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

## **MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2023-7:00PM** 

# CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

# **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Barry Schweitzer Robert Engle Brian Berger Rosemarie Capone – arrived at 7:07 p.m.

**Others Present:** 

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

Robert Rhodes

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- 1. Joanna Paulson questioned what the estimated cost would be to the borough taxpayers regarding sewer capacity and WWTP upgrades. Mr. Gable and Manager Reider answered her questions. Paulson asked when negotiations started with the borough and the developers of the Ridge Road project. Solicitor Margle and Mr. Gable addressed her questions/concerns.
- 2. Forrest Meyers asked for an update regarding Roseto. Solicitor Margle and Chairperson Schweitzer answered his questions.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated October 26, 2023, was made by Capone, seconded by Engle. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

# **ACTION ITEMS:**

*Roseto Borough* – Will be discussed during reports.

Saber Healthcare — Solicitor Margle and Manager Reider reviewed the Settlement Offer received from Saber Healthcare for the Authority. A **MOTION** was made by Berger, seconded by Engle to approve the settlement agreement with Saber Healthcare and to authorize the Solicitor to execute the document. All in favor, **MOTION** carried. Solicitor Margle stated that he is, pursuant to the motion, executing the document to be mailed tomorrow.

Sewer Charges & Fee Schedule 2024-01 –Mr. Gable had revision suggestions regarding the reservation of sewer (section C – Tapping Fee Capital Contribution Fee). The revisions would be a sewer reservation fee of 10% the first year, 50% the second year and 100% for the third year. A **MOTION** was made by Engle seconded by Capone to approve authorizing Manager Reider to make the changes and upon making the changes approve the Resolution. All in favor, **MOTION** carried.

Sanitation/Recycling Fee Schedule 2024-02 – Berger made a MOTION to adopt the Sanitation Fee Schedule Resolution and Engle seconded it. All in favor, MOTION carried.

2024 Authority Meeting Schedule - A **MOTION** to approve the 2024 Authority meeting schedule was made by Capone, seconded by Engle. The meetings will begin at 6:30 P.M. in 2024. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

*Roseto Borough* – Solicitor Margle stated that the Solicitors representing the RBSA and Roseto Borough have requested extensions of time within which to file an answer to BBA and Bangor Borough's complaint.

The tapping fees and sewer user charges owed to the BBA from Roseto are estimated at six million.

# **ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED:**

The Authority discussed having Roseto being billed as bulk metered users for 191 and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

A **MOTION** was made by Berger, seconded by Engle to amend the sewer Resolution to reopen discussion regarding the Sewer Charges & Fee Schedule 2024-01 and authorize Manager Reider to submit notice of the Resolution in writing to the users including the changes that were discussed. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT CONTINUED:**

Robert Rhodes – Solicitor Margle stated that Robert Rhodes submitted his resignation from the Authority Board. A **MOTION** was made by Berger, seconded by Capone to recommend to Borough Council the resignation of Robert Rhodes from the Authority Board. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

#### **ENGINEERING REPORT:**

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

Gable provided Manager Reider with a copy of the flow control plates. Manager Reider will research local contractors for the fabrication of the control plates.

2023 I&I Video Inspection – The project is currently out to bid, and anticipated receipt of the bids on December 11, 2023. The intent is to award the bid at the January Authority meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Capone, seconded by Engle. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Authority Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary