

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – OCTOBER 6, 2022

MEETING NO. 12

CALL TO ORDER – The Regular Meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Authority’s Administration Building, 418 Arcadia Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237. Mr. Christopher Eddy called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL – Mr. Eddy, Chairman called roll. Authority Board Members present were James Forsey, Patrick Semon, Thomas Merski and M. John Schon.

Also Present: Kevin Creagh, Engineer of Record, KLH Engineers, Inc.; Ronald Brown, Solicitor of Dickie, McCamey, Chilcote, P.C., William Youngblood, Executive Director; Dennis Blakley, Director of Operations; William Richard, Superintendent; Raymond Aufman, Development/Administrative Manager-Absent; Anthony Giancola, Business Manager; Ed Bricker, Plant Manager; Jack Casey, Town of McCandless Liaison and Elizabeth Keast, Recording Secretary.

In the audience: David Smith.

INVOCATION: Mr. Schon gave the invocation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Merski read a thank you note received from Mrs. Riley.

RECOGNITION OF R. THOMAS RILEY: Chairman Eddy recognized R. Thomas Riley who recently passed away. R. Thomas Riley was appointed in 2000 and began his term in 2001. We appreciate his 21 years of service and dedication to the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, and he will be missed.

RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 2022: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of September 1, 2022, as submitted to each Board Member, seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

LIST OF BILLS DATED OCTOBER 6, 2022: Mr. Semon reviewed with the Board the List of Bills Report for period dated October 6, 2022, totaling \$1,347,976.51, as presented. Mr. Semon answered several questions concerning the List of Bills.

Mr. Forsey made a motion to approve for payment the List of Bills, as submitted to each Board member, seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

GLOBAL HEAVY CORPORATION APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 8:

Mr. Schon made a motion to approve Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 8, submitted by Global Heavy Corporation, in the amount of \$1,204,237.72, dated September 1, 2022, for Contract 2021-109, General/Mechanical Construction, as described for the Pine Creek WWTP Improvements-Phase I Project, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

Engineer Creagh answered Mr. Forsey’s question regarding liability of stored materials.

MERIT ELECTRICAL GROUP, INC. APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT NO. 6:

Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 6, submitted by Merit Electrical Group, Inc., in the amount of \$59,667.34, for the period ending 9/25/2022, for Contract 2021-110, Electrical, as described for the Pine Creek WWTP Improvements-Phase I Project, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

McCURLEY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, INC., PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 11

FINAL: Mr. Schon made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 11 Final, submitted by McCurley Houston Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$9,968.18, dated 9/20/2022, for the Peebles Pump Station & Forcemain Project-Contract No. 104/Electrical, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

SPARTAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT NO. 3:

Mr. Forsey made a motion to approve Application and Certificate for Payment No. 3, submitted by Spartan Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$63,225.00, period to 9/19/2022, for the A & B Pump Station Conversion, Contract 112-General/Mechanical Construction, as recommended by KLH Engineers Inc., seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

McCURLEY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, INC., PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 3:

Mr. Merski made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 3, submitted by McCurley Houston Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$7,897.50, period thru 9/16/2022, for the A & B Pump Station Conversion, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Schon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISES, INC., APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 1:

Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the Application for Payment No. 1, submitted by Independent Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$112,100.00, Application period 8/29/22-09/22/22, for the Shady Oaks Directional Drill Project, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Town of McCandless Conservation Easement Agreement: Solicitor Brown reported that the Authority had the presentation from Gateway Engineers two weeks ago for the proposed Town of McCandless Stream Restoration Project. Solicitor Brown will provide a draft copy of the Town of McCandless Conservation Easement Agreement to Authority Staff for review and comment; once the draft is received from Gateway Engineers.

ALCOSAN-Regionalization–Transfer Agreement Resolution Review: Mr. Brown reported that the Lowries Run Operating Committee met on September 27, 2022. At this meeting the Committee discussed the interest in scheduling a meeting between the Authority, Ross Township and ALCOSAN. This meeting will focus on the terms of the ALCOSAN Transfer Agreement and the particular needs we have in regard to the Agreement. Mr. Borczyk will contact Mr. Prevost at ALCOSAN to arrange a meeting between the three parties.

There was discussion at the Lowries Run meeting concerning the 10% reduction projects that are underway by the Authority. The Authority and Ross Township are in the process of coordinating the exchange of data information in terms that both entities can use for the required reduction project submittals.

KLH ENGINEERS, INC.: Engineer Creagh provided his Engineer’s Report.

Pine Creek WWTP-Phase I Expansion: Global Heavy performs work on pouring concrete walls in the new aeration basins and selected demolition of existing walls. Merit Electrical has continued excavation for various duct banks from the blower building to the pipe tunnel extension. Mr. Blakley showed pictures of the project work taken by the drone flyover. Global Heavy’s portion of the contract has had 0.5% of change orders. Merit Electrical has had no net change orders.

