

BERN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of Bern Township Municipal Authority

July 24, 2024

ATTENDEES: Jay Field, Treasurer; Fred Gurman, Chairman; Irene Reed, Secretary; Danielle Pappas, Asst. Secretary; Gloria Heffner, Asst. Treasurer ; Solicitor, Dan Becker, Kozloff Stoudt; Jamie Lorah, Engineer, SSM Group

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gurman, Chairman at 11:00 AM.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MINUTES OF June 26th, 2024: *Ms. Reed made a motion to approve the monthly minutes of the June 26th, 2024 Meeting.* Seconded by Mr. Field. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Field presented the water bill list for July in the amount of \$49,609.22 consisting of \$34,648.27 to WBWA; and \$9,608.77 to RAWA.

Mr. Field made a motion to pay the July water bills as presented. Seconded by Ms. Reed. **VOTE:** Yes – Mr. Field, Mr. Gurman, Ms. Heffner, Ms. Reed, Ms. Pappas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Field presented the sewer bill list for July in the amount of \$48,440.98 consisting of \$42,380.11 to City of Reading for the quarterly T&T payment.

Mr. Field made a motion to pay the July sewer bills as presented. Seconded by Ms. Reed. **VOTE:** Yes – Mr. Field, Mr. Gurman, Ms. Heffner, Ms. Reed, Ms. Pappas. Motion Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: On July 24th a water CD came due, the interest earned was \$10,570.96. Mr. Field reinvested the principal of \$200,000 for 1 year at a rate of 5% with Morgan Stanley through Tompkins Financial. The possible purchase was approved last month.

PROJECT COMMITTEE: RRAA – Tenant Advisory Committee Report – The BTMA lease agreement is completed and the committee asked how the project was going. Mr. Gurman reported to the committee that the contractor is awaiting the pumps and related materials to start the project soon.

PERSONNEL: None.

ENGINEER: Pump Stations Update – There is nothing to update, still waiting for the pumps and related parts to arrive, possibly two weeks out yet.

DEP Project for Lead Pipe Analysis – Data is being added to the spreadsheet, there are a few properties to update yet.

C&B Development Project – SSM reviewed the second submittal of the plan and the Sewer Facilities Planning Module and provided comments to the developer's engineer.

Penske Training Facility – SSM received revised plans, the plans were reviewed with comments going to the project's engineer. The engineer is finalizing easements for both their portion of the new sewer main as well as the existing sewer mains and pump station. The easements will be reviewed once they are submitted.

The taking control of the Pump Station was not in the legal description of the plan, it will need to be added.

Valve Vault for Bern West Ridge P.S. – Bloomin Glen did not give a quote, requests for quotes were sent to Axiom and LB Industries who are both Costar vendors.

Penske Collision Repair – Penske is planning a 47,212 Sq. Ft. building for mixed office and automotive repairs along West Leesport Rd. The building will be connected to both water and sewer with the sewer going to the airport sewer plant. The developer is planning to extend the water main from Stinson into the new Faller Lane road extension.

Reitnauer Property on Stinson – Proposed on the opposite side of Stinson Rd are 3 houses which will have E1 grinder pumps. The houses will want to connect to a manhole and the rule is no more than 2 connections should go into a manhole. Each connection should go to a lateral.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: LBA Agreement – There have been no comments from LBA on the agreement. LBA is waiting for comments from Entech and Ms. Naja is reviewing for procedural wording.

RRAA Lease for Pump Station – Atty. Becker said the final lease agreement is approved and signed. He will get BTMA a copy.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Bethany Romanian Church – 411 Oak Grove Road is not connected to sewer and the church would like to abandon the line. The office has communicated that an agreement needs to be drawn up which will be at the cost of the customer. Also, if ever they want to connect in the future, the tapping fee would need to be paid. The line needs to be capped and inspected.

Mr. Gurman made a motion to authorize the abandonment of 411 Oak Grove Rd. and for the solicitor to draw up the agreement. Seconded by Ms. Pappas. **VOTE:** Yes – Mr. Field, Mr. Gurman, Ms. Heffner, Ms. Reed, Ms. Pappas. Motion Carried.

Ms. Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 PM. Seconded by Ms. Pappas. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene Reed
Secretary