

BERN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of Bern Township Municipal Authority

May 26, 2021

ATTENDEES: Chuck Koch, Chairman; Jay Field, Treasurer; Fred Gurman, Asst. Treasurer; Danielle Pappas, Asst. Secretary; Solicitor, Irene Reed, Secretary, Dan Becker, Kozloff Stoudt; Engineer, Kevin Conrad, SSM Group.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Koch at 11:04 AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES OF APRIL 28TH, 2021 MEETING MINUTES: Mr. Gurman made a motion to approve the monthly minutes of the April 28th, 2021 Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Field. Motion Carried. Ms. Reed Abstained.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Field presented the water bill list for May in the amount of \$37,556.19 consisting of \$24,925.00 to WBWA; and \$8,620.79 to RAWA.

Mr. Field made a motion to pay the May water bills as presented. Seconded by Ms. Pappas. **VOTE:** Yes – Mr. Field, Mr. Gurman, Mr. Koch, Ms. Reed, and Ms. Pappas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Field presented the sewer bill list for May in the amount of \$67,707.98, consisting of \$44,663.85 to RRAA for the quarterly T&T; \$9,103.50 to LBA for the quarterly T&T ; \$1,943.15 to LB Water for chemicals; and \$4,300 to Mr. Rehab for the grouting of a manhole.

Mr. Field made a motion to approve the May sewer bill list as presented. Seconded by Ms. Reed. **VOTE:** Yes – Mr. Field, Mr. Gurman, Mr. Koch, Ms. Reed, and Ms. Pappas. Motion Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CD update – On May 20th a Riverfront CU CD came due. Their renewal rate was .5% for 12 months. The reinvested amount was \$247,500 with a check of \$245.79 going to the ICS account. The total interest earned on the original CD was \$2,745.79.

PROJECT COMMITTEE: None.

PERSONNEL: Annette will work 2 Mondays in June and work the day the billing must be done to train Luanne.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Arnold & 222 Pump Station Design – The easements are being worked out with the new locations.

The pump costs and info will be finalized in about two weeks and that time the NPDES Permit application can be submitted.

Manhole 251 Grouting – The regrouting of the manhole was completed in February and was approved at a prior meeting. The invoice was never sent to BTMA when received by SSM.

WBWA – It was a terrible accident and sad that there was a loss of life. The extraordinary story to this whole tragic accident was how well RAWA stepped in and helped to get the main fixed and the WBWA plant up and running. There was great cooperation between the two water companies.

Water testing was initiated by BTMA and after two negative tests, the customers were notified that they did not need to boil their water any more.

The Board should also make sure Mr. Scholl has the proper training for all the duties he performs for BTMA as well as all the right safety equipment. Office Admin. will talk to David and get a list of his duties, his classes and if he needs any of the required equipment to do his duties safely.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Agreement With Mr. Shuman – Mr. Shuman has requested to cap the existing sewer line to 1720 Golf Road where he demolished a house. The agreement would consist of Mr. Shuman giving back the EDU and if there was ever a house erected on the same property, an EDU would need to be bought.

Ms. Reed authorized the advancement of the agreement to be delivered to Mr. Shuman. Seconded by Ms. Pappas. **VOTE:** Yes – Mr. Field, Mr. Gurman, Mr. Koch, Ms. Reed, and Ms. Pappas. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Water turn-off on Suburban Road – Two houses had their water shut off on May 1st. Office Admin. was told the owner applied for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program which also pays for utilities. Office Admin. is in contact with a person from the Berks Coalition to end Homelessness who is administering the program for the County.

RRAA – The RRAA quarterly bill did not seem right. After looking at the reads and calculations it looked like a read was incorrect. RRAA looked into it and found the read was incorrect and sent a corrected bill.

NEW BUSINESS – Acadia VendorProof registration cost \$45 - The email said that the Federal Government requires hospitals to have all vendors be registered with VendorProof. After checking with Tower Health Behavioral Center, their A/P confirmed the info.

Atty. Becker will look into it, but he did not think BTMA would need to register and pay in order for Tower Health to pay the monthly BTMA sewer bill.

Ms. Reed made a motion to Adjourn at 12:03 PM. Seconded by Mr. Koch. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Reed. Secretary