

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – OCTOBER 6, 2016

MEETING NO. 12

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Authority's Administration Building, 418 Arcadia Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237. Mr. William C. Kirk, Jr., called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL – Mr. William C. Kirk, Jr., Chairman called roll. Authority Board Members present were William C. Hunkele, R. Thomas Riley, James J. Wallaert and Patrick Semon was absent.

Also present were: Ronald Brown, Solicitor of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.; Christopher Lovato, Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.; Scott Russell, Buchart Horn, Inc.; William Youngblood, Executive Director; Dennis Blakley, Director of Operations; Raymond Aufman, Development/Administrative Manager; Mike Stupy; Superintendent; John Flaherty, Business Manager-Absent; Edward Bricker, Chief Plant Operator; Gerard Aufman, Jr.-Absent, and Elizabeth Keast, Recording Secretary.

Audience: Mr. Kirk welcomed Mr. Christopher Eddy, resident to the meeting.

INVOCATION: Mr. Kirk gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Kirk led the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Kirk reported that there were no public comments.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Riley reported there were no communications to bring before the Board at this time.

RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Kirk announced that the Board moved into executive session at 7:33 p.m. as recommended by Solicitor Brown to discuss matters of potential litigation. The Board returned to the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016: A motion was made by Mr. Hunkele and seconded by Mr. Riley to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of September 1, 2016, as submitted to each Board Member. All voted in favor of the motion, none opposed.
Motion Carried.

APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE LIST OF BILLS DATED OCTOBER 6, 2016:

Mr. Wallaert met with Mr. Blakley, and Mr. Youngblood to review the list of bills totaling \$882,004.21. Mr. Wallaert gave an update to the Board on the several items included in the List of Bills and satisfactorily answered several questions.

At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Wallaert to approve for payment the List of Bills dated October 6, 2016, as presented to each Board Member. All voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. **Motion Carried.**

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 570: Solicitor Brown provided the Board with an update on the status of Resolution No. 570. He explained in detail the purpose of the Resolution with the Board.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wallaert and seconded by Mr. Riley to adopt Resolution No. 570 A Resolution of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the joint confirmation and ratification with the Town of McCandless of the ownership and operation by the Authority of the Lowries Run Sanitary Sewage System situated within the geographic boundaries of the Town of McCandless, Accepting the assignment to the Authority of a certain agreement entered into by the Town, Authorizing Officers of the Authority to take all steps necessary to implement the within Resolution and repealing all inconsistent Resolutions. All voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. **Motion Carried.**

ACCEPT THE SANITARY SEWERAGE FACILITIES INSTALLED FOR THE RIDGE AT MANOR PLAN: A motion was made by Mr. Hunkele and seconded by Mr. Riley to accept the sanitary sewerage facilities installed for the Ridge at Manor Plan for the installed cost of \$142,072.69. All voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. **Motion Carried.**

ACCEPT THE SANITARY SEWERAGE FACILITIES INSTALLED FOR THE SCHRAMM PLAN: A motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Wallaert to accept the sanitary sewerage facilities installed for the Schramm Plan for the installed cost of \$1,600.00. All voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. **Motion Carried.**

SYSTEM REPORTS:

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Brown reported on the following issues:

Lowries Run Encroachment Issue-Sovereign Development LLC: Solicitor Brown informed the Board that he has been in touch with the Attorney for the property owner. He indicated that the agreement has been sent to his client for review and he awaiting a response at this time.

Lowries Run Sewer Service Agreement: The Authority will attend a Town of McCandless meeting to discuss the proposed resolutions.

Encroachment Issue-450 Nedham Court: Solicitor Brown has spoken with Attorney Witherel for Mr. and Mrs. Tilly concerning the encroachment issue. He has recommended to his client to sign the agreement. Mr. and Mrs. Tilly have additional questions for Attorney Witherel concerning the agreement.

Bond Refinancing: Solicitor Brown reported that the bond refinancing was held on September 29, 2016. The bond proceeds will be used primarily to pay off the PennVest loan and for the A & B Treatment Plant Upgrade.

BUCHART HORN ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Russell reported on the following:

Annual Wasteload Management Report: The Authority received letters from the Allegheny County Health Department concerning review of the Annual Wasteload Management (Chapter 94) Reports submittals for the Longvue No. 1, Longvue No. 2, A & B and Pine Creek Sewage Treatment Plants. Buchart Horn prepared and submitted a response and requested materials to the Allegheny County Health Department.

Sample Valley Pump Station Update: Buchart Horn has been requested to provide additional construction phase permitting and engineering services. The general permits and Erosion and Sediment Control plan for the Sample Valley Pump Station project have been obtained. The scope of the 2016 work to be done by MTSA was expanded. Buchart Horn is working to resolve layout issues with the surveyor. Buchart Horn is working to provided information to the electric and gas utilities for the project.

A & B Plant Rehabilitation: Buchart Horn prepared and submitted an information package to Aqua Aerobics (sequential batch reactor manufacturer) for evaluation and pricing and we are awaiting a response. Buchart Horn provided a proposal to evaluate an SBR alternative proposal for rehabilitation of the tanks.

Phase I ACO Implementation Project: Buchart Horn is in the process of preparing a report for the administrative consent order for Board review at the October work session.

Lowries Run Offset Capacity Lining Project: MTSA Staff is working with Insight Pipe Contracting on the work to be completed for the Phase II Lowries Run interceptor capacity offset program.

