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Butler Township Commissioners Vote to Affirm the Sale of Butler Area Sewer Authority to Pennsylvania American Water

The vote passed through a resolution

BUTLER TOWNSHIP, Pa.— Butler Township Commissioners voted by resolution this evening to affirm Butler Area Sewer Authority's (BASA) decision to sell its wastewater system to Pennsylvania American Water for \$231.5 million. The resolution passed with Commissioners Dave Zarnick (President), Joseph A. Wiest, James Lokhaiser, and Edward Natali voting in the affirmative. Commissioner Sam Zurzolo (Vice President) abstained from the vote.

"Throughout this process, every single one of our commissioners made a concerted effort to speak directly with residents, hear their concerns and answer questions," said, Dave Zarnick, Butler Township Commissioner President. "The vote this evening occurred after nearly a year of intense research and careful deliberation. We wanted to make sure that BASA's customers and employees—our residents—reaped the benefits from this sale. We firmly believe that this acquisition best serves the interests of Butler Township residents."

Butler Township and the City of Butler, as the sole owners of BASA, will receive the proceeds from this acquisition after BASA's debt of \$49 million is paid off, and they will split it evenly. The City of Butler and Butler Township are proposing to use the proceeds of the sale to support essential services for residents, future financial obligations, and various other community improvements that the city and township deem necessary. Butler Township's vote comes on the heels of the City of Butler passing its own resolution to affirm the sale on Oct. 13.

Prior to the township's vote tonight, it hosted four open houses in conjunction with the city and BASA where residents were invited to attend and ask questions about the proposed acquisition. Each BASA customer received a letter informing them of Pennsylvania American Water's offer and they were encouraged to submit questions, comments, and suggestions on this matter. Township commissioners have also spoken to residents individually and at community events and found that the majority of those they spoke to understand the infrastructure needs of BASA's facility and were supportive of this sale.

Since BASA signed the Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) with Pennsylvania American Water on Oct. 11, the company will initiate a formal application to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). The process to secure PUC approval can take anywhere from nine months to one year. To stay updated and for more information on the acquisition process, visit www.resources4BASAcustomers.org.

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About Butler Township:

Butler Township has a population of 17,230 residents and was incorporated in 1804 when Butler County was first divided into 13 townships. It was established as a first-class township in 1922. It is governed by five township commissioners. For more information, please visit www.butlertwp.org.