The Huntingdon Borough Water & Sewer Committee meeting was held in the Borough Conference Room, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Members present were President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilman David Quarry, Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown, Councilman Terry Green, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Borough Engineer Kevin Nester, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Water Plant Supervisor Kevin Johnston, Sewer Plant Supervisor Roger Shaffer, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Jennifer Clark, Gary Cramer, Dean Harris and Joseph Thompson.

Chairman David Quarry called the Water & Sewer Committee meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

Chairman David Quarry recognized the guest present and ask for their comments.

There were no comments made by the guest present.

Chairman David Quarry called on the Water Plant Supervisor’s report.

Kevin Johnston ask if there were any questions on his report?

There were no questions ask.

Kevin Johnston reported that we will be having an exit meeting with DEP from their inspection on August 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Kevin Johnston said that the combined filter effluent turbidimeters are no longer allowed. Kevin said that he has contacted Borough Engineer Kevin Nester, and we will need to get permits. Kevin said this will cost the borough a great deal of money

Borough Engineer Kevin Nester said that we will need to take an average of each filter and then have the SCADA system reprogramed.

Kevin Johnston said the flows were low going over the dam due to the cord being lifted up that measures the flow. Kevin said this has been fixed.

Kevin Johnston talked about chemicals and said he had saved around $2,500.00 on the Caustic chemical.

Chairman David Quarry called on the Wastewater Plant Supervisor’s report.

Roger Shaffer ask if there were any questions on his report?

There were no questions ask.

Roger Shaffer said the plant runs off of plant water and the VFD went down. Roger said he had ordered one and they had to move the panel slot over to install this. Roger said that he had ordered one for a backup also.

Roger Shaffer reported that the pumps in the ATAD had been installed by Tuscarora.

Roger Shaffer reported that they are cleaning out the SNDR and next spring they will be installing the jet pumps.

Roger Shaffer said we are keeping the old ones at the plant for spare parts.

Roger Shaffer reported that DEP has changed the ratio of Nitrogen and Phosphorus on credits to sell so these will be lower. Roger said these credits run from October to September.

Roger Shaffer said he has had phone calls on buying credits already.

Roger Shaffer said we are having trouble with flow meters at Walker Township and Penn Township on sending signals to the plant. Roger said the radio read signal is shot.

Roger Shaffer said he had talked to Penn Township on a sensor phone and explained this to them and they understand. Roger said that we can take this money out of what we owe them. Roger said the units run around $2,500.00 and the service contract is $300.00 per year.

Roger Shaffer said he had talked to Julie at Walker Township and explained this to her. Roger said Julie gave the go ahead to do this. Roger said we can bill Walker Township for this.

Roger Shaffer said that he had talked to both prisons and they will need to get approval from higher up.

Roger Shaffer said in the Industrial Waste permits, they are not charged for nitrogen or phosphorus and it is on the local limits for the treatment plant. Roger said we could charge a surcharge for these.

Roger Shaffer reported on K & L Plating and not being allowed in to inspect.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we now have Solicitor Richard Wilson and Smithfield Township involved in this.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens reported that the company this was sold to in New Jersey is actually the same person.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens reported they have no legal permits and have not applied for any permits. Chris said their permit application was submitted to them to fill out and sign and send back.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said they have a rainwater collection system and we don’t know what they are dumping down the sewer. Chris said they could do damage to the treatment plant.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that Solicitor Wilson was working on an ordinance for these type of businesses that don’t want to abide by what we want and need.

Roger Shaffer said that we could have them install a manhole outside the fence for us to test. Roger said we need to know what is being shipped out.

Roger Shaffer reported that the hospital keeps getting violation on Selenium. Roger said they are not over much but still in violation.

Roger Shaffer said the plant gets a certain amount on their permit, then this is divided out over the Industrial Users.

Roger Shaffer said that K & L Plating has not started up yet, so we will be taking some of their selenium and give to the hospital. Roger said the hospitals permit would need amended and signed.

Chairman David Quarry called on the Borough Engineer’s report.

Kevin Nester reported that the Bulk Water Station is being shipped tomorrow.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the Maintenance Department will be working on the grading of the boat launch and then start on the Bulk Water Station.

Chairman David Quarry called on the Borough Manager’s report.

Chris Stevens said that Shane Peachey was done on July 29, 2022.

Chris Stevens said the postings for the in-house transfer was posted with no one interested.

Chris Stevens said this was placed on Career Link and the last day to receive applications is on August 16, 2022 at 12:00 Noon. Chris said we will have copies of the applications for council to look over.

President James Bair said that since we cannot approve the 2 hires at the Borough Council meeting we can call a special council meeting.

Chairman David Quarry called on Old Business.

There was nothing reported under Old Business.

Chairman David Quarry called on New Business.

There was nothing reported under New Business.

Executive Session was not called for.

Chairman David Quarry called on Any Other Business.

Jennifer Clark ask about the small building on Moore Street up at the college and said there was what looked like a detention pond and ask if the borough did this.

Kevin Johnston said the building is our pumping station but the ground belongs to Juniata College.

After no further business, the Water & Sewer Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:06 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary