – Discussed during the action items.

Flood Damage to WWTP – Gable commented that the Authority should get an update from Washington Township and PennDOT regarding the street on the opposite side of the WWTP. The stream channel should be cleaned to avoid another flooding event.

WWTP Outfall Capacity - Gable reported that the WWTP operator contacted Gable regarding backflow/hydraulic overload of the WWTP outfall. The operator was concerned that when the plant is in a high flow discharge, the manholes on the outfall pipe surcharge. Gable reviewed the hydraulic conditions, and no apparent obstructions were noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Reider discussed 2024 budget items with the Authority Board.

Manager Reider complimented Mark Brown on locating the manhole on Ridge Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Engle, seconded by Capone. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Authority Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary