May 31, 2023

A meeting of the Cranberry – Venango County General Authority was held May 2, 2023. At noon the meeting was called to order by Mike Deibert, other members in attendance were Gus Kirwin, Mike R. Erwin, Rob Eakin and Gary Kulling. Also attending were Heather Hepler, Mike D. Erwin, and Eric Heil (Cranberry Township), Jim Greenfield (Solicitor) and Kyle Schwabenbauer (EADS Group).

Rob Eakin made a motion to adopt the agenda; Gus seconded, all in favor. **Motion carried**. Gary Kulling made a motion to approve the minutes from last month’s meeting, Rob seconded, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

***OLD BUSINESS***

**Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement**

Kyle Fritz has been working on a draft copy that will be ready for next month’s meeting.

Kyle Schwabenbauer has reached out to OC regarding meter data and estimated billing for the Sage Run meter that has been down since February. He will reach out again after today’s meeting and will report back to Eric.

**Mall WTP**

No comments were received during the 30-day objection period for the condemnation. The land development permits are in process and pending. The bid advertisement has been put on hold until permits have been approved. The PENNVEST conference call #2 has been postponed until further notice.

Jim Greenfield stated that a “confirmation of just payment” had been filed and should be sufficient for Regina to approve the township’s zoning permit so EADS can move on for the county approval.

Jim Greenfield gave a letter of engagement proposal to members for review. The last time the firm worked on a PENNVEST loan the fees were $5,500 and half the cost of this new loan. Since this project is double the amount, the fees have increased to $8,500 plus expenses but not to exceed $9,250. Rob Eakin made a motion to approve the increase, Gus Kirwin seconded, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Compliance**

DEP is willing to grant an extension for the PA Ave well plugging if needed. The PA Ave water plant upgrades are due 8/31; on 4/18 the check valves were installed on backwash lines and photos submitted to DEP. The bulk water sale permit app was submitted, and approval was received on March 21. There was a discussion about the hydrant at the fire department. To keep a more accurate track of the water going through that hydrant for year-end reporting, it was suggested that we add a meter to their hydrant as well as the one at the township for bulk water customers. We currently collect money from Rockland and Pinegrove VFDs, but not Seneca for pool water hauling. Jim brought up the Authorities Act which prohibits Authorities from providing free services of more than $1,000 annually, since the water hauling was over that amount last year Eric will have a discussion with the Supervisors on how they want to address that with Seneca.

**Sewer System Flow Study**

EADS is preparing a cost estimate for next month’s meeting.

**DCED Grants**

Still pending.

**WATER DEPT GENERATOR**

Eric is waiting on call backs from the 2 companies that are authorized to service the current Kohler generator.

Gary Kulling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:36pm, Gus Kirwin seconded the motion, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Next meeting: June 6, 2023 at noon.**

**Respectfully submitted by Heather Hepler**