GREATER POTTSVILLE AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2025

The regular meeting of the Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority was held on the Third Floor City Hall Sewer Authority Conference Room on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Charles M. Dries, 1st Chairman with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT

Charles M. Dries , 1st Vice Chairman

James T. Muldowney , 2nd Vice Chairman

Ronald C. Zimmerman , Treasurer

Henry J. Minnig , Assistant Treasurer

John G. Botto , Secretary

William Deangeles, Jr. , Assistant Secretary

Joseph F. Spotts, III , Executive Director

Edward M. Brennan , Solicitor

John R. Poff, P.E. , Engineer, Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.

Christina M. Q. Herndon , Authority Secretary

William Orlowsky, P.E. , Project Manager

GUESTS

Brian Dries , President - Borough of Palo Alto

Vince Riotto , Vice President – Borough of Palo Alto

Jean Towle , Executive Director, Pottsville Library

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Dries, President of Palo Alto Borough asked the Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan

about the Intermunicipal Agreement.

Mr. Dries also asked the Board if there can be another Public Comment at the end of

the meeting so there can be a chance to comment on the rest of the meeting.

Discussion followed.

The Board agreed to have an additional Public Comment at the end on the Board Meeting.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2025, were presented for approval.

On motion of Henry J. Minnig, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved the February 26, 2025 meeting minutes.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session to discuss personnel matters began at 5:05 PM and reconvened at 5:17 PM.

REQUISITION NO. 703

Payee - Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority

Mid Penn Bank A/C #56-185-1

Amount - $ 460,204.09

Dated - March 26, 2025

On motion of Henry J. Minnig, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved Requisition No. 703 for March, 2025.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director’s report for March ,2025 presented by Joseph F. Spotts, III:

1. Presented for the Board’s update on the office renovations which are 95% completed just waiting for the blinds.

2. Presented for the Board’s information I would like to welcome the new Board Member

William Deangeles, Jr.

3. Presented for the Board’s information working with the Street crew installing lamp poles for the water authority project on West Railroad Street, Fairview Street, West Race Street and Pierce Street. Mobile Dredging and Video Pipe are videoing the lines to find laterals and cleanouts. Dallago Backhoe is excavating the sites.

4. Presented for the Board’s approval for the vacant commercial property owner at 22 South Coal Street, Port Carbon in which the pipes were frozen and the owner was responsible for paying for the water to be pumped out of his basement and is requesting to reduce his sewer bill to $42.50.

On motion of John G. Botto, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved to reduce sewer bill to $42.50.

On motion of James T. Muldowney, and seconded by Henry J. Minnig the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director’s Report for March, 2025.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor’s Report for March, 2025 Board Meeting.

1. Solicitor, Edward J. Brennan presented to the Board and update on the separation project

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2. Solicitor, Edward J. Brennan presented to the Board on the satisfied judgements

for the month.

On motion of John G. Botto, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved the Solicitor’s Report for March, 2025.

CONSULTING ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. John R. Poff, P. E. presented his report in written form. Refer to the attached report from Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. for March, 2025.

1. Mr. John R. Poff, P.E. presented for the Board’s information that the Market Street Sewer Separation Project & the Corrective Action Plan/Act 537 meeting with the City of Pottsville and Light-Heigel Associates gave a draft of the minutes of the meeting

Discussion followed.

2. Mr. John R. Poff, P.E. presented for the Board’s information on the Port Carbon manhole investigation still have two manholes to be inspected and maintained.

3. Mr. John R. Poff, P.E. presented for the Board’s information that Thomas W. Schreffler, P.E. is researching the new laws from the Biosolids Foundation which will affect the Pretreatment Ordinance.

Discussion followed.

4. Mr. John R. Poff, P.E. presented for the Board’s information an update on the Progress Avenue Arch Collapse . A cost estimate is $504,554.27 but does not include the Engineering costs. The construction bids will be in the fall of 2025.

5. Mr. John R. Poff, P.E. presented for the Board’s information on the investigation of the Sewer System-Flooding there will a 2nd proposal to the televise Progress Avenue and the Norwegian Creek Culvert to see the restrictions in the system.

Discussion followed.

On motion of Ronald C. Zimmerman, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved the Engineer’s Report for March, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

Ronald C. Zimmerman requested the street crew recheck the Krebs and Coal Street complaint in which there is an arch under the garage and also the recent manhole collapse near Port Carbon Borough Hall.

Discussion followed.

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NEW BUSINES

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m. on the motion of Henry J. Minnig, and seconded by

James T. Muldowney.

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JOHN G. BOTTO, SECRETARY