

**Brockway Area Sewage Authority  
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**Chairman:** Lou Waldeck  
**Secretary:** Kevin McMeekin

**Vice-Chairman:** Ed Horner  
**Treasurer:** Clarence Russell

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The monthly meeting of the Brockway Area Sewage Authority was held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Conference Room.

Attending BASA members: Lou Waldeck, Brian Buesink, Ron Freemer, Kevin McMeekin, Chuck Marchiori & Clarence Russell

Also Present: Bob Decker, Engineer, Jeff Gordon, Solicitor, Rick Boleen, WWTP Operator & Laurie Wayne, Borough Secretary

Visitors:

**Acknowledgment of Visitors:**

**Call To Order:**

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Waldeck called the meeting to order.

**Oath of Office:** The Oath of Office was administered to Charles Marchiori by Solicitor Jeff Gordon.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of April 21, 2025 were included on the agenda. Motion made by Clarence Russell and seconded by Brian Buesink to approve the minutes of April 21, 2025 as presented and to ratify the minutes of March 17, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

A letter from Horton Township appointing Charles Marchiori was included in the agenda. Motion made by Ron Freemer and seconded by Kevin McMeekin to accept the letter as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter from Lampwright was included in the agenda for the Board's information.

### **Manager's Report:**

The Borough Secretary's Report was presented by Laurie Wayne.

The Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for the period ending April 30, 2025, was available for review. To date, revenues calculate to a rate of 31.96% and expenses calculate to a rate of 30.88%.

Laurie stated there was an error on the amount of the grant approved last month. The new total is grant for \$170,575.20 with 15% match of \$25,586.28. It was stated Resolution #25-01 was corrected with these amounts. This was approved via email last month but should be ratified. Motion made by Clarence Russell and seconded by Chuck Marchiori to ratify Resolution #25-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Laurie stated petty cash at the plant was eliminated after discussion with Rick. The deposit and entries were made.

Laurie stated BASA received the insurance check in the amount of \$12,845. for the SCADA insurance claim with a \$1,000 deductible and was deposited.

A transfer for the pump purchased was made from debt service to operations as budgeted.

With no questions or comments, motion made by Ron Freemer and seconded by Brian Buesink to approve the Manager's Report as presented and to ratify the Manager's Report of April 21, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Engineer's Report:**

The Engineer's Report was included.

BASA received the pump from Phoenix. The slide was received and the agreement was signed.

There were no new updates on the new Nittany Minimart, Scottish Heights, OI EDU, pipe rehabilitation, Chapter 94 and Playground Road.

Bob stated he spoke to the contractor for the chamber insulation, and he is willing to work with the Authority.

Rick and Bob met with Airvac on new vac pumps. The cost has increased by approximately \$43,000 since the original estimate in 2023. The cost for 219S is \$195,150 and 219N is \$266,500, not including installation. These pumps will be less noise, less heat and about 35% more efficient. These pumps are not oil cooled so that would save money. 219N currently has 6 pumps and would be replaced with 3 new pumps. 219S currently have 3 pumps and would be replaced with 2 new pumps. BASA continues to look for grant money. It was stated that if the railroad continues with their plans, BASA could ask them to make upgrades / replace 219N station. Discussion followed concerning an alarm system on the collection chambers. It was stated that this

was tried several ways in the past but did not work. Bob stated he will have more information on this system in the future.

Discussion followed concerning valves, electrical and building upgrades needed.

Bob stated he and Jeff talked to Nico and let the railroad know BASA is not in favor of the railroad relocating the sewer lines.

With no questions or comments, motion made by Kevin McMeekin and seconded by Ron Freemer to approve the Engineer's Report as presented and to ratify the Engineer's Report of April 21, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Solicitor's Report:**

Jeff stated he talked to Nico at the railroad to obtain more information. Jeff explained to the board how the Surface Transportation Board is in charge of all railroad issues. When this happened, transfer stations were no longer under strict rules and regs, if the railroad are using them. It makes it very profitable for railroads to get involved with the garbage business. Jeff stated he would send a copy of the article to the board. Discussion followed concerning who owns the right of ways and how ownership came about. It was stated to fight the railroads would cost the authority a lot of money. It would be best to just get what BASA can out of the railroad. Making a group containing Snyder Twp, BBMA, Borough and BASA was discussed. Motion made by Brian Buesink and seconded by Ron Freemer to approve Jeff Gordon and Bob Decker sending out a letter to the Surface Transportation Board about the wetlands and environmental concerns BASA has. Motion carried unanimously. This letter will be emailed to the board members for their information.

With no questions or comments, motion made by Brian Buesink and seconded by Clarence Russell to approve the Solicitor's Report for May 19, 2025 as presented and to ratify the Solicitor's Report for April 21, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Operator's Report:**

The Operator's Report was presented by Rick Boleen.

The April 2025 Monthly Performance, Supplemental Report, and the Rainfall reports were submitted for the Board's review.

A chronological summary of issues related to the operation of the treatment plant and collection system was presented to the Board for their review.

Rick stated wett testing was completed for the year.

Due to the SCADA being out, the crew had to work additional hours to monitor the plant and pump stations.

With no questions or comments, motion made by Clarence Russell and seconded by Kevin McMeekin to approve the Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator's Report for May 19, 2025 as presented and to ratify the WWTPO report for April 21, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report and Bills, Wages & Investments:**

The Treasurer's Report and Bills, Wages & Investments were included on the agenda. The bills totaled \$61,252.62 and wages RP8, PR9 & PR10 totaled \$18,504.40. With no questions or comments, motion made by Brian Buesink and seconded by Chuck Marchiori to approve Treasurer's Report and Bills, Wages & Investments as presented for May 19, 2025, and to ratify the Treasurer's Report and Bills, Wages & Investments for April 21, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business:**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to discuss, motion made by Clarence Russell and seconded by Kevin McMeekin to adjourn meeting at 6:42 PM. Motion carried unanimously.