

**Youngsville Borough Council
Special Meeting – July 28, 2025
Youngsville Borough Municipal Building**

Mayor Scott Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Scott Nelson, Council Members: Richard Brewster, Nicole Cowan, Dustin Schwab, Troy Clawson. Also attending were Borough Manager Wendy Wilcox and DPW Foreman Mark Theuret.

Amendments to Agenda: No

Visitors: John Ferragonio, ABM, attended the meeting to give insight on the offer/project.

New Business:

Pennvest Offer - An offer has been received from Pennvest for the capital improvement water project through ABM. The offer consisted of a \$2.19 million low-interest loan. No grant monies were awarded. When questioned about not being awarded grant monies, the Pennvest representative stated the Borough's median income increased from the initial meeting. He stated they use the uniform financial analysis which is the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey Program. Mr. Ferragonio stated that an ABM engineer was told Pennvest used a median income of \$78,000 - \$80,000 per household. The council feels a survey is not a verifiable way to get information and that the median income that was reported is incorrect. The next step would be to find a confirmable source of the median income for our area and resubmit the application, but it would be due July 31st. The next date of submission would be October with funding offers presented in January. Once the Borough can obtain data to confirm the median income they agree to resubmit the application with a correction of the income for the potential of receiving grant monies. A motion to decline the Pennvest offer of a \$2.19 million low-interest loan and to resubmit the application with a justifiable median income in October was made by Mr. Brewster, reluctantly seconded by Mr. Clawson. A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Clawson, Rick Brewster – Yes, Nicole Cowan – Yes, Dustin Schwab – Yes, Troy Clawson – Yes. Motion passes. If the same offer is received after the second submittal the Borough would consider looking at other options with in house work being one of them. As it stands the \$2.19 million low-interest loan is not affordable to the Borough and Council would need to look at increasing rates to afford the monthly payments. Comparing other municipalities rates to the Borough, the cost of service is significantly lower.

Executive Session: Council went into executive session at 6:00pm on the matter and returned at 6:24pm.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 6:24pm was made by Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mrs. Cowan and unanimously carried.

Allie Benedict, Secretary