

# minutes

## Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority Meeting

*Date / time* Dec. 06, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Regularly Scheduled

### In Attendance

**Authority members:** Patty Alworth, Dan Burkett, Gary Fowler, Mike Graham, Greg Haws, ~~Vacancy 1~~  
~~Vacancy 2~~

**Also Present:** Kyle Schwabenbauer, P.E./ EADS Group; Ryan Jones/ CWM Environmental

### Call to Order

The December 6, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman, Mike Graham, at 6:31 p.m.

### Persons to Be Heard

Frank reviewed Oct. and Nov. 2023 water reports. 3 leaks found in the last 2 months, Acme, Carwick, and Chestnut.

Gave current status of CDBG Chestnut construction.

Invited to Mahoning WWTP, and attended in preparation for our WWTP Upgrade Project, showing things they like and would do differently.

### Approval of Minutes

The November 1, 2023 minutes were approved as amended by a motion, second, and unanimous vote.

### Financial

All Authority, Borough bank account balances, and Toby debt service loan balances were presented. A motion was made, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote to pay the bills as presented.

### Unfinished Business

#### Ridgeview Dr. - status:

Terraworks, Davis Hauling, and Northwoods have provided phone bids for water project. Davis Hauling provided the lowest bid for water project. Motion, second, carried to award Davis Hauling Ridgeview Water Project.

Terraworks, Davis Hauling, and Northwoods have provided phone bids for sewer project. Davis Hauling provided the lowest bids for sewer project. Motion, second, carried to award Davis Hauling Ridgeview Sewer Project.

Davis Hauling indicated could start near 12/18/2023.

Frank to find someone to haul materials not in stock at the maintenance building.

### Projects

**EADS Group Engineer Report** attached to these minutes.

#### PENNVEST WWTP Upgrade Project:

No further progress with Lewis property. Counteroffer and appraisal have not yet been carried out.

**Motion, second, carried to adopt Resolution 08-2023 to reimburse authority for as necessary for WWTP Upgrade Project from PENNVEST grant for \$8,180,600.**

**Motion, second, carried to adopt Resolution 09-2023 to reimburse authority for as necessary for WWTP Upgrade Project from PENNVEST grant for \$710,000.**

#### **PENNVEST Leadline Replacement Project**

Pre-Construction meeting earlier this morning. Start date Wed., 12/13/2023. Public Alert will need sent to notify customers of water off that day. Construction alert letter should be sent similar to Chestnut St. letter. Boro. Sec. coordinate with Kyle and Frank for changes and details.

Motion, second, carried to submit and pay PENNVEST Pay Request No. 1 totaling \$97, 941.56 to reimburse Authority and pay the two attorneys.

#### **CDBG Chestnut St. Waterline Replacement**

Motion, second, carried to approve Terraworks Pay Application for \$389,482.90.

#### **Chapter 94 Report**

Motion, second, carried to have EADS Group complete this annual required report to DEP.

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### **Correspondence**

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#### **DEP violation letter 2023/11/20, CWM response 2023/12/05 (emails, letters)**

Ryan Jones/ CWM Environmental/ Metiri Group was present to address issue(s) in DEP violation letter at the Waste Water Treatment Plant from early 2022 to the present. Per Authority request, as Rimersburg's Sewer Operator, CWM has provided a letter of response for the Authority to include when responding to DEP by the 12/20/2023 deadline. Mike and Roger to draft a response for all to proofread as soon as possible before sending.

#### **PA Water Utility Control System Cyber Incident Advisory email 2023/12/03**

Initial email informed recipients of a cyber attack event in Aliquippa involving Israeli equipment. A second email was received earlier today as well with discovery that the cyber attack is wider and confirmed involves attacks on equipment from Israel.

#### **East Brady Water Agreement emails 2023/11/14**

Communication was received inviting Rimersburg officials to attend a meeting regarding possible changes in rates. Per the 2008 agreement, as the most recent specifying dates for notification and changes, it is not the correct year. The soonest eligible notification at this time must be no later than 11/01/2024 to be in effect for years 2025, 2026, and 2027. Chair consulted with solicitor, solicitor agrees.

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### **New Business**

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Motion, second, carried to discuss Borough 2024 Budget request from Council.

Motion, second, carried to raise Water usage rate \$1.00/ each additional 1,000 gallons and Sewer usage rate \$1.50/ each additional 1,000 gallons.

#### **Annual Mtg. with East Brady Borough**

Representatives from Rimersburg Borough and the Authority attended the annual meeting with East Brady Borough and relayed that it was positive and informative.

Dan will attend the Tues., Jan. 2, 2024 Re-Organizational meeting of Borough Council.

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## Adjournment

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Wednesday, Jan. 03, 2024 | 6:30 p.m., is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rimersburg Borough Municipal Authority at the Rimersburg Borough Building.

Motioned, seconded, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana L. Solida

Borough Secretary