

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority  
 377 Cedarcrest Drive  
 Duncansville, PA 16635

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Ventre.

Ted announced Mary Bolt submitted her resignation as a Board Member to the Supervisors on 9/19/2023.

In attendance were 3 Authority members as follows: Ted Ventre, Robin Cadwallader, and Edward Silvetti. (Brendan Peterson arrived late to the meeting as noted below.)

Also in attendance were Tim M<sup>c</sup>Gaw, Manager; Katie M<sup>c</sup>Gaw, Administrative Assistant; Pat Fanelli, Solicitor; Dave Cunningham, Engineer.

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of September 6, 2023. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 3 Yes.

While the Board Members reviewed the disbursements for September, Katie called their attention to the disbursements to Altoona Water for our water purchases for 8/8 - 9/8. This is the first billing that reflects our lower usage since repairing the major water break on Ted's Way. Our Altoona Water bills usually range from \$31,000 to \$33,000 dollars. This month we paid a little over \$24,000 dollars. Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for September 2023. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 3 Yes.

Brendan Peterson entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Pat Fanelli, Solicitor, gave an update on the Hummingbird Daycare project. The Agreement to rescind the Hummingbird Daycare Wastewater Extension Agreement was recorded at the courthouse. Tim hand-delivered a letter to First Commonwealth Bank asking to release the financial security. Currently, BTWSA is waiting for confirmation that this was done.

Pat provided information on Lien fees and other costs associated with Filing and Satisfying Municipal Liens. These fees range from \$150-300 dollars. Pat explained that, by law, a delinquency is a lien, just that it is not on record at the courthouse. Whenever a property is sold, the purchaser's agent usually requests a Final Bill. If this step is missed, the new owner is responsible for paying for the arrears.

Dave Cunningham stated that he and Pat are working on Purchase Agreements for the three properties needed for Pump Stations in the Reservoir Road Wastewater Expansion Project area. Also, the Blair Township Supervisors have allocated their 2023 CDBG entitlement to the Reservoir Road Project.

Last month there was discussion about what we can charge for a Water and Wastewater Permit. By law, there are maximum amounts that can be charged, based upon debt service and a few other factors. Dave calculated our Maximum Water Permit charge to

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be \$2,495.00 and Maximum Wastewater Permit charge to be \$4,333.53. Based upon Dave's recommendation, motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-2 which establishes our Water Tapping Fee at \$2,450.00 per EDU (increased from \$2000), and our Sewer Tapping Fee at \$2,500.00 per EDU (increased from \$1500), effective January 1, 2024. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 3 Yes; 1 No (Cadwallader).

The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) did not meet on September 19, 2023, as expected. Instead, they moved this meeting to November 21, 2023.

Dave informed the Board there is a new grant program through the CFA using Local Share Allocations (LSA). Cost to apply is \$1500. Motion was made to authorize Keller Engineers to apply to the Commonwealth Financing Agency for LSA money for BTWSA capital improvements. MOTION : Cadwallader SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

Dave stated he will be working on the 2024 Budget in the next couple weeks. There is a meeting scheduled at BTWSA on Tues., October 24 at 9 AM to go over the draft, if any of the Authority Members would like to attend.

Tim gave an update on our System Maintenance: We exercised all our valves, mowed our rights-of-way, and are currently flushing all our hydrants.

Ted announced the next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on November 1, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 8:18 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 4 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,



Edward M. Silvetti



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER TAPPING FEES

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, 53 Pa.C.S.A, §5601 – 5623, as reenacted as Pennsylvania Act 22 of 2001 and subsequently amended on occasion, authorized the formation of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority (“BTWSA”) for the purpose of the provision of water and sewer service to the residents within the BTWSA service area and provides BTWSA with certain specified powers, including the power to fix, alter, charge and collect rates and other charges for its services; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Act 57 of 2003 amended the Municipality Authorities Act with respect to the purposes and powers of an authority, said purpose and powers now being codified in the Pennsylvania Consolidated States at 53 Pa.C.S.A, §5607; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 57 of 2003, a municipal authority, including BTWSA, may charge fees to property owners who desire to or are required to connect their property to the Authority’s water and/or sewer system, said authorization being codified at 53 Pa.C.S.A, §5607(d)(24); and

WHEREAS, the connection fee that BTWSA is authorized to charge may include a connection fee, a customer facilities fee, and a tapping fee if the fees are separately set forth in a resolution adopted by BTWSA as specified by 53 Pa.C.S.A, §5607(d)(24)(i); and

WHEREAS, the tapping fee that BTWSA is authorized to charge shall not exceed an amount based upon some or all of certain enumerated cost components set forth and established by resolution based on technical analysis of the system and as specified by 53 Pa.C.S.A, §5607(d)(24)(i)(C); and

WHEREAS, through the professional services provided by the Authority’s consulting engineers, Keller Engineers, Inc., BTWSA has performed a study to determine the appropriate amount that it may charge as a tapping fee pursuant to Act 57 of 2003; and

WHEREAS, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “A” is a report on the BTWSA tapping fee study, providing the method, data, and calculations used to determine each part of the tapping fees that BTWSA is authorized to charge for connections to its water and/or sewer system; and

WHEREAS, BTWSA hereby desires to enact such charges consistent with Act 57 of 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED as follows:

1. There is hereby established, fixed and imposed upon the owner of each property making a sewer connection to the BTWSA sewer system directly or indirectly, a sewer tapping fee charge in the flat amount of Two Thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), per EDU. No connection fee shall be charged except in the event the lateral must be constructed across a roadway, in which case the Authority shall charge the customer the actual cost of making the connection across such roadway. In addition, there shall be no facilities fee, as the construction shall be the responsibility of the customer at the customer's own expense.

