

The regular monthly meeting of the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority was held on January 16, 2025, at 7:10 p.m., at the Nazareth Borough Council Chambers. Board members present were Earl Keller, A. J. Ressler, Werner Fornos, Jr., Robert Krause, Andrea Martin, and Becky Bartlett. Also present were Bert Smalley of Lower Nazareth Township, Patricia Mandes of Bushkill Township, Alfred S. Pierce, Esquire, of Pierce & Steirer, LLC, Charles Donello, Nazareth Borough Council liaison, and Engineer William Brown of Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc., and Trudy Johnston, Managing Director of Material Matters, Inc.

Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard Uliana discussed the EPA report on the PFAS risk assessment.

Jane Mellert discussed the EPA report on the PFAS risk assessment.

The Secretary's minutes of the meeting of December 19, 2024, were approved as presented.

Becky Bartlett moved and Earl Keller seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Cash Disbursements for December 2024 and Open Invoices for January 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

The Engineer's Report for December 2024 was approved as presented.

The Financial Report for January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, was approved as presented.

The Plant Manager's report for December 2024 was approved as presented.

The Office Administrator's report for December 2024 was approved as presented.

Becky Bartlett moved and Andrea Martin seconded a motion to approve the employee raises effective January 1, 2025, and directing the Treasurer to adjust the payroll records accordingly. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Krause moved and A. J. Ressler seconded a motion to approve the Synagro contract extension for the year 2025 at the rate of \$78.24 per wet ton effective January 16, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Andrea Martin moved and Becky Bartlett seconded a motion to approve the payment to Uhrig Contractors for the Borough annex project, payment No. 6, in the amount of \$152,244.41. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Krause moved and A. J. Ressler seconded a motion to hire Hahn's Lawns to do lawn mowing for the Authority at the plant and at the Hower farm during 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Andrea Martin moved and Robert Krause seconded a motion to purchase a Powerflex 755 at a cost of \$11,999 for the ICEAS blower, a Powerflex 755 at a cost of \$9,750 for the holding tank blower and two 20-HIM-A6 at a cost of \$250 each from Industrial Solutions Authority, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

Earl Keller moved and Becky Bartlett seconded a motion to direct HRG Engineering to develop design plans for a new influent structure for further review by the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Andrea Martin moved and Earl Keller seconded a motion to approve the Articles of Amendment, resolution No. 2025-5, to add storm water to the Authority's operating charter. The motion passed unanimously.

Andrea Martin moved and Earl Keller seconded a motion to authorize payment of the expenses of Board members and employees attending the PMAA training programs in 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Andrea Martin moved and Robert Krause seconded a motion to withdraw the Pennsylvania DEP NPDES storm water permit application for farm land and storage improvement at the Hower farm. The motion passed unanimously.

Andrea Martin moved and Earl Keller seconded a motion to withdraw the Plainfield Township storm water management plan submitted for the farm lane and storage improvements for the Hower farm and request a refund of unspent escrow funds and an accounting of spent escrow funds. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for an Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Ressler, Secretary