

**Port Allegany Municipal Authority**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**December 11, 2023**

Present at the meeting: Bill Burluson, Chris Ruding, Joe Lashway, Jon Stehle  
Borough Staff: Jeremy Morey, Mike Kio, Cory Thomas, Heather Szuba  
Public: Chris Ernst, Ryan Reitz

Bill Burluson called the meeting to order at 8:29 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** Joe Lashway made a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting, Chris Ruding seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

**Engineers Report:** Ryan Reitz presented information on SeaQuest and the results of our samples that were sent in for testing. It was advised not to move forward with this product in Wells 7 & 8.

Ryan also looked into Soda Ash vs. Caustic Soda. There is no cost savings with the switch and we would have to have more storage and have more of an up-front investment for the change. The main benefit would be safety from caustic. Discussion was held on the current set-up and chemical use.

The L.C. Whitford Co. provided a cost estimate for the epoxy coating of the tanks. It has a 50-year lifespan and is estimated at \$250,000. Which is more than twice the cost compared to the wax.

A glass lined tank was discussed and a price was presented. A million-gallon tank costs \$1,000,000 and a 500,000 gallon tank costs \$650,000. Chris and Jeremy will search for grants and identify some funding sources that could potentially pay for new tanks.

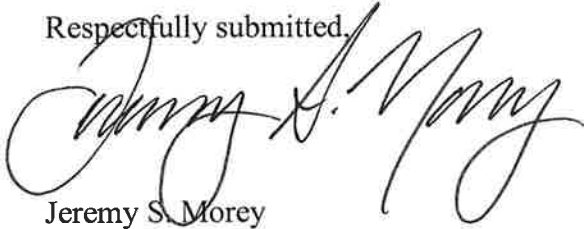
**Public Comment:** None

**Immediate Action:**

- **Adoption of 2024 Municipal Authority Budget:** Chris Ruding made a motion to adopt the 2024 budget, Joe Lashway seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- **Resolution 2023-1: Landlord/Tenant/Security Deposits:** Jon Stehle made a motion to adopt the resolution, Joe Lashway seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- **Resolution 2023-2: Billing Due Dates:** Chris Ruding made a motion to adopt the resolution, Jon Stehle seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- **Resolution 2023-3: 2024 Water/Sewer Rates:** Chris Ruding made a motion to adopt the resolution, Joe Lashway seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- **Resolution 2023-4: 2024 Meeting Dates:** Joe Lashway made a motion to adopt the resolution, Jon Stehle seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- **Bid Advertisement for West Water Tank:** Jon Stehle made a motion to advertise the bid for the water tank to include; Cleaning and re-waxing the interior of the tank with an NSF certified wax. Prep, Prime and Paint the exterior of the tank with a 3-year warranty and/or a bond. Joe Lashway seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business before the Authority, Joe Lashway made a motion to adjourn, Jon Stehle seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy S. Morey". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, flowing letters.

Jeremy S. Morey  
Municipal Authority Secretary

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