

APPROVED

**Charter Township of Bangor
Public Works Committee
November 20, 2024
8:30 a.m.**

PRESENT: Karie Wardynski, Glenn Rowley, DWS Representatives Ryan Goebel, Trevor Jacobs, Allen Cardinal and Keri Christian

K. Wardynski called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Moved by G. Rowley, supported by K. Wardynski, to approve the April 10, 2024, committee minutes as presented. Motion carried – All in favor.

K. Christian presented the projected budgets for Water and Sewer Funds without any changes and discussed the low balance of unreserved funds for Water. There is a healthy balance reserved for projects such as lead line replacement and meter replacements. There was also discussion that the DWS is ready to begin replacing the water meters next year. It will be a 7 year process, with a cost of about \$216,000 each year, or around \$1.5 million total. These were rough estimate numbers and may fluctuate. The \$1.5 million total would almost deplete our reserved amount and would not be entirely rebuilt over the 7 year period. The DWS advised that most communities are adding a \$5 meter replacement charge to bills to not only offset this cost but also build a reserve for the next time meters need to be replaced about 10 to 15 years down the road. As for the rate increase, a \$0.10 rate increase was recommended to increase our unreserved fund balance. Moved by G. Rowley, supported by K. Wardynski, to recommend a rate increase of \$0.10 and a meter replacement charge of \$5.00 to the Township Board for Approval.

G. Rowley requested Trevor Jacobs and Mike Brown to attend the January Board meeting to present the meter replacement program to the Board.

The Sewer Fund does not require any rate increases at this time. A. Cardinal discussed Lift Station #7 needing to be rehabbed in the next couple of years. Since the Sewer Fund has a balance to support this based on an informal estimate of \$125,000 from A. Cardinal, the committee asked him to see when the DWS could fit it into their schedule and provide us with a more formal quote.

The DWS discussed potential changes coming from EGLE regarding collection system permits/operators. This will require additional staffing for the DWS, which will translate to increased costs.

Being no further business, the Department of Public Works Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Submitted by,

Karie Wardynski