

Bowmanstown Borough Authority

March 19, 2024

Minutes

The Bowmanstown Borough Authority meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman -Darren Thomas; Vice Chairman – Joseph Civitella; Treasurer – Mathew Behler, Secretary Chad Everett, member – Rodney Reeser, Clerk – Tara Takerer and Solicitor Neil Ettinger were present, Water Plant Operator - Craig LaBarre attended by phone and Engineer -Mark Bahnick was absent.

Visitors:

Tyrone Balliet, 229 Apple Street – advised the Board that he is having very low water pressure, which has been an ongoing issue for years. Water Operator recommended to Tyrone that he can connect to the water main on Apple Street and abandon his water service line off of Ore Street. Tyrone stated he will pay a connection fee and install a new water service line to Apple Street to resolve his ongoing water pressure issues.

Approval For:

- A motion was made by **Joseph Civitella**, 2nd **Rodney Reeser** to approve the minutes of February 20, 2024, Motion carried.
- A motion was made by **Joseph Civitella**, 2nd **Rodney Reeser** to approve the water treasurer report dated March 19, 2024, motion carried.

Solicitor:

- An executive session was called at 6:15pm to discuss litigation, exited executive session at 6:25pm; while in executive session no motions or decisions were made.
- A motion was made by **Rodney Reeser**, 2nd **Joseph Civitella** to authorize an appeal, if deemed necessary, to Commonwealth Court , motion carried.

Other Business:

- A motion was made by **Chad Everett** 2nd **Rodney Reeser** to charge all water haulers \$10.50 per 1,000 gallons of water, Motion carried.
- Insurance claim was submitted for the damaged to the roof & electrical panel, caused by down wires in January, at Trivalley building off of Manor Drive. Duane Frable, Frable & Sons, Electric, will be here on 3/20/2024 to do all necessary repairs.
- Connection fee resolution will be amended. Connection fees will be determined, by water operator, by actual time and material at the time of connection.

Property/Water Operations:

- A motion was made by **Joseph Civitella**, 2nd **Chad Everett** to adopted Resolution No. 2024-01, elimination of EDU for Mill Street garage (Old Bossard Automotive), Motion carried.
 - EDU agreement was executed and notarized and all necessary fees were paid in full. Full copy will be filed at the recorder of deeds office in Carbon County
 - Water operator will disconnect the property, at the main, in order to eliminate the water service to the garage.

- Water was shut off at the curb at 532 White Street for delinquent utility rents on Feb 27, 2024, was restored on Feb 28, 2024.

Property/Water Operations Continued:

- Annual flushing of fire hydrants will occur in April 2024.
- GIS Mapping for the Water System was tabled until April’s meeting when the Operator is present.
- Water operator will be assisting in completing the lead & copper service line inventory form.
- Fire hydrant was placed back in service at 700 Lehigh Street on 3/14/2024 – Fire Chief was notified.
- Water Authority will need to hire a contractor to repave Lime Street where the two new water connections were made.
- Water service line at 629 Ore Street was leaking on March 18, 2024. Homeowner replaced the water service line from the curb to the house and the Water operator replaced the curb stop at the curb, due to it being inoperable.
- A motion was made by Chad Everett, 2nd Jospeh Civitella to purchase 2 fire hydrants, Motion carried.

Correspondence:

<u>Subject:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Summary:</u>
Wendy Borger	3/1/2024	Paid her connection fee that exceeded \$2,000 – which was \$242.09
601 Lime St & 621 Lime Street	3/6/2024	Both homeowners were invoiced for exceeded \$2,000 connection fee 601 Lime paid on 3/11/2024
PennDOT/Fireline Road	3/4/2024	Tara emailed Corey/PennDOT to check on status of pipe near Fireline Hotel that must be repaired. Corey advised he was checking with the permit unit for status of and will advise when they would be addressing
Vac Truck Palmerton Borough	3/7/2024	Tara contacted Todd Merkel, Supervisor of Palmerton Borough, he will put on his schedule for 2 nd week in April and will confirm date when it gets closer. Price will be approx. \$125-\$200 per hour (as he advised rates are going up April 1 st , their fee schedule will be adopted March 27 th)
PMAA management workshop	4/17 & 4/25	Training for authority managers & board members – information on file in office
Boro Minutes	2/20/2024	Minutes distributed to the Board
Distribution System Workshop	4/23/2024	Information on file
Consumer Confidence Report	4/1/2024	Approved by Craig, Tara submitted to DEP, placed notice in Times News, etc.
PFAS MCL	3/13/2024	Recent changes to PFAS MCL rule – Craig copied on

Rule Notification		
Borough Minutes	3/5/2024	Minutes for review

☐ Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jospeh Civitella, 2nd Rodney Reeser to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm, Motion carried.

Pending List:

- * Tara contacted Palmerton Borough regarding Vac truck in October 2023 to address 622 White Street shut off; currently pending until Spring, weather improves
- * Craig to do walk through inspection of Tri-Valley Property; per 1/2024 minutes
- * Lockboxes; Craig has must drop off to install
- * Craig looking into valve on Green & Mill; talking to Brendon again
- * New hydrants to be installed/replacing old in town