

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The February meeting of the Board of the Norristown Municipal Waste Authority (“NMWA”) was called to order by Gregory Nester, Chairperson, at 6:45 PM in the Norristown Municipal Waste Authority Office.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present:

Gregory Nester
Jack Ochnich
Cathy Lawrence
Fernando Feliciano
Cyril Burke

Also in attendance:

Ed Rudolph, Rudolph Clarke, LLC
Fred Gerloff, Remington & Vernick (RVB)
Barry Thompson, Keystone Alliance Consulting

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Ochnich, the NMWA approved the Minutes of the January 13, 2016 Authority Meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Gerloff reported that the sewer tie-in connection from the development at 900 Sandy Street to the Authority sewer system was completed and inspected by RVB.

Mr. Gerloff stated that a utility coordination meeting was held on January 22, 2016 at PennDOT’s office regarding the Markley Street, Section 510 project to discuss the status of the work to be completed by the various utility firms.

Mr. Gerloff noted that RVB is working with the PennDOT engineer in connection with a cost-share agreement for the sanitary sewer portion of the Lafayette Street Corridor project.

Mr. Gerloff indicated that RVB started work on the 2015 Annual Chapter 94 report, which must be submitted to the PaDEP by March 31, 2016.

Mr. Thompson, reporting on behalf of the Contract Manager, stated that for the month of January, the collection system personnel cleaned 24,160 feet of pipe, responded to 82 PA 1 calls and 4 sewer blockage calls, replaced 10 manhole lids, installed 38 manhole rain guards, and posted 61 water shutoffs while the wastewater treatment plant had no permit violations and treated an average daily flow of 4,700,000 with total snowfall of 30.6 inches.

Mr. Thompson, reporting on behalf of BCM, noted that the specifications are being prepared for the advertisement of the Digester Cleaning Contract and that re-sampling was done at the treatment plant for the NPDES Permit Renewal.

Mr. Thompson indicated that there was nothing to report for SSM.

Mr. Rudolph stated that was no Solicitor's Report.

Mr. Thompson noted that for the month of January, collections decreased while expenses increased, primarily due to the upfront payment of liability insurance and worker's compensation as well as the payout of unused personal time for the previous year, resulting in a cash deficit of \$115,733.

Mr. Thompson reminded the NMWA Board that the sewer rate increase is reflected in the February sewer bill.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Park Place Apartments in Norristown are very delinquent despite efforts by the Authority to collect for the sewer charges, and therefore the Authority has requested the Solicitor to prepare the documents for the filing of a lien on the property.

Mr. Thompson stated that the operating disbursements for the month totaled \$155,489.99 and the capital expenditures amounted to \$11,882.90 and covered payments to BCM for the digester rehabilitation and SSM for the Consent Order.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS TO VENDORS AND FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Total Operation Disbursements for February	\$155,489.99
Capital Expenditures	\$11,882.90
TOTALS FOR JANUARY	\$167,372.89

On a motion by Ms. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Feliciano, the NMWA unanimously approved the monthly disbursements for February 2016 in the total amount of \$167,372.89.

OTHER COMMENTS:

The next NMWA Board Meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2016 in the NMWA office.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Mr. Ochnich, seconded by Ms. Lawrence, and unanimously approved by the Board, the NMWA meeting was adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY: ROSEANN SANTANGELO
EDITED BY: BARRY THOMPSON