

MUHLENBERG TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP SESSION OF THE BOARD

A workshop session of the Board of Muhlenberg Township Authority, Water and Sewer Projects, was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at 210 George Street, Reading, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to notice both advertised and posted according to law.

The following members of the Board were present:

Scott Lehr
Jim Kelly
Walt LaSota
Steve Wolfinger
Rick Hoffmaster

In attendance was Thomas A. Rothermel, of counsel. Also present were Jim Bobeck, Township Manager, Sam Harter of Tompkins Insurance, and representatives of PFM Financial Advisors, LLC, Jamie Schlesinger and Garrett Moore.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Lehr.

There was no public comment.

Under New Business, Mr. Harter of Tompkins Insurance presented to the Board regarding cyber liability insurance. The policy would include up to \$1 million in coverage at a premium cost of \$6,310; a premium for \$2 million in coverage totals \$8,910. Coverage would afford the MTA both first and third-party protection, as well as support in the event of a covered breach. Mr. Wolfinger made a Motion to approve the purchase of the \$1 million cyber liability insurance policy, underwritten by State National Insurance Company, in the amount stated. That Motion was seconded by Mr. Hoffmaster and unanimously approved.

A proposal of Wexcon, Inc., a Costars vendor, was presented to the Board for repairs associated with a water main break at the site of the Ebling Memorial Bridge. The total cost of the proposal was \$217,209.00, which includes replacement of a valve and approximately 200' of 16" pipe. Work would commence upon receipt of the materials, which was anticipated to occur within the next two (2) weeks. Mr. Hoffmaster made a Motion to approve the proposal of Wexcon, Inc. in the amount stated. That Motion was seconded by Mr. LaSota and unanimously approved.

The Board was presented with a Second Amended to Agreement with the Borough of Laureldale, which document clarifies and corrects certain boundary lines and service responsibilities with respect to areas in the Borough. The Agreement, as amended, results in no financial impact to the Authority. Mr. Hoffmaster made a Motion to approve the Agreement, which Motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and unanimously approved.

Mr. Schlesinger and Mr. Moore of PFM Financial Advisors, LLC presented to the Board regarding a rate study proposal. Data from the rate study would be used to evaluate current water and sewer rates against future capital improvements and growth. The timeframe for completion of the study would be approximately three (3) months. The total cost would be a flat rate of \$19,500. The Board will review the proposal. Further discussion is anticipated at a future meeting.

At 7:10 p.m., Chairman Lehr moved the meeting into Executive Session to discuss matters involving personnel. At 8:24 p.m., the meeting was called to open session. No member of the public was present upon resuming open session.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on Motion of Mr. LaSota, seconded by Mr. Kelly, and unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting of the Board of the Muhlenberg Township Authority will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2024, in the main meeting room of the Muhlenberg Township Administration Building, 210 George Street, Reading, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania 19605.



Title: *SECRETARY*