## MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF MANSFIELD

February 19, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Mansfield was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, in the Upstairs Office of the Municipal Building, Mansfield, Pennsylvania with the following people present:

Vaughn Hoyt, Chairman Chad Rupar, Vice-Chairman Barbara Carleton, Treasurer Gerald Farrer, Secretary

Casandra Cowles, Administrative Assistant/Secretary-Treasurer Terra Koernig, Solicitor

Absent: Kevin Green, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Visitors: Robert Fitzgerald, Borough Council Dan Styborski, Borough Resident

Hoyt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Hoyt called for recognition of visitors:

Dan Styborski asked a couple of sewer questions pertaining to the townships and then asked what the status was on UTTRA.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 15, 2025 were reviewed. Rupar made a motion to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, and bills paid report. Carleton seconded the motion, and the minutes and reports were approved.

Borough Manager Report:

**SRBC Grant (Information)** – There has been nothing new on this.

Lead and Copper Inventory (Information)— Amanda is continuing to work on this.

St. James project update (Information)— The last pay app for Hunt was submitted and paid.

Main Street/Route 6 project (Information)-No new information.

South Main Street Line Relocation (Action) – I had a gentleman from Dewberry reach out to me regarding the widening of South Main between Walmart and fifteen. He sent me the drawings and asked if we had an engineer designated for this. This is going to be like the PennDOT project we dealt with last year. The project is being planned to be advertised in October 2025 and will begin sometime after December 2025. The plans are in the packet.

MU water plant (Discussion) – Brad Lawton reached out to me to see if this was still an interest for the Municipal Authority. I told him we would discuss it and get back to him after the meeting. Water Leaks (Information) – The unaccounted-for water has decreased significantly since multiple leaks have been repaired.

**Tree Removal (Action)** – I received a call from a property owner on Lambs Creek Road that has a property bordering the Authority property. He is concerned about a section of Ash trees that are on our property. His pole barn is right beneath the trees. I received a quote from Treemaster LLC to remove the trees. The quote is in your packet for approval.

**FirstNet (Information)**— This project is moving forward. Tim and Kurtis have been working on installing the needed antennas.

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**Fluoride removal (Information)**— Jimmie Joe has received one of three quotes. We had two other companies come out and look at the chemicals that need to be removed along with the fluoride system. We have requested that we receive these quotes prior to the meeting.

**Superintendent Hire (Information)**— Our initial hire for superintendent backed out last minute. It will be on the agenda for the Borough Council meeting tonight to approve the second applicant on a 6-month probationary basis.

Tank Inspection (Information)- Pittsburgh Tank did the tank inspection on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We have not received any information back on that yet.

**Secretary-Treasurer Hire (Information)** – This will be on the agenda for tonight's council meeting.

Hoyt called the board into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 10:14 am. Regular session reconvened at 11:15 am.

## **Old Business:**

- A. The South Main Street utility relocation was tabled until further information can be obtained. The board asked for a meeting to be set up with J.T. Lincoln from Drewberry to discuss the utility relocation plans.
- B. The board asked to meet with the university to tour their water plant and then a sit-down meeting to discuss the vision for the future.

## **New Business:**

- **A.** Carleton made a motion that the board agreed with Borough Council on promoting Kurtis Tice to Superintendent. Farrer seconded the motion, and it was approved with Rupar abstaining.
- **B.** Farrer made a motion to approve the quote with Treemaster, LLC in the amount of \$3,000 for the ash trees that need cut on the water authority property. Rupar seconded the motion and it was approved.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

Farrer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Gerald Farrer, Secretary