

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEWTOWN, BUCKS COUNTY, JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

October 16, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Newtown, Bucks County, Joint Municipal Authority (NBCJMA) was duly held on October 16, 2024, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Authority's office at 15 South Congress Street, Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited prior to the start of the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Present were:

Chairman Christopher Gusty (via zoom), Board Member
Gerald Schenkman, Board Member
Robert Walker, Board Member
Elen Snyder, Board Member
Mike Menditto, Manager
Warren Gormley, Special Project Manager
Jeff Morehead, Field Superintendent
Theresa Funk from Gannett Fleming, Authority's Engineer
Jessica L. VanderKam, Esquire, Authority's Solicitor

MOTION: The September 10, 2024 Minutes were reviewed. Upon motion made by Mr. Walker, and seconded by Mr. Schenkman, all members present voted aye to approve the September 10, 2024 Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Mark Friend of 15 Stoopville Road offered comment regarding the sewer rate increases, in light of his property only being serviced by a well. He questioned the fairness of rates for residential properties vis a vis commercial properties. Mr. Gormley informed Mr. Friend that the Authority does not meter water usage in determining its sewer rates. There was a further discussion of the sewer rates in Northampton Township being \$45/month as opposed to our much lower rates.

Mr. Barry Scott, HOA President of Villas of Newtown exchanged pleasantries with the Board; but offered no comments.

Ms. Julia Woldorf, Newtown Borough Supervisor asked how much of the sewer rate increase was due to the Wastewater Treatment Plant as opposed to increases in costs from BCWSA. Mr. Gormley responded that 21% of the sewer rate increases was attributable to fixed costs and the remainder to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Stuart Stone, Newtown Township, presented comment regarding the sewer rate increase. Chairman Gusty acknowledged Mr. Stone's comments but spoke to the projected costs of repairs and maintenance anticipated from BCWSA vs. building our own Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Gormley added that the NBCJMA is now charging what BCWSA began charging 10 years ago, in 2014.

Mr. Mack, Newtown Township Supervisor asked how the Wastewater Treatment Plant was being paid for; Ms. Funk confirmed that it was being financed. Mr. Mack raised concerns about municipal tax rates and the need for increases to hire vital personnel. The Board confirmed they understood that difficulty all too well.

VISITORS SCHEDULED: Paul Logan answered questions from the Board during Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session was held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to discuss a legal issue.

REVIEW OF THE EXPENDITURE REPORT: An Expenditures Register and accounts payable, which is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit “A” was distributed and reviewed by Mr. Menditto.

MOTION: Upon motion made by Ms. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Walker, all members present voted aye to approve payment of bills on the Expenditures Register.

Mr. Menditto reviewed the list of receipts from September 2024.

MOTION: Upon motion made by Mr. Walker, and seconded by Mr. Schenkman, all members present voted aye to transfer \$439,472.08 from the trust account to the operating account.

Delinquent accounts were presented to the Board by Mr. Menditto.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Ms. Funk presented the Engineer’s Report and answered all questions to the satisfaction of the Board. Gannett Fleming has completed the 30% design. The Engineer’s Report is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit “B.”

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Ms. VanderKam presented the Solicitor’s Report and answered all questions to the satisfaction of the Board. The Solicitor’s Report is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit “C.”

MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Menditto presented the Manager’s Report and answered all questions to the satisfaction of the Board. The Manager’s Report is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit “D.”

FIELD REPORT: Mr. Moorhead presented the Field Report and answered all questions to the satisfaction of the Board. The Field Report is attached hereto as Exhibit "E."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT: Mr. Gormley presented the Special Projects Report and answered all questions to the satisfaction of the Board. The Special Projects Report is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "F."

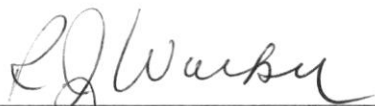
OLD BUSINESS: No further action was necessary with regard to BCWSA. There being no need for a motion, this item of business was left on the table.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Mr. Menditto went over the financial statement. This is the second month of our 2024-2025 budget. Rentals are at 20%, total revenue is at 19%, total salaries are at 12%, operating expenses are at 7% and utilities are at 10%. Month-to-date net result from operations is \$291,798.48. Year-to-date net result is \$745,135.25.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Schenkman and seconded by Mr. Walker, all members present voting aye, the Board rescheduled its next regular meeting to occur on November 12, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Robert Walker, Secretary/Treasurer