

**BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN
WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Water/Wastewater Committee was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at the Kutztown Municipal Building, 45 Railroad Street.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Ed Seyler, Chairman. Members present were: Mr. Ed Seyler, Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder, and Dr. Derek Mace. Also in attendance: Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Borough Manager; Mr. Mike Miller, Sewer Plant Manager; Mr. Troy Smith, Water Plant Manager, Mr. Jim Schlegel, Mayor; and Ms. Jill Remick, Recording Secretary. Public Attendance: Mike Clark representing New Enterprise Stone and Lime (NESL).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 13, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed by members. Motion by Ms. Ladd-Kidder, seconded by Dr. Mace, to approve the November 13, 2024 minutes as written. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

WATER UTILITIES

Water report:

Gallons pumped for November 2024 – 19,661,000

Daily average pumped November 2024 – 634,226

Precipitation for November 2024 – 2.4"

NESL Proposal for New Well

Mr. Clark, VP of Services for NESL, addressed the Committee to discuss the possibility of NESL providing a new well for the Borough. No action was taken.

Discuss Ordering Replacement for Truck #7

Mr. Smith presented pricing for a replacement truck. A motion was made by Dr. Mace, seconded by Ms. Ladd-Kidder, to recommend Borough Council take action to approve the purchase of a new 2024 F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab, through Costars, in the amount of \$51,995.00, to replace the Water Department's old truck #7, a 2000 Chevrolet 2500 H/D 4x4 pickup truck. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Mace, seconded by Ms. Ladd-Kidder, to recommend Borough Council take action to approve the purchase of a snowplow, to fit the new 2024 F-250, in the amount of \$7,030.21. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discuss Replacement of Water Plant A/C – Dehumidifier

A motion was made by Dr. Mace, seconded by Ms. Ladd-Kidder, to recommend Borough Council take action to approve the purchase of a new air conditioning/dehumidifier unit, through Costars, with a purchase price of \$81,575.00, to replace the Water Department's old unit. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discuss Credit to MTMA

Mr. Smith noted that the fire company used the hydrant, located after the Giant meter pit, to fill a tanker used to fight a fire in Richmond Township. MTMA is requesting a water credit. Motion by Ms. Ladd-Kidder, seconded by Dr. Mace, to recommend Borough Council approve a water credit to MTMA in the amount of \$61.04. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Off Agenda Items

Ms. Ladd-Kidder briefly discussed the reports on well levels and trends, which she previously forwarded to Committee members via email.

WASTEWATER UTILITIES

Sewer report:

Influent flow for November 2024 – 21,530,000

Effluent flow for November 2024 – 19,851,800

Daily Average Influent Flow November 2024 – 717,666

Melted precipitation November 2024 – 2.5"

Approve Dates for 2025 W/WW Committee Meetings

Motion by Ms. Ladd-Kidder and seconded by Dr. Mace to approve the 2025 Water/Wastewater meeting dates.

Update of NPDES Violation

Mr. Miller noted the testing for Total Dissolved Solids has been noted as high for the past few months. Mr. Miller has been discussing this with HRG.

Off Agenda Items

Mr. Miller reported that HRG is currently working on the permit for the Sludge Press Project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Dr. Mace, seconded by Ms. Ladd-Kidder, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.