

**BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN
WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14 , 2024**

A regular meeting of the Water/Wastewater Committee was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at the Kutztown Municipal Building, 45 Railroad Street.

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. by Mr. Ed Seyler, Chairman. Members present were: Mr. Ed Seyler, Dr. Derek Mace and Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder. Also in attendance: Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Borough Manager; Mr. Mike Miller, Sewer Plant Manager; Mr. Troy Smith, Water Plant Manager, Mr. Jim Schlegel, Mayor. Heidi Hermany, Recording Secretary. Public Attendance: Borough residents: Patti Picone and Derek Picone, Scott Sweigart, C2C Design Group, Larry Lloyd, Berks Nature, Brian Kobularcik, Lori Lobb.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 10, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed by members. Motion by Ms. Ladd-Kidder and seconded by Mr. Seyler to approve the January 10, 2024 minutes as written. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

WATER UTILITIES

Water report:

Gallons pumped for January 2024 – 18,239,000

Daily average pumped January 2024 – 588.355

Precipitation for January 2024 – 6.8”

BERKS NATURE

Mr. Lloyd recapped some of the conservation projects completed in 2023 and explained that various drainage issues have been remedied by improvements already completed. Berks nature plans to revisit planting in habitat areas around the middle school. Mr. Seyler explained that the Borough will be looking for Berks Nature’s help with the water issue at the basin on Koffee Lane.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Piccone asked the committee to revisit her request for sewer credit, as discussed at the January 2024 meeting. Ms. Piccone’s request was denied by the committee, with no need for further discussion.

LISA LADD-KIDDER ITEMS

Ms. Kidder reviewed the PCE test results, SCRA documents and Water Supply Items in Comprehensive plan with the committee. Information attached; a motion was made by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Kidder to pass the information to Council.

Will Serve Request for Villas @ Maxatawny

Mr. Sweigart explained that the planned number of townhomes has changed to 118. The developer is requesting Kutztown Borough serve the townhomes with a total of 29,500 gpd of water (118 EDUs). Mr. Kobularcik explained that 118 EDU's of sewer service would also be needed. Ms. Lobb explained that there is a 750' deep well inside of the old ice plant which the Borough could possibly use if there are concerns about using an excess of water resources. No action was taken as further information and discussion is needed.

Wentz St. Bid

Lowest bid came in at \$132,343.00. A motion was made by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Kidder to send to Council conditionally. The motion passed unanimously.

Millers Sanitary Contract Extension

This is the last allowed contract extension. Motion made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Mace to send the contract to council for renewal. The motion passed unanimously.

HRG Submittals for Highland Avenue

Proposed repairs to sewer line and forced main estimated cost of \$400,000. The existing pump station refurb is not necessary currently. Check valves and shut off valves have already been replaced. The cost to move the pump station is estimated at \$642,000. Mr. Miller will revisit this subject at next month's meeting.

New pump at Highland Avenue Pump Station

The new pump pumps 80 gpm, whereas the old pump was pumping 30 gpm. The cost to replace is \$9,000 installed; Mr. Miller would like to purchase another, as is allowed within the budget.

WASTEWATER UTILITIES

Sewer report:

Influent flow for January 2024 - 56,678,000

Effluent flow for January 2024 - 52,477,700

Daily Average Influent Flow - January 2024 – 1,828,323

Melted precipitation January 2024 - 6.9"

Off Agenda Items

Customer at 513 E. Main St. is requesting a sewer credit due to a water softener leak. The committee will need a \$ amount to discuss at the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the motion by Dr. Mace and seconded by Mr. Seyler to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.