Salem Drive Reimbursement Grant: MTSA is awaiting a response from ALCOSAN concerning the Letter of Interest and Report submitted to the ALCOSAN's Grow Program for the Salem Drive Sewer Project. The Authority is seeking partial reimbursement of funds for the project expenditures in the amount of \$645,259.91.

ACO Source Reduction Plan: Engineer Newman is working to schedule a meeting with the Lowries Run engineers to further discuss the Lowries Run source reduction and capacity issues. The Lowries Run communities showed interest in participating in a joint plan submittal. The progress report is due by December 17, 2016.

KLH Engineers, Inc. – Pine Creek Long Term Control Plan – Update: Mr. Blakley reported that MTSA representatives along with KLH representatives attended the Water Environment Federation Technical Conference and Trade Show this year as part of the Long Term Control Plan to gather information and data concerning several pieces of equipment and processes that are being considered for the Pine Creek Plant. A major benefit of attending the conference was to view and compare equipment manufacturers.

Mr. Blakley reported that MTSA staff is scheduled to meet with KLH Engineers tomorrow to discuss the equipment comparison report to narrow down the selection of needed equipment.

KLH will present a draft Basis of Design Report at the October 20, 2016 Work Session Meeting.

Mr. Wallaert and Mr. Riley provided input on the equipment seen at the conference.

MTSA Development Operation-Update: Mr. Aufman reviewed with the Board the Sanitary Sewer Permit and Tap Fee Report summarizing the figures for the month of September submitted by the development office. He provided the Board with an update on the active construction occurring throughout the service area. Many of the development contractors are working to complete scheduled paving before the end of the year.

MTSA Field and Maintenance Operation: Mr. Stupy provided a Field and Maintenance Report for Board review. He explained that the televising and cleaning crews are in the process of performing cured in place pipe spot repairs. The Authority has purchased an additional packer with plans of performing three repairs a day. The project is scheduled to begin on October 10, 2016. The televising crew is preparing to televise the portion of the Sewickley Hills Borough that flows to the Sewickley Hills Pump Station.

The lines crew is ready to install the wet well at Sample Valley Pump Station. It is expected to be delivered next week. In the meantime they are performing spot repairs and helping out at the plants.

The maintenance crew has plumbed and installed pumps for the experimental digester project at the Pine Creek Plant. They are also performing normal maintenance at the pump stations and plants. Staff provided pictures of the installed equipment.

The dye test crew is performing sale of property inspections 5 days a week.

The garage mechanics are performing routine maintenance and state inspections on rolling stock. They assisted the technicians installing the propane gas systems in the remaining two pickup trucks.

The manhole crew continues to raise buried manholes and perform concrete repairs at the main office.

Sewickley Hills Borough Service Contract: Mr. Blakley reported that the Authority sent Sewickley Hills Borough a letter terminating their service contract effective the first of the year for servicing their pump station if Sewickley Hills Borough is able to reach an agreement with Ohio Township, Ohio Township will be taking over their pump station the beginning of November. Ohio Township has requested the Authority to televise the collection system so they can accept the system at their next meeting. Once Ohio Township assumes ownership they will request the Authority to add it to their list of stations.

Pine Creek Plant – Demonstration Project: Mr. Bricker reported on the demonstration project that has begun at the Pine Creek Plant to reduce the volatile content by utilizing three aerobic digester tanks and magnesium hydroxide.

Pine Creek Plant Centrifuge Status: Mr. Blakley reported that centrifuge equipment was back on line and operating as designed.

Longvue No. 2 Plant Compliance Evaluation Inspection: Mr. Blakley reported that the Authority received a letter dated September 13, 2016 from the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) regarding the results of the Longvue No. 2 Plant compliance evaluation inspection. The Authority is in the process of preparing a response to the ACHD concerning their request for additional information.

Wet Weather Issues: Mr. Youngblood reported that the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority has sent a letter to ALCOSAN dated September 19, 2016, requesting a meeting with representatives from the ALCOSAN Board of Directors to discuss the issues raised in the letter.

Mr. Youngblood reviewed the rate study by community prepared by 3 Rivers Wet Weather with the Board.

3 Rivers Wet Weather 18th Annual Conference: The 3 Rivers Wet Weather 18th Annual Conference will be held October 12-13, 2016 at the Monroeville Convention Center. Several Board and Staff are registered to attend.

PMAA Legislative - Update: Mr. Youngblood provided the Board with information concerning Senate Bill 1223 that would allow the Auditor General to audit any Authority in the State of Pennsylvania upon the request of any community serviced by the Authority. The Authority would be required to pay for the audit. Mr. Youngblood raised concerns regarding this proposed legislation and has submitted comments to PMAA. PMAA is working to have additional information added to the proposed bill.

Articles of Interest: Mr. Youngblood provided in the Board packet several articles of interest from the local news publication.

ALOM Educational Conference: Mr. Kirk provided the Board with an update on the Allegheny League of Municipalities Educational Conference. Mr. Schombert provided an update on the status of the consent order. Senator Costa spoke for the legislative session which was very informative. Mr. Kirk requested the Authority Staff to contact our representative to review the utility commodities market to determine if its advisable to secure a rate.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Wallaert and seconded by Mr. Riley to adjourn the October 6, 2016 Regular Meeting. There being no further business to come before the board the meeting ended at 9:21 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. **Motion Carried.**

Eak/10/19/2016