

NORRISTOWN STORMWATER AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 6, 2022, 6:30 PM

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 23

2 West Lafayette Street, 1st Floor, Norristown, PA 19401

MINUTES

Authority Members present:

Michael Ludwig Rebecca Smith Thomas Lepera
Christine Fleming Matthew Moyer

Staff present:

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator
Thomas Odenigbo, Public Works Director
Kathy Pfister, Finance Director
Alex Baumler, Solicitor (via phone)
Alison Lee, Engineer

Others present: Bruce Hulshizer, Herbert, Rowland and Grubic

There was a motion by Thomas Lepera, seconded by Matthew Moyer, to approve the Minutes from December 9, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Crandall Jones referred to the Notice to Norristown Property Owners regarding the dates for a series of four Public Meetings (one in each Council District) to inform residents about the stormwater infrastructure issues and get input regarding the proposed stormwater fee. Mr. Jones mentioned that the meetings may be virtual depending on the status of PA COVID-19 regulations. There was a motion by Michael Ludwig, seconded by Thomas Lepera, to approve the four Public Meeting on March 29 and 31, and April 12 and 14 of 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 22-02

Crandall Jones turned to the Solicitor, Alex Baumler, via phone. Mr. Baumler explained that an agreement is needed to establish the transfer and management of the Stormwater facilities. He stated that the operational structure dictated that a Management and Lease Agreement are both necessary. He explained that the Authority will share in the operation of the facilities and noted that the term of existence is 50 years and there will be renewal terms in 2047. It was further noted that payment to the Municipality from the Authority will be derived from the Stormwater Fee and the Authority will be reimbursed for operation of the facilities.

The Board unanimously voted to approve Resolution 22-02. Michael Ludwig made a reference to the Resolution and the Lease Agreement wherein the word "Borough" should be changed to "Municipality."

Authority Introduction Letter

Crandall Jones noted that the letter mentions the fact that the Municipal Council has covered the 2022 costs of the Stormwater Management Fee for residents utilizing the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds.

After discussing the issue, it was suggested that the letter could be put on an Authority letterhead and more information be provided through a flyer insert and a reference to the Municipal website.

Alison Lee, Municipal Engineer, confirmed that reaching out to the public via the letter fulfills the MS4 requirements under the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Program.

It was also suggested that the third paragraph read, "In the coming months," and that the times and locations be included with the listed dates. President Rebecca Smith asked to mention that the Authority was formed by residents and those who work in the community.

There was a motion by Thomas Lepera, seconded by Michael Ludwig, to adjourn the meeting, There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Santangelo