

DURYEA BOROUGH SEWER AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING
(also via Zoom)

~~OCTOBER 3, 2023~~
SEPT 5, 2023

START TIME _____

PLEDGE LED BY _____

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CHAIRMAN:

DIANE PLISGA _____ DR. ORLOSKI _____ KEITH MOSS _____ JAMES KROPTAVICH _____ and
WILLARD YATES _____

MOTION TO: DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF JULY & AUGUST'S MONTHLY MINTUES.

MOTION TO ACCEPT _____ SECONDED BY _____ ROLL CALL _____

MOTION TO: READ JULY & AUGUST'S TREASURER'S REPORT.

MOTION TO ACCEPT _____ SECONDED BY _____ ROLL CALL _____

MOTION TO: READ JULY & AUGUST'S MONTH'LY BILLS/PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFED (SEE ATTACHED LIST)

MOTION TO ACCEPT _____ SECONDED BY _____ ROLL CALL _____

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF JULY & AUGUST'S CORRESPONDENCE AND MOTION TO ACCEPT ANY MAY'S CORRESPONDENCE AS WELL AS ANY ACTION TAKEN WHERE NECESSARY:

MOTION TO ACCEPT _____ SECONDED BY _____ ROLL CALL _____

OLD BUSINESS:

- DBSA needs to continue discussion regarding the need for easements and/or notification to property owners when DBSA has a manhole on their property. There are several of these properties located on Foote Avenue due to a sewer line running behind the car wash on Foote Avenue. We have currently created a NOTICE to these residents who do not have easements on their properties in which DBSA will seek approval to come onto their properties by signing the NOTICE. Our Solicitor has indicated he will work on possible easements for properties, and whether or not there currently is an easement on the surrounding Nowikowski property.
- DBSA has received a negative notice from Duryea Borough Council regarding their responsibility in implementing an Ordinance similar to the one created by PA Municipalities and Dallas Borough to require anyone purchasing a property within Duryea must be required to have their lateral inspected prior to completion of their purchase.

- There was a sink hole at Hope and Grove Streets which has been dye tested which confirmed an issue caused by PA American Water. Also noted is the fact that the existing manhole has the old riser on it which DBSA does not approve of using and will require a back hoe to remove it for dye testing. This work is not yet scheduled to be completed.
 - DBSA needs to have a drawing indicating our sewer lines, laterals, etc for the development off of Brown Street in Duryea. Once Brent completes his current Grant issues, he will be responsible for these drawings.
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- The major sewer line issue on Lincoln Street has been completed along with Fortini's paving the street. DBSA has submitted the reimbursement of this work in the amount of \$21,445.35 to PA American Water on August 30, 2023 (see copy in each board member's folder).
 - Brent (DBSA Engineer) has completed the outstanding issues pertaining to the Clark Road Grant and received DEP approval. Brent has prepared the newspaper advertisement in the LEGALS to announce the bidding of this project but is on hold as an increase in commercial billing rates needs to be discussed before proceeding with the bidding of this project.
 - Bejeski dye test 147 Pettebone Street to status of that sewer line.
 - Excalibur Insurance (HARIE), our insurance company has sent DBSA a memo inviting the application to apply for a safety improvement grant in the amount of \$15,000.00. The application was due and submitted on August 18, 2023 by DBSA to apply for this grant to use towards the purchase of a \$39,000 camera which we would utilize to insert into sewer lines on tracks for view of the line conditions. This grant would be \$15,000 and DBSA would need to pay the excess of approximately \$24,000 balance to purchase such a camera. We are currently awaiting response regarding this Grant.
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NEW BUSINESS:

- There were no new sewer permits issued during July and August of 2023 Please see the attached list in each board members folder.
 - Our computer techs (American Computer - Dan Bro) has notified DBSA that due to the age of our existing desktop computer, we should consider purchasing a new desktop. The existing DBSA computer is not working efficiently. American Computer has quoted us \$1,527.00 for a new desktop (a copy of the quote is included in each board member's folder).
 - MOTION TO ACCEPT _____ SECONDED BY _____ ROLL CALL _____
 - Mark Bennett of People's Bank has responded to our request for better interest rates on all of our accounts. He has quoted DBSA 1.5% interest on our checking accounts; 2% on our Savings account and 4.75% on CD's covering 5, 9 or 12 month periods. We would like to vote on accepting the 1.5% on checking, 2% on savings and 4.75% on a 5 month CD in the amount of \$300,000 which may increase or decrease upon each expiration date, as many be needed.
 - MOTION TO ACCEPT _____ SECONDED BY _____ ROLL CALL _____
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OUR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 3, 2023 (Tuesday) at 6:00 PM AT
THE DURYEA BOROUGH BUILDING.

MOTION TO ADJORN _____ SECONDED BY _____ ROLL CALL _____

End Time: _____