

Port Allegany Municipal Authority
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2023

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AGENDA

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

Call to Order: Bill Burluson called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Approval of Minutes: Chris Ruding made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2023 meeting as presented, Joe Lashway seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion was passed.

Manager's Report: presented by Jeremy Morey. Jon Stehle asked a question about the STMP grant contract.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Heather Szuba. She provided the STMP budget that we will be applying for through Phase II in January. The draft budget and list of expenses was provided to the Authority members. Joe Lashway asked about system reserves and how it compares to last year's budget.

- **Approval of Expense Reimbursements to Borough:** Joe Lashway made a motion to approve, Chris Ruding seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion was passed.

Engineer's Report: Chris Ernst and Ryan Reitz stated that Sea Quest had not yet provided a report on the water samples that we provided them earlier this year. Ryan suggested that we look at other options for treatment other than Sea Quest as well as potentially looking at Soda Ash vs. Caustic Soda for a pH adjuster.

Ryan provided information and the requirements for the Land Application of Biosolids. After some discussion by members and at the recommendation of the engineers, it was decided not to continue pursuing the Biosolids permit.

L.C. Whitford has not yet provided a cost to Chris to epoxy the interior of the water tanks. Once Chris gets something, he will forward it on.

Old Business

- **Update on Rules and Regulations:** It was decided that we will provide our feedback and thoughts/ideas to Andrea Stapleford and inquire about the sewer portion of the rules.
- **Vacant Rate:** discussion was held on whether we should have a Vacant Rate or not and what that would entail/look like. Bill Burluson would like to see what Andrea Stapleford can put together and make sure it is clear and concise as to what we want.

New Business

- **Proposed 2024 Budget:** was presented for review.

Public Comments: None

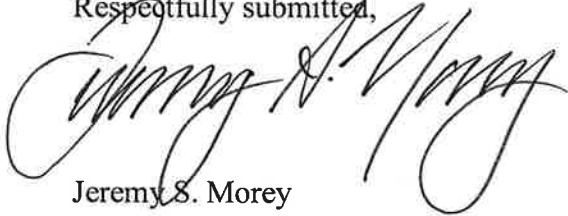
Immediate Action

- **Bid advertisement for the West Water Tank interior and exterior maintenance:** Tabled until December.

- **Purchase of Zito Media property on Pearl St.:** Joe Lashway made a motion to subdivide and purchase the Zito Media property on Pearl St., Jon Stehle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and motion was passed. Chris Ruding abstained from voting. The Authority would like a realtor to provide us with a value for the Johnston property on Pearl St. so that a counter-offer may be made.
- **Advertise 2024 Budget:** Chris Ruding made a motion to advertise the 2024 budget, Joe Lashway seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion was passed.

Adjournment: Joe Lashway made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jon Stehle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeremy S. Morey
Municipal Authority Secretary

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