## HAINES-AARONSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

January 15, 2025

**ATTENDANCE:** Derek Hart Chairman, Kimberly Claar Office Administrator, Ian Smith Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Tina Lamey Secretary/Treasurer, Ross Torquato Buchart Horn Engineering, Bryan & Jodi Muthler System Operators

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN:** Ian Smith motioned to appoint Derek Hart as temporary Chairman. Tina Lamey seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Vote: D. Hart-Yes; I. Smith-Yes; T. Lamey-Yes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Temporary Chairman Derek Hart called the January 15, 2025, meeting of Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority to order at approximately 6:30p.m. The meeting was held in the Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority Office Building located at 337 E. Aaron Sq. in Aaronsburg, Pa. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NOMINATE & ELECT BOARD MEMBERS:** Temporary Chairman, Derek Hart opened nominations to elect HAMA Board Officers.

Ian Smith nominated Derek Hart for Chairman of the Board. Tina Lamey seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Derek Hart nominated Russel Burkholder for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Ian Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Derek Hart nominated Tina Lamey for Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. Ian Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried

Derek Hart nominated Ian Smith for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. Tina Lamey seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Tina Lamey motioned to approve the regular monthly minutes as presented for December 11, 2024. Motion was seconded by Derek Hart and the motion carried. Vote: T. Lamey-Yes; D.Hart-Yes; I.Smith-Yes

## **ENGINEERS REPORT:** Ross Torquato reported the following:

1) Water Treatment Plant Project

Buchart Horn File No. 79012-00

a) As of January 14, the only work that has transpired since the last meeting has been the underground duct banks and

conduit for the WTP. Martins did come back last week to install the ceiling of the building addition. The finished and

raw water pumps have passed their performance tests and will be shipping soon. Sippel will install these directly after

receiving them. This looks like a 2–3-week time frame. The current construction progress is as follows:

- i) Electrical Underground Duct Banks 75% Complete
- ii) Electrical Service Feeder Conduit/Conductors/Grinding 100% Complete Recommended Action: Approve submittal of PENNVEST Pay Requisition No. 12 for

Approve Sippel Development Pay Application No. 8 for \$62,642.34.

2) Water Well Rehabilitation Project – Phase II

Buchart Horn File No. 79012-00

\$76,247.89.

a) As of January 14, there was excavation completed for the WTP generator duct bank and generator pad. There was

work done on the duct bank conduit as well. When warmer temperatures arrive, the fence at Well No. 8 will be

installed and the generator pad will be poured. The current construction progress is as follows:

- i) Well 8 Fence and Gate 0% Complete
- ii) TRT Plant Duct Excavation/Encasement 75% Complete
- iii) TRT Plant Duct Bank Conduit 75% Complete

Recommended Action: Approve Summit Electrical Solutions Pay Application No. 2 for \$23,580.00.

- 3) SRBC Grant 2024-2025
- a) After reviewing previous fees, a fee of \$1,100 to complete the SRBC grant application was determined.
- b) Work has progressed on the SRBC grant application. The project scope for the grant will be strictly meter replacements

and new valves.

c) The grant application is mostly completed and is currently being reviewed by Jodi. We are waiting on a few letters of

support from Senator Dush, Representative Benninghoff, Centre County Commissioners, and Haines Township.

d) Application will be submitted before the January 31 deadline.

Recommended Action: None.

Ross Torquato requested to approve the Penn Vest Requisition #12. Derek Hart motioned to approve said request excluding Sippel Pay App #8. The motion was seconded by Tina Lamey and the motion carried.

Vote: T. Lamey-Yes; D.Hart-Yes; I.Smith-Yes

Derek Hart motioned to not approve Sippel Pay Application #8 due to issues with the work being done. The motion was seconded by Tina Lamey and the motion carried.

Vote: T. Lamey-Yes; D.Hart-Yes; I.Smith-Yes

Derek Hart motioned to approve Summit Electrical Solutions Pay Application #2. The motion was seconded by Tina Lamey and the motion carried.

Vote: T. Lamey-Yes; D.Hart-Yes; I.Smith-Yes

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ross will put in a second request to Sippel for a quote for the Water Gap Road repair.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**SYSTEM OPERATORS REPORT:** Jodi Muthler requested to be informed if and when work project work is being done at the plant or any of the wells. Jodi also informed the Board of a meter that needs immediate attention to replace or move the meter pit. This is due to no shut-off and location of the current meter. A subcontractor will need to be called to assist. Jodi is going to reach out to Gutelius Excavating for a quote.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Derek Hart motioned to adjourn the January 15, 2025, meeting of Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority. Motion was seconded by Tina Lamey and the motion carried. Vote: I.Smith-Yes; T. Lamey-Yes; D. Hart-Yes;