December 27, 2023

A meeting of the Cranberry – Venango County General Authority was held on December 5, 2023. At 12:13PM Mike Deibert called the meeting to order; members in attendance were Gary Kulling, Mike R. Erwin, and Mike Deibert. Others in attendance were Heather Hepler, Mike D. Erwin, and Eric Heil (Cranberry Township), Kyle Schwabenbauer (EADS Group), Greg Merkel (Solicitor) and Mark Lynn and David D’Orazio from LB Water.

Mike Erwin made a motion to adopt the agenda, Gary Kulling seconded, all in favor. **Motion carried**. Mike Erwin made a motion to accept the minutes from last month’s meeting; Mike Deibert seconded, all in favor. **Motion carried**.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mark and David from LB Water spoke to members about upgrading the remote readers to radio readers. They suggested that the township upgrade any water meters 10-15 years old to the newer iPerl before switching to radio readers. The average estimated cost is around $185 per reader upgrade.

**Water Rate increase**

Discussion took place on raising the base rate from $10 to $12 and each additional 1,000 gallons from $6 up to $8. The rates haven’t been raised since 2015 and the recent rise in costs has called for an increase. Gary made a motion to make a recommendation to the Supervisors to amend the fee schedule to include the rate increase, Mike Deibert, seconded, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement**

The meeting is scheduled for January 17th. Kyle offered the use of EADS conference room to hold the meeting; Greg will inform Matt Wolford of the details.

**Mall WTP Upgrade**

The letter of no prejudice was submitted November 17th, PennVest reached out and said that in the revised resolution related to reimbursement, they wanted the full amount listed, not the $110,000 in the bottom paragraph. The resolution needs updated for them to approve the letter of no prejudice. Mike Erwin made a motion to approve the resolution, Gary seconded, all in favor. **Motion carried**. The PennVest call #3 is scheduled for January 18 at 2:00PM.

**Compliance**

Lead and Copper Service line inventory is ongoing. The township has an interactive survey listed on the website for customers to complete. Mike will follow up with Holly Gibbons about making some changes to the survey before we place the message on the monthly bills.

**Grant Applications**

Grants were to be awarded in late November, no update.

Gary Kulling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15, Mike Erwin seconded, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Next meeting: January 2, 2024 at noon.**

**Respectfully submitted by Heather Hepler**