

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SOUTH HEIDELBERG, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
February 6, 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. Gerhart, at 7:00pm. Mr. Gerhart then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Gerhart announced that the meeting was being recorded to better help with the taking of meeting minutes.

Present were: 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 Gerhart asked for public comment: NONE

Motion:

ON a motion by Mr. Pawling and seconded by Mr. Eberhart, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the 1/2/2020 Meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Prime Wellness:

Mr. Bright reported that in doing some research, he found that there are no municipalities that the general rule is that an allowance is made for any water that does not run through the sewer system. Nothing has been received by Prime Wellness to support their request. Prime Wellness will pay a tapping fee of \$62,485.50.

PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant:

Mr. Bright reported that the Grant application is being reviewed.

Moyer Nissan:

Plan on putting in an in-house car wash (not for public use). Will require more capacity.

F.M. Brown:

Mr. Bright spoke with Schlouch who is assisting with the potential commercial development of the former Jake's Greenhouse property. They had questions on how they could connect to public sewer. F.M. Brown is planning on building a warehouse on the property.

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. Konopelski's position is that he still compensation.

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TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

ON-LINE payments:

Mr. McKee reported that the online payments have increased.

Mr. McKee will have a Budget Structure for the March meeting for the board to review.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

There were 3 sewer accounts who requested an adjustment due to water leaks at their residences. Discussion by the board determined that the water from the leaks did not go thru the sewer system, therefore should be adjusted.

Motion:

ON a motion by Mr. Gerhart and seconded by Mr. Pawling, it was unanimously voted to impose an abnormal billing policy to make adjustments to accounts, with adequate documentation of a water leak not going through the sewer system. The policy is to state that an adjustment should be made to an average of 6 quarters of billing times 2; plus a \$25 administrative fee.

It was brought to the attention of the Board and the question asked what can be done, regarding a property that we believe has something wrong with the meter. The property has a well and the residents are using water, however, there has been no water usage increase on the meter since 2013. Mr. George will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Motion:

ON a motion by Mr. Pawling and seconded by Mr. Schultz, it was unanimously voted to ratify the payment of bills since 1/2/19 and authorize the payment of bills dated 2/6/20.

Motion:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Motion:

Mr. Pawling made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Mr. Schultz, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.



Kevin R. Eberhart, Secretary