

Manager's Report – October 2024 – 10/7/24

General Fund Related

1. Salt Contract:

- 2024-2025 was executed through a Co-stars contract. The delivered per ton cost for the duration of this contract is \$95.14 per ton. The previous years contract cost was \$89.75 per ton. We typically use 50 – 60 tons annually.

2. 2025 Police Vehicle Update:

- The vehicle was delivered on August 9th. And we hope to have it fully equipped and in service later this month.

3. 2024 Streets Program – Baldwin Blvd:

- New Enterprise completed the work the week of September 30th.

4. 2024 Golf Tournament Check Presentation:

- The check was presented to the borough on 9/6/2024 in the amount of **\$9,350.00**, deposited into the recreation checking account. A thank you note will be sent to the organizers. The grand total contribution through this event (16-year beneficiary) = **\$192,913**.
- The 2025 tournament is being planned in June.

5. Volunteer Fire Relief: FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION:

- The 2024 Commonwealth state aid allocation for the volunteer fire company, in the amount of **\$10,035.96**, was deposited in our account on September 18th. These funds are then turned over to the Shamokin Dam Fire Co – Relief Association.

6. Pension State Aid:

- The pension state aid, in the amount of **\$75,498.66** was deposited on September 25th, 2024. These funds are sent to PMRS to help aid in our 2024 Municipal Pension Obligation. The remaining amount is transferred from the general fund. The 2024 Borough monetary contribution (in addition to the state aid) to fulfill the total amount = **\$26,162.34**.

7. Pension GASB 68 Reports – 2022:

- The reports were received for each plan indicating the Market Value of Assets.
- Non-Uniformed - Net pension (**Asset**) = **(\$17,572) / 100.61%**
- Police - Net pension (**Asset**) = **(\$27,527) / 101.55%**

8. 2025 Estimated Liquid Fuels Allocation (PennDOT):

- The estimated allocation amount from PennDOT, for 2025, is **\$53,721.89**.

9. CSVT 8th Avenue Traffic Signal & PennDOT Green Light Go Grant:

- PennDOT voided the agreement for that project. They are now including 11th Avenue into the project, since the Royal Farms project has been cancelled. There will be another update at either the November or December meeting. This work is not scheduled until 2027.

Water / Sewer Related

1. Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Clarifier / Filter Project (Update):

- The yearly (mandated) filter inspection is scheduled for October 9th at cost of **\$2960.00**.
- We will also be getting a proposal for an 'acid type' wash of the existing filter media. This is necessary due to accumulated pre-filter chemical that forms on the media.

2. DEP Filter Plant Performance Evaluation Findings (FPPE Inspection):

- The FPPE inspection was done in the beginning of June. DEP reviewed the full report on September 9th. We are in the process of responding to their findings of each issue. There were some minor operational items to address, nothing major.

Water / Sewer Related (Continued)

3. Main Reservoir Compartment Inspections and Washout (Compartments 2 & 3):

- The washout and interior inspection was done on September 23rd. The roof inspection was done on the 24th. The entire reservoir was back in service on September 27th. The interior reports will be delivered to us as soon as the company has them completed.
- At this time, we should be doing the minor necessary repairs to the roof and caulking on the structural corners. The proposal amount is **\$3,350.00**.

4. WTP 4" Surge Valve Rebuild:

- The 4" Pressure Surge Relief valve needed to be rebuilt, and this was done on September 30th.

Miscellaneous

1. Investments:

- (2) \$150,000 CD's renewal proposal. Reinvest in a longer term.

2. Budget Preparation:

- Work is continuing on the 2025 budget(s). If anyone has any questions or items to include, let me know.

3. Fish Ladder:

- DCNR is offering to reimburse the Borough for reconstructing and repaving the existing paved portion of the road from the Old Trail to the bottom of the hill on the river side of the abandoned railroad bed that was destroyed by the fish ladder construction project. I will be submitting budgetary numbers, and the project would be done next spring. This would be a good time to replace the wooden posts with new as part of the project.

4. Parks Update:

- Each park pavilion roof was evaluated by our crew, and the Attig Park pavilion should be replaced in the near future. We will have to secure pricing and hopefully do it next year. We should be able to purchase all of the materials through co-stars. The other roofs are okay at this time but are approaching the end of their useful life and should be put on the list for future capital improvements.

5. Healthcare Renewal:

- I received the renewal rates for the 2024 healthcare plan. Our plan is a Capital Blue, partial-self-insured type plan. The proposed premium increase averages 9.6%. See attached plan details and employee spreadsheet breakdown. We are anticipating a credit of approx. \$5000 from our loss ratio, towards next year's plan, based on the number of claims in 2024. The renewal date is December 1st. so we will have to decide at the November meeting.

6. Internal Control Financial Statement Monitor (ICFSM):

- We have a candidate to perform the **ICFSM** deficiency that has been noted by our auditor in the last few audits. In the past, we had talked to potential candidates but after reviewing the requirements, none of them wanted to get involved. This would be a paid 'vendor type' position.

Items for Consideration

1. Reservoir roof and caulking repairs at cost of **\$3350.00**.
2. Reinvest **(2) \$150,000** CD's (one from the general fund and one from the water/sewer fund) at a longer term at a rate of approximately 3.5% APR.
3. Audit Monitor.