

Sykesville Area Water and Sewer Authority Special Meeting 7/15/24

Chairman Rick Fike called a meeting of the Sykesville Area Water and Sewer to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those answering roll call were Rick Fike (Chairman), John Sedor (Vice Chairman), Dave Reiter, Gabriel "Butch" Sweka, and Don Zimmerman.

No visitors were present.

John Sedor made a correction to the previous minutes to add *"John Sedor mentioned that the Authority be notified by Council before spending money on big projects such as road/major equipment purchases/projects that have to do with the water/sewer lines. The Authority and Mr. Long agreed that notification of big projects/purchases is necessary and that a member of the Authority should be present at the Council meeting (s) that any said project/purchase is discussed."* A motion to approve minutes for January 15, 2024, with the correction was made by Don Zimmerman and seconded by Butch Sweka. Motion carried.

John Sedor questioned when the project will begin for the replacement of storm drains through PennVest. Secretary Neale informed that it should go out for bidding in the fall and all the money that was borrowed from the Sludge Fund will be reimbursed by PennVest. All the rights-of-ways have been obtained.

John Sedor stated that when the Sewer Plant was built, all residents had to sign an agreement "relinquishing 10 feet of property if anything were to happen with the sewer line (allowed to dig)." He stated that there are driveways that have collapsed and is falling down the sewer line.

John Sedor stated to the Authority that Winslow and Sandy Township are charging residents at least \$70 and because of this, Sykesville should increase their rates. Sedor mentioned that the Authority also needs to consider the time and supplies used for Secretary Neale to get all the reports completed/printed (cost \$\$) when doing the cost study for rates. Secretary Neale informed that the Act 57 rate study has not been finished yet (JHA Companies).

Rick Fike asked how Michael Gamble made out on his sewage license test/classes. Secretary Neale informed that tomorrow is his last class day, and the test is

scheduled in two weeks. John Sedor stated that Brian Williams needs to get certified in both water and sewer as well.

Rick Fike questioned why the \$1.00 increase wasn't shown on the financial reports for maintenance of storm drains. Secretary Neale stated that the Authority agreed for Council to approve the resolution, however, the Council did not go through with the resolution due to the recent increases for residents such as the garbage and taxes.

Rick Fike informed the Authority that last month there was a water line break on Main Street in front of Randy Frantz's house (there was a total of eight feet split pipe). He suggested replacing all the piping there with a new hydrant. Secretary Neale stated that this could possibly be a CDBG project (must wait to apply for next June). The Authority agreed to suggest this project to Council for application.

Rick Fike informed the Authority about the water service agreement between Sykesville Municipal Authority/Borough and water customers on Hepburn Road (copy distributed to each member). He stated that it was approved and signed by the Borough and signed by himself (Rick) per phone call decision with Authority, however, a formal motion is needed by the Authority. A motion was made John Sedor and seconded by Don Zimmerman to approve and adopt the water service agreement between Sykesville Municipal Authority/Borough and water customers on Hepburn Road. Motion carried. A full copy will be in the Borough Office.

A profit and loss (January-July 2024) was presented to the Authority for the Water, Sewer, Sludge Removal, Capital Improvement, Security Deposit, and PennVest accounts. A motion was made by Don Zimmerman and seconded by Dave Reiter to approve the January-July 2024 financials/profit & loss. Motion carried.

Rick Fike asked about the status of Winslow Township's overages. Secretary Neale informed the Authority that they are refusing to pay the overage fees and informed them that our Solicitor, Nicholas Gianvito, is handling the situation. Reports of their flows/overages/charges were presented to the Authority. Dave Reiter stated that he heard Winslow has all copper lines. Secretary Neale informed that the leak may have been fixed because they have not exceeded their allotted usage for the past two/three months.

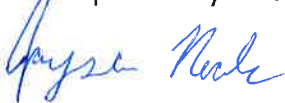
Sykesville, Winslow, Troutville, and Sandy's daily water and sewer flows (January-July) were presented to the Authority for their review. Along with the flows, also presented were Winslow, Troutville, and Sandy's monthly water and sewer bills (January-July).

The Authority decided to table any decisions on setting water/sewer rates for all customers until the Act 57 rate study is completed. The Authority will schedule a special meeting if necessary.

The Authority agreed that their regulatory meetings for 2025 will be held Monday, January 20th and Monday, July 21st at 6:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Dave Reiter and seconded by Don Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary

