

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
SOUTH HEIDELBERG, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
January 2, 2020**

The Board of the Municipal Authority of the Township of South Heidelberg met for their general meeting at the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Musante, via phone, at 7:00pm. Mr. Musante, via phone then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Musante, via phone announced that the meeting was being recorded to better help with the taking of meeting minutes.

Present were: John N. Musante, via phone, Jeff Pawling, Kevin R. Eberhart, Thomas Schultz, Jon H. Gerhart, Members; Andy George of Kozloff Stoudt, Authority Solicitor; David M. Bright, P.E. of Spotts, Stevens & McCoy, Inc., Authority Engineer; Sean McKee, Township Manager and Kim Auman, Municipal Clerk.

**Chairman Musante asked for public comment:**

Brandon Miller and Dennis Ames both with Prime Wellness requested that the Board consider making an exception due to the amount of water that goes to their plants and is not going through the sewer system, when calculating the water usage/sewer bill for the business. Currently, they believe that about 30% of their water usage is not going down the drain. There was discussion between the Board and Mr. Miller regarding other possible ways to monitor the usage.

**Motion:**

**ON a motion** by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Eberhart, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the 12/5/2019 Meeting.

**REORGANIZATION:**

**Mr. George asked for a Motion:**

**ON a motion** by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Musante, it was unanimously voted to open up the floor for nominations.

Mr. Musante nominated Mr. Gerhart for the Office of Chairman of the Municipal Authority. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Eberhart. Hearing no opposition, the motion was carried.

Mr. Musante motioned that Mr. Schultz remain as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Eberhart remain as Secretary; this was seconded by Mr. Pawling and it was unanimously voted to have Mr. Schultz and Mr. Eberhart remain in their current positions.

Mr. Musante nominated Mr. Pawling for the Office of Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Eberhart and it was unanimously voted that Mr. Pawling be the new treasurer.

Mr. Pawling nominated Mr. George as Municipal Authority Solicitor. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Eberhart and it was unanimously voted to keep Mr. George as Solicitor.

Mr. Musante nominated Mr. Bright as Municipal Authority Engineer. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Gerhart and it was unanimously voted to keep Mr. Bright as Engineer.

Mr. Gerhart recommended that the Municipal Authority keep RKL as Accountant/Auditor. It was unanimously voted to keep RKL as the Municipal Authority Accountant/Auditor.

Mr. Gerhart recommended that FNB, Santander and VIST Bank remain our Depositories. It was unanimously voted to keep the same depositories.

**RECAP OF POSITIONS:**

Jon Gerhart, Chairman

Thomas L. Schultz, Vice-Chairman

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Jeffrey L. Pawling, Treasurer  
Kevin R. Eberhart, Secretary  
John N. Musante, Member  
Andrew George, Solicitor  
David Bright, Engineer  
RKL, Accountant/Auditor  
FNB, Santander, VIST, Depositories

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**Point Road Sewer Replacement:**

Mr. Bright recommended that we accept and approve the Final Change Order #1, which is to make an adjustment to the amount of the contract to account for the difference between the estimated quantities that were in the bid and the actual quantities for what the contractor installed.

**Motion:**

**ON a Motion** by Mr. Gerhart and seconded by Mr. Pawling, it was unanimously voted to approve the Final Change Order #1.

**ON a Motion** by Mr. Pawling and seconded by Mr. Eberhart, it was unanimously voted to approve Payment #4, the final payment of \$6,941.26 for the release of retaining monies, payable to BP Paterson.

**PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant:**

Mr. Bright reported that the Grant application was submitted and there should be a decision in July.

**SEWER FLAT AND USAGE RATES:**

There was discussion concerning the process of informing residents and the amount the rates should be raised to. Taking into account the rates of other municipalities and the cost of future maintenance, repair and prevention on the system, it was proposed to raise the flat rate to \$42.00 and the usage rate to \$4.60  
**ON a motion** by Mr. Eberhart and seconded by Mr. Pawling, it was unanimously voted to raise the flat rate effective April 1, 2020, to \$42.00 per EDU and the usage rate to \$4.60 per 1000 gallons.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**Wernersville State Hospital (WSH):**

Mr. George reported that the Engineer for the WSH was informed by Mr. George that SHTMA does not wish for the WSH to become a customer of SHTMA due to costs involved.

**Konopelski:**

Mr. George received an email from Konopelski's attorney inferring that Konopelski wanted compensation for the easement. Mr. Bright reached out directly to Mr. Konopelski and asked him about it since compensation was never mentioned before. Mr. Konopelski stated that his lawyer told him to say that he wants compensation.

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**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Nothing to report

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

**Motion:**

ON a motion by Mr. Gerhart and seconded by Mr. Musante, it was unanimously voted to ratify the payment of bills since 12/5/19 and authorize the payment of bills dated 1/2/20.

**Motion:**

ON a motion by Mr. Pawling, seconded by Mr. Schultz, it was unanimously voted to receive and file the Treasurers Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**Motion:**

Mr. Eberhart made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Mr. Schultz, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

  
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Kevin R. Eberhart, Secretary