The next progress meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the plant.

Peebles Pump Station & Force Main: McCurley Houston Electric had an overall deduction from their contract amount in the amount of \$34,336.42, due to not using the full \$50,000 of Electric Utility allowance that was predetermined in the contract.

A & B Pump Station & Forcemain: The monthly progress meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2022.

Mr. Blakley provided pictures of the work occurring at the A & B Plant taken by the drone flyover.

Lowries Run CIPP Lining 2022-111: Jet Jack has completed the work. After multiple requests, there is no pay application from Jet Jack this month.

Shady Oak Drive Directional Drill Project 2022-114: Jet Jack has completed work on this project. Only minor restoration remains.

Longvue No. 2–Copper Study: The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has notified the Authority that the final permit will be sent out in late October or mid-November.

MH-1 to O-15 Project General Permit: KLH Engineers and MTSA met on September 22, 2022, to discuss the potential project. It was an unproductive meeting that would have resulted in a very extensive additional permit application process. At MTSA’s direction, KLH Engineers has pulled the General Permit application and the project will not proceed.

SSO Removal Project: At the September 27, 2022, Lowries Run Operating Committee meeting, potential projects were discussed to remove the SSO’s at MH 59 and MH 62. A field view was completed after the meeting with MTSA and KLH. KLH has received the information requested from Ross Township.

Tap Fee Calculation: Engineer Creagh requested the Board to recess the meeting to reconvene on October 20, 2022 to discuss the Tap Fee Calculation Update.

Executive Director’s Report:

MTSA Development Operation-Update: Mr. Blakley reviewed the Sanitary Sewer Permit and Tap Fee Summary Report for the month of September in the absence of Mr. Aufman.

Mr. Aufman included for presentation the current Development Reviews Project Report for October showing the active projects in green and the non-active construction in red occurring throughout the Authority’s service area.

MTSA Field/Maintenance Operations: Mr. Richard provided his report.

Mr. Richard stated that the Televising/Cleaning Crew has been adjusting manholes for Town of McCandless & Franklin Park Borough to complete their paving schedule.

The Crew is working in the Lowries Run system to locate any issues in the lines for future repair. Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC completed their lining project on Hedwig Drive and Fawn Lane.

MTSA Staff provided for Board review a report on the work completed for the Peebles Pump Station service area rehabilitation project and the money saved in-house versus contracting the work.

The Lines Crew continues to install the 10-inch gravity line for the A & B Upgrade Project next to Peebles Road.

Garage crew is performing normal state inspections and general maintenance repairs.

At the Sample Valley Pump Station, workers found several bolts that were determined to be loose at the pump station. Smith and Loveless, equipment manufacturer of the pumps used an epoxy adhesive to secure the bolts to the metal base. The Authority is working with Smith and Loveless to evaluate and rectify the situation.

MTSA Treatment Plants: Mr. Bricker, Plant Manager reviewed the Plants Report with the Board.

Plant personnel are preparing for seasonal process changes at Pine Creek due to the colder weather temperatures.

At the Longvue No. 2, plant personnel removed large tree branches that fell into the tank with no issues.

The necessary NPDES Permit notice has been posted at the Longvue No. 2 Plant as required for the 30-day public comment period, as described in the letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

The Authority is in receipt of the Compliance Evaluation Inspection conducted at the A & B Sewage Treatment Plant from the Allegheny County Health Department. Based on their inspection report no violations or issues were stated.

A letter has been received from ALCOSAN dated September 27, 2022, informing the Authority that the GROW Grant application submitted for the Foxridge Plan has not been approved. The Authority will still move forward with completing the project. The Authority and Ross Township can possibly use the work as a joint project submittal to the Allegheny County Health Department as required for the 10% Reduction Project under the Administrative Consent Order.

Wet Weathers Issues: The 3 Rivers Wet Weather Sewer Conference will be held on November 2 & 3, 2022 at the Monroeville Convention Center.

The Authority Staff is preparing a grant application to submit to the PA Department of Community & Economic Development for funds in the amount of \$500,000 as well as submitting a request to apply for a Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Grant.

Mr. Youngblood provided the West View Water Authority Newsletter for October to the Board for review.

Town of McCandless-Update: Town Liaison Casey provided information on the Heritage Center Golf Outing Fund Raiser to be held on October 7, 2022. He also mentioned that the Town of McCandless, Environmental Action Committee will hold a Road Cleanup Program on October 15, 2022.

Mr. Casey advised that the Town of McCandless has approved a new Stormwater Ordinance No. 1528, Article 913. The Town amended the Stormwater Ordinance to include additional language for clarification on certain issues.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

RECESS TO RECONVENE: Mr. Semon moved to recess the Regular Meeting to reconvene on October 20, 2022, to discuss the Tap Fee Calculation Update, seconded by Mr. Schon. There being no further business to bring before the Board the meeting ended at 8:00 p.m. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

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