2. There is hereby established, fixed and imposed upon the owner of each property making a connection to the BTWSA drinking water system directly or indirectly, a water tapping fee charge in the flat amount of Two Thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$2,450.00), per EDU. This fee includes a tapping fee of \$700, and a connection fee of One Thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750). In addition, in the event the water service line must be constructed across a roadway, the Authority shall charge the customer the actual cost of making the connection across such roadway. In addition, there shall be no facilities fee, as the construction shall be the responsibility of the customer at the customer's own expense

3. Where two or more buildings are connected to the BTWSA water and/or sewer system through a single service connection or where two or more uses are made of the same improved property (e.g. motel with a restaurant, retail store with a restaurant, home with a professional office, etc.), the tapping fee determination shall be computed as though such building and each type of use were separate improved properties or uses with separate water and/or sewer connections.

4. Where any building connected to the BTWSA water and/or sewer system shall be converted, enlarged, remodeled or additional buildings shall be constructed on a property and connected indirectly to the BTWSA water and/or sewer system through an existing lateral, or connected directly through a new lateral so as to create or establish more extensive use or additional uses, an additional tapping fee in accordance with this Resolution, for each such additional use, shall be payable by the owner of the property so improved.

5. The fees imposed by this Resolution with respect to connection to the BTWSA water and/or sewer system shall be in addition to any inspection fees, or to any rental or other charges fixed, charged, or imposed by BTWSA by reason of the use, or availability for use, of the water and/or sewer system by such property.

6. The provisions of this Resolution shall be effective as of January 1, 2024, for connections made on or after such date. Also, the provisions of this Resolution are severable, and if any provision shall be held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or void, such unconstitutional, invalid or void provision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. It is hereby declared that this Resolution would have been adopted if such unconstitutional, invalid or void provision had not been included.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

Attest:

BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER  
AND SEWER AUTHORITY

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*Ted L. Vento*





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## BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY CALCULATION OF ACT 57-2003 FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

### Sanitary Sewer Fees

#### Connection Fee

No connection fee to be charged, except in cases where the sanitary lateral must be constructed across the roadway. In that case, the customer shall reimburse the Authority for actual costs.

#### Customer Facilities Fee

Construction costs associated with private property construction shall be the direct responsibility of the customer.

#### Tapping Fee (Four Components)

##### Capacity Part

No capacity part to be charged.

##### Collection Part (Utilizing Simplified Method)

First tapping fee established in 2000: \$1,500 (including permit fee and initial inspection)

Dist III Project Loan Rate: 4.875 2000-2012 (USDA); 3.75 (2013-Present)

Weighted Average Interest Rate =  $[(4.875 \times 13) + (3.75 \times 12)] \div 25 = 4.335\%$

Maximum Collection Part =  $\$1,500 \times (1.04335)^{25} = \$4,333.53$

##### Special Purpose Part

No special purpose part to be charged.

##### Reimbursement Part

No reimbursement to be charged.

**Total Maximum Tapping Fee = \$4,333.<sup>53</sup>**



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## BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY CALCULATION OF ACT 57-2003 FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

### Drinking Water Fees

#### Connection Fee

##### Average Cost of Constructing Water Service Line

##### Materials

iPerl Meter .....	\$152.80
Meter Pit .....	\$80.00
Meter Setter .....	\$308.20
Pit Lid with Casting .....	\$183.95
MXU Transmitter .....	\$173.05
Copper Pipe .....	\$417.00
<u>Total Materials.....</u>	<u>\$1,315.00</u>

##### Labor

Laborer (3 hr x \$50/hr) .....	\$150.00
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<u>Laborer w/ Machine (3 hr x \$60/hr)....</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>
<u>Total Labor .....</u>	<u>\$480.00</u>

Total Connection Fee = \$1,795.<sup>00</sup>

In cases where the water service line must be constructed across the roadway, the customer shall reimburse the Authority for actual costs.

#### Customer Facilities Fee

Construction costs associated with private property construction shall be the direct responsibility of the customer.

#### Tapping Fee (Four Components)

##### Capacity Part

No capacity part to be charged.

##### Distribution Part (Utilizing Simplified Method)

First tapping fee established in 1994: \$700 (including permit fee and initial inspection)

No escalation of tap fees is allowed, as no eligible project loans exist.

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY  
CALCULATION OF ACT 57-2003 FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

**Drinking Water Fees (Continued)**

- Special Purpose Part

No special purpose part to be charged.

- Reimbursement Part

No reimbursement to be charged.

**Total Maximum Tapping Fee = \$2,495.<sup>00</sup>**