

August 11, 2022

Somerset Township Municipal Authority met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 2209 North Center Avenue, Somerset, Pennsylvania. Members attending were Richard Burkett, Chairman; Eugene Barron, Secretary; and Terry Tallion, Treasurer. Others attending were Carolyn Zambanini, Manager; Michael Barbera, Barbera Law; Jon Wahl, Project Coordinator; Michael Lear, Somerset Engineering; Don Miller, Dan Halverson, and Randy Beistel, Supervisors; and Tami Yutzy, Township Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Richard Burkett followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 14, 2022, meeting and the financial report for August, 2022. There were no additions or corrections. Motion by Eugene Barron, seconded by Terry Tallion, to approve the reports. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Michael Lear of Somerset Engineering reported work on the Byers Road Water Line Extension Project is anticipated to begin in September. The Byers Road Sewer Line Extension Project is expected to begin thereafter, potentially in October.

Mr. Lear also reported that the 281 Corridor Water Line Extension Project is out for bid. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for August 16th. STMA has elected to purchase the majority of the materials for this project, and the project has been bid with owner-provided materials. Some of the product has been received. There are numerous potential bidders interested in this project.

Dan Halverson, Township Supervisor, questioned whether the project would interfere with plowing this fall/winter. STMA understands the Supervisors concerns with projects in winter conditions; STMA prefers not to construct projects in the winter either. More detailed information on the construction timeframe will be attained at the pre-construction meeting. The construction period for the Byers Road Sewer Line Extension Project is 60 days; however, the project may be completed in as little as 30 days, subject to unforeseen conditions.

Jon Wahl, Project Coordinator, reported that two easements remain to be finalized for the 281 Corridor Water Line Extension Project. A traveling notary was engaged to obtain the signature of James Cupp on the easements for the Cupp property. The documents have been shipped via UPS to STMA and are expected today.

Mr. Wahl requested a resolution authorizing eminent domain proceedings for the remaining two easements for this project – Mostoller, Inc., and Harbaugh Real Estate, LLC – in the event a timely agreement cannot be reached.

Motion by Eugene Barron, seconded by Terry Tallion, to adopt Resolution No. 2 for the year 2022, summarized as follows:

A resolution of the Somerset Township Municipal Authority authorizing the condemnations of certain rights-of-way for the construction, operation, and maintenance of public water lines and related facilities generally located near Stoystown Road, Somerset Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Wahl will continue to work on these easements prior to filing the eminent domain proceedings.

Mr. Wahl has been in contact with Mark Talbert of Dewberry Engineers, Inc., regarding a potential project by Wal-Mart for which sufficient water volume and pressure is needed for the fire protection system. A storage tank for the required fire protection is being considered. Mr. Wahl proposed a connection to the North Somerset Water Line constructed from the Rayanne Lane Meter Pit owned by Somerset County General Authority to the UMH Sunny Acres Mobile Home Park. Drawings of the existing water lines in the vicinity of Wal-Mart have been forwarded to Mr. Talbert. He will be reviewing the options and getting back with Mr. Wahl.

Carolyn Zambanini, Manager, requested the Board ratify the hiring of a Water Plant Laborer.

Motion by Terry Tallion, seconded by Eugene Barron, to ratify the hiring of Tyler Barron of Somerset Pennsylvania, as a Full-time Water Plant Operator at the hourly rate of \$20.00, effective August 1, 2022. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Zambanini presented for ratification an Amendment to Intermunicipal Services Agreement among Somerset Borough and its Authority and Somerset Township and its Authority. Attorney Michael Barbera explained that Somerset Borough has requested the term of the existing agreements be extended until the Borough is no longer indebted which in reality would be perpetuity. STMA offered a 20-year term to coincide with the Borough's PennVEST loan. There has been some confusion among officials of the Borough and STMA as to whether or not PennVEST has accepted the Amendment as proposed by STMA. Mrs. Zambanini is contacting Michele Enos, Manager of Somerset Borough, to resolve the potential issue. Somerset Borough may be requesting an additional three years on the term to satisfy PennVEST. No action was taken on the proposed Amendment to Intermunicipal Services Agreement.

Motion by Eugene Barron, seconded by Terry Tallion, to ratify the advertisement of the Invitation for Bids for the 281 Corridor Water Line Extension Project; bids are due August 31, 2022. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Tallion, seconded by Eugene Barron, to approve the Right-of-way Agreement with Joshua O. Brant and Janet Johnson Brant in connection with the 281 Corridor Water Line Extension Project. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned upon motion by Eugene Barron and seconded by Terry Tallion.

Eugene Barron, Secretary