

**SUMMIT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 30, 2024**

The Summit Authority held a special meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at the Summit Township Municipal Building, 502 Bonniebrook Road, Butler, PA.

CALL TO ORDER

David Barry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All persons stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Authority members present were David Barry, Jim Henry, Rick Green, Robert Thompson, and Larry Osche. Also, present was the Authority Secretary, Roxann Stickney, Authority Engineer, Rick Barnett. Todd Colley from Rural Utilities Services (RUS) attended the meeting via telephone. There was no public present.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

There was no public present.

ACT 537 PLAN

Nothing pertaining to the Act 537 Plan was discussed.

PENNVEST APPLICATION

Timeline: Engineer, Rick Barnett, presented a timeline for the public sewage project. The tentative completion date for the project will be August 2026.

Project Cost: The project cost is \$28 million dollars.

Easements: The approximation of easements for the project is 350. A significant amount of the easements will be in the back of the property. The service line will follow the property line as much as possible.

Township Reimbursement: The reimbursement years for the Township needs to be determined.

Funding Applications:

Pennvest determined that it is not feasible to phase the project as it is currently designed due to Phase I generating a total of 30 EDUs. Pennvest will approve the construction a smaller treatment facility to accommodate Phase I and then the treatment facility plant will have to be increased in size for Phase II and Phase III. This option is not financially feasible due to the costs of the upgrades to the plant in each phase.

Instead, an application can be ready for submission to Pennvest by May 1, 2024 for \$8 million dollars for the construction of a treatment plant that will accommodate all three phases.

The remaining \$20 million dollars will be sought through Rural Utilities Services (RUS) funding for the collection system. Pennvest requires a letter of commitment from RUS for the collection system.

Todd Colley from Rural Utilities Services (RUS) joined the meeting via telephone. RUS requires additional documentation for their application. An Environmental Review will be due by June 2024. A Tribal Review is required. This could take a couple of months to be completed. The completed application will be due by the end of July.

Pennvest and RUS offers a combination of loan and grant funding. The loan amount will be dependent on the amount of granting funding received. Mr. Colley stated that Summit Township's median income is \$50,887.00. The state's median income is \$69,220.00. This places Summit Township at poverty level which may aid in the amount of grant funding allotted from RUS. The customers' monthly bill will be based upon the total loan amount.

David Barry motioned for an application be submitted to RUS for the collection system. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

David Barry motioned to not apply to Pennvest by February 7, 2024. Instead, synchronize the submission of Pennvest and RUS applications. Therefore, submit the Pennvest application by May 1, 2024 for treatment plant. Robert Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public present.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Summit Township Authority, Robert Thompson made a motion to adjourn. David Barry seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roxann Stickney, Secretary

THE NEXT REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.