

CITY OF ST. MARYS
RESOLUTION NO. 23-14

CONFIRMING THE CITY’S COMMITMENT TO A PUBLICLY-OWNED WATER SUPPLY SYTEM AND ENCOURAGING THE ST. MARYS AREA WATER AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE SAME PUBLIC COMMITMENT.

Whereas, the City of St. Marys and some areas of adjoining municipalities are served by a public water supply system owned and operated by the St. Marys Area Water Authority (the “Authority”);

And Whereas, the St. Marys Area Water Authority is a municipal authority created by the former Borough of St. Marys and Township of Benzinger (now consolidated into the City of St. Marys) under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Authorities Act (the “Authorities Act”);

And Whereas, St. Marys City Council recognizes that the water system has, since its inception, been capably managed by the Authority and provides to the community a high quality of service at reasonable rates;

And Whereas, City Council has not identified any threats or concerns that indicate a need to involve any parties outside of the community in managing the water system;

And Whereas, City Council deems it to be in the best interests of the citizens of St. Marys that the public water system remain locally-owned and locally-operated;

And Whereas, City Council also recognizes that the Authorities Act gives the Authority the legal power to sell the water system to a third party without the prior consent of the City but also grants to the City the power to take over the water system under conditions stated in the Authorities Act;

And Whereas, the City and the Authority have a strong history of cooperation in the management of the public water system, which inures to the benefit and best interests of the citizens of St. Marys;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City confirms its policy that the public water system serving the City be a publicly-owned and publicly-operated facility in order to provide local control over the operations of the system.

2. The City will not entertain any discussions with any third party about transfer or acquisition of the public water system without prior notice to the Authority; and that any such discussions include the Authority as an invited participant.

3. City Council hereby requests that the Authority formally make a commitment to the City that it will not enter into any discussions about the sale of the public water system to any third party without prior notice to the City; and that any such discussions include the City as an invited participant.

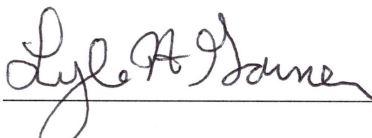
ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:



Secretary

CITY OF ST. MARYS, by:



Mayor