

January 18, 2022

POTTSTOWN BOROUGH AUTHORITY

Manager Justin Keller served as Temporary Chairperson and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

REORGANIZATION

Chairman Keller requested nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Mr. Renn moved that all officers retain current positions on the Board. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Chomnuk resumed the Chair and thanked all for the confidence and support of the Board.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Mike Benner, Jeff Chomnuk, Tom Carroll (virtual), Aram Ecker, David Renn and Authority Manager Justin Keller.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 21, 2021 - Mr. Benner moved to approve the December 21, 2021 minutes as presented. Mr. Renn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman Chomnuk advised that the Solicitor, Engineer and Finance reports were included in the packets. He added that the purpose of this meeting is for Reorganization and the Staff has been excused from participating in the meeting.

AUTHORITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Keller advised that the Bonds were officially called and the Authority is officially out of debt on the sewer side. He also explained the reasoning for the 10-year capital plan vs. the 5-year plan. He advised that certain projects will be added to the 10-year plan as potential plans and could be moved ahead, i.e., the \$10 million UV Treatment Installation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. A 10-year capital plan would benefit the Townships in preparation of their budgets.

Mr. Keller also advised that he received notice that West Pottsgrove Township is considering selling its sewer system and is seeking RFP's for the purchase of its sewer system. He added that he is meeting with AQUA PA to continue discussions regarding the interim commitment for the bulk water purchase and Aqua is seeking a slight contribution for the interconnection. Additional information will be provided at the March meeting.

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Mr. Keller reported that Mr. Wagner locked in an Energy “Emergency Locking” Contract for a total of 1.8% increase for years 2024-2027, which is a great advantage and savings of approximately \$100,000. He also reported that Public Works continues with leak detections and addressing water main breaks. Mr. Keller added that the Valve Exercising continues with added work in the warmer months.

CHERRY STREET

Mr. Ecker questioned the Cherry Street lateral replacement is the 1200 block of Cherry Street, wherein a homeowner was notified of a water leak and would possibly need to replace a portion of the sidewalk.

Mr. Keller agreed to discuss with Public Works and report to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. on motion by Mr. Benner.

Submitted by,

Virginia L. Takach, Borough Secretary
for Thomas Carroll, Secretary