

MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF BUFFALO TOWNSHIP

AUGUST 15, 2024, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

PRESENT: Eric Smith, Chairperson; Gary Risch, Vice-Chairperson; John Zurisko, Secretary; Michael Hnath, Solicitor; Matt Sprung, Engineer; Kristy Donaldson, Manager

ABSENT: Barry Wolfe, Treasurer; Richard Healey, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

1. The August 15, 2024, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Municipal Authority of Buffalo Township was called to order by Eric Smith at 7:00 p.m.
2. Eric Smith stated that the meeting was being recorded and requested that if anyone in the audience is taping the meeting to please state their name and address.
3. Eric Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2024, Regular Monthly Meeting: A motion was made by Gary Risch, and seconded by John Zurisko, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024, Regular Monthly Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Open to the floor:
6. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Financial Report for July 2024: The Treasurer's Report for July 2024 was presented. A motion was made by Gary Risch, seconded by John Zurisko, to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2024. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Invoices: The Board reviewed the list of monthly bills for approval as of August 15, 2024. A motion was made by Gary Risch to approve payment of the monthly bills. The motion was seconded by John Zurisko, which passed unanimously.
7. Manager's Report: Kristy Donaldson provided an update on the Route 228 Waterline Extension Project. An automated call was made to the residents after last month's meeting to notify them of the start of the project. 90 Day Notices will be going out soon as some section of pipe is currently being tested. If a customer cannot afford the tap payment, then a municipal lien will be placed on the property and payments can be made to the Authority. Kristy Donaldson and Matt Sprung discussed the meeting they had yesterday with Charter Homes. They are proposing to develop their plan in phases. Currently, there are 419 EDUs available at the sewage treatment plant. Some of these taps are already committed for two other developments. Gibson-Thomas will continue with the design of the expansion of the plant. Target date to approach PENNVEST for funding will be August 2025 and begin construction late 2025 or early 2026.
8. Solicitor's Report: Michael Hnath reported that he discussed the slight redesign of the boat ramp with Matt Drohan, Freeport Terminals. Matt was satisfied with the redesign.
9. Engineer's Report:
  - a. Matt Sprung provided an update on the water treatment plant expansion and the cooling system for the MCC panels, which will be reviewed.
  - b. Matt Sprung presented the following pay requisitions (each requisition was presented separately. Motion was made by John Zurisko, seconded by Gary Risch, and passed unanimously):
    - i. Pennvest Loan #80225 Freeport Lead Line Pay Requisition #3
    - ii. Pennvest Loan# 82247 Freeport Waterline Replacement Pay Requisition #3
    - iii. Pennvest Loan# 82247 Rte. 228 Waterline Extension Pay Requisition #3

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- iv. Butler County MIP Grant – Rte. 228 Waterline Extension Pay Requisition #4
- v. ARPA Grant – Rte. 228 Waterline Extension Pay Requisition #1

10. Old Business: None to report

11. New Business: None to report. The Board opened the floor to Gary Herbert, Developer of Pine Ridge P.R.D. Gary Herbert expressed his concerns over the invoicing for inspections through Gibson-Thomas Engineering.

12. Adjournment: At 7:47 p.m., Gary Risch made the motion to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting, which was seconded by John Zurisko. The motion passed unanimously.