



BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN

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Water Utility Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 9, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Jennifer Jarret (Chair), Noni West, Wendy Margolis, and Larry Browne, as well as Borough Chief Water Operator Jeremy Matozzo and Borough Manager John Davis.

Water Department Report: Jeremy reviewed the work of the water department, progress being made, and updated the Committee on projects the department has been working on.

PFAS Treatment Feasibility Study Proposal: John went over the PFAS information provided by Jeremy. Regulatory benchmarks and standards are slowly changing, although the Borough has always monitored PFAS in our water. The EPA is set to have the finalize decision to have an allowable rate of zero with Pennsylvania setting an expected state maximum level of 14. The need to be as close to zero is important, which leads to treatment decisions and other options. Jeremy worked closely with CKS on best options for treatment, and their proposal was provided for review. The costs involved in the treatment will be extreme, but John does feel there will be funding and programs available to help offset some of that, once needs are determined.

Potential BCWSA Sale and Response: John reviewed the rapidly evolving situation with the potential BCWSA sale. There is a letter to the Bucks County Commissioners as well as a template notice to BCWSA, generated by Warrington Township, both opposing the potential sale. A consortium is being formed to work on this issue. The next step in this issue is to generate a formal resolution including all of the municipalities involved, agreeing to work together to oppose this sale. A concerning issue is the responsibility of sewer laterals from the main into the property, which BCWSA transferred to the property owners several years ago, and how that can and does affect property owners.

The Committee recommended in separate motions to approve the letter of opposition to the County Commissioners as well as the resolution joining the consortium of municipalities in handling this potential sale, and will be forwarded to Borough Council for final approvals.

Old or New Business: None.

Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer
Minutes Secretary