

SUMMIT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2024

The Summit Authority meeting was held on Tuesday, March 19, 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, Rick Green, and Larry Osche. Members, Jim Henry, and Robert Thompson were absent. Also present, was the Authority engineer, Rick Barnett and engineer, Drew Null from LSSE, and the Authority Secretary, Roxann Stickney. There was no public present.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

There was no public present.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

The February 20, 2024 meeting minutes were tabled for approval at the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The engineer presented the attached report. The following items were discussed.

1. If one additional customer from a second municipality is added to the public sewage system, this will increase eligibility for Pennvest funding to \$20 million dollars. Butler Area Sewage Authority (BASA) does not provide public sewage service to Herman Road. The property at 101 Herman Road, is in Butler Township, and it is feasible to have this property added to the public sewage service line.

If the property owners would like to have public sewage service, then Butler Township and BASA will be contacted for permission for the property to be added to the Authority's sewage service line.

Review from the DEP is required for the additional property and the engineering design will need updated.

David Barry motioned to approve for the negotiation with the property owner at 101 Herman Road to offer public sewage service. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

David Barry and Robert Thompson will contact the property owner.

2. Larry Osche motioned for two funding applications for \$2 million dollars each to be submitted with a 20% Authority match of \$400,000.00. The award amount will be \$1.6 million dollars. One application will be submitted to Senator Casey and the other to Senator Fetterman. Rick Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Requests for a letter of support for the project were submitted to Representative Mustello, Senator Hutchison, and Butler County Commissioner, Leslie Osche.

Representative Mustello and Senator Hutchinson will be contacted to request a meeting with the Authority Board to discuss the project.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer presented the following report.

There were no deposits or disbursements. The account balance is \$216,039.68.

Rick Green motioned to approve the Treasurer report as presented. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES

There were no invoices for approval.

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, Larry Osche made a motion to adjourn. David Barry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roxann Stickney, Secretary
REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 16, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

**SUMMIT TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
ENGINEER'S REPORT**

LSSE #675-005

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Discussion Items	Board Consideration/ Action Items
<p>1. Project Design</p> <p>A. The DEP Water Quality Management Part 2 application has been submitted to DEP as approved at the December 2023 meeting. The application is in the administrative completeness review process.</p> <p>B. The PennDOT HOP permit for the WWTP driveway was approaching the termination date and has been extended through 3/22/2025.</p> <p>2. Funding</p> <p>A. A meeting was held with Pennvest, RUS, Authority and LSSE representatives on 2/27/2024 to discuss joint funding of the sewer project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Both funding sources indicated that a joint funding effort was feasible.A key consideration is to determine if the project can incorporate at least 1 customer from a second municipality to increase the eligibility for Pennvest funding to \$20M.The Authority was to contact a property owner just west of the Summit Township line in Butler Township to determine if they currently had sewer service and, if not, are they agreeable to sewer service from the Summit Authority system.RUS will arrange a meeting with their inhouse engineer, the Authority, and LSSE to discuss technical issues of RUS funding and how much of the work already completed can be used to meet RUS funding requirements. <p>B. Funding applications are being prepared for submission to Senators Casey and Fetterman for FY 2025 Federal Appropriations funding. Draft letters of support were prepared and sent to the Township for distribution to State Senator Hutchinson, State Representative Mustello, Butler County Commissioner Osche and US Congressman Kelley.</p> <p>C. The November 2023 PA DCED Statewide Local Share Account grant application was submitted by the Authority for extension of the collection system in Phase 2/3. LSSE provided the map and cost estimate of \$996,710. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000,000.</p> <p>D. <u>Additional efforts should be made to contact state reps and senators, and possibly county officials, regarding funding assistance.</u></p>	

End of Engineer's Report