

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – DECEMBER 1, 2022

MEETING NO. 15

CALL TO ORDER – The Regular Meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, December 1, 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; Anthony Giancola, Business Manager; Tim Barker, Plant Operator; Jack Casey, Town of McCandless Liaison and Elizabeth Keast, Recording Secretary.

In the audience: David Smith. Edward Trzeciak and Dan Geiger, Engineers with KLH Engineers, Inc.

INVOCATION: Mr. Forsey 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: There were none.

RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2022: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of November 3, 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 DECEMBER 1, 2022: Mr. Semon reviewed with the Board the List of Bills Report for period dated December 1, 2022, totaling \$2,663,343.77, 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 dated December 1, 2022, as submitted to each Board member, seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

GLOBAL HEAVY CORP., CONTRACTOR’S APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 10: Mr. Schon made a motion to approve Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 10, submitted by Global Heavy Corp., in the amount of \$866,696.76, for period through 11/30/2022, for Contract No. 109-2021-General/Mechanical Construction, Pine Creek WWTP Improvements-Phase I, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

GLOBAL HEAVY CORP., CHANGE ORDER NO. 08-R1: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve Change Order No. 08-R1, submitted by Global Heavy Corp., in the amount of \$49,136.05, for installing Brick in place of Split Faced Block on the New Aeration Basin Penthouse for the Pine Creek WWTP Phase I Improvements, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc. and MTSA Staff, seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

MERIT ELECTRICAL GROUP, INC., APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT NO. 8: Mr. Schon made a motion to approve Application and Certificate for Payment No. 8, submitted by Merit Electrical Group, Inc., in the amount of \$113,741.68, for period through 11/25/2022, for Contract 110-Electrical Construction, for the Pine Creek WWTP Phase I Improvements, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

SPARTAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 5: Mr. Forsey made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 5, submitted by Spartan Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$70,740.00, for the period ending to 11/30/2022, for the A & B Pump Station Conversion, 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. 5: Mr. Merski made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 5, submitted by McCurley Houston Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$16,852.50, for period ending 11/30/2022, for the A & B Pump Station Conversion, Contract 113-Electrical recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Schon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

MTSA 2022/2023 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET WITH FIVE-YEAR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLANS: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority 2022/2023 Proposed Operating Budget with Five-Year Routine Maintenance and Capital Expenditure Plans, as prepared by the Business Manager, seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Giancola, Business Manager explained that the Operating Budget includes a 6% increase for the Sewer Service Rentals.

MTSA/ROSS LOWRIES RUN OPERATING COMMITTEE 2022/2023 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET: Mr. Forsey made a motion to approve the MTSA/ROSS Lowries Run Operating Committee 2022/2023 Proposed Operating Budget, as prepared by the Business Manager, seconded by Mr. Schon. This authorization is to be contingent upon the approval by the Ross Township Board of Commissioners. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

RESOLUTION NO. 612, REVISING AND ESTABLISHING A NEW SANITARY SEWER SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE FOR CUSTOMERS: Mr. Merski made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 612, A Resolution of the Board of the Directors of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Revising and Establishing a New Sanitary Sewer Service Rate Schedule for Customers of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority effective January 1, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

THE MCCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY REGULAR AND WORK SESSION MEETINGS: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors Regular Monthly Business Meeting and Monthly Work Session Meeting Dates for year 2023, as described in the attached schedule, seconded by Mr. Schon. MTSA Staff will advertise the meeting schedule in the local news publication. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

DYE TEST PROGRAM - RESUME INTERIOR INSPECTION & TESTING: Mr. Schon made a motion to authorize the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority to resume Interior Inspection & Testing for the Sale of Property for the Dye Testing Program, seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Aufman reported that the Authority will prepare a notification letter to the real estate companies. The information will also be posted to the Authority’s website.

TOWN OF MCCANDLESS CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT: Mr. Semon moved to approve the Town of McCandless Conservation Easement Agreement to provide stream restoration at the Longvue No. 1 Plant subject to review and approval by the Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

RESOLUTION NO. 613, IMPLEMENTING A SPECIAL PURPOSE TAPPING FEE: Mr. Forsey moved to adopt Resolution No. 613, A Resolution implementing a Special Purpose Tapping Fee Pursuant to the Agreement for Reimbursement for Sanitary Sewer Line Extension Costs, between MTSA and Amy Petcovic, dated November 11, 2022, seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

RESOLUTION NO. 614, MODIFYING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE DEDUCT METER PROGRAM: Mr. Merski moved to adopt Resolution No. 614, A Resolution amending the Deduct Meter Program to include modifications, as presented by the Development Department, seconded by Mr. Schon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

Solicitor Brown explained that MTSA Staff has identified the need for some changes to the procedures should the customers not meet the terms of the Deduct Meter Program.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

ALCOSAN-Regionalization–Transfer Agreement Resolution Review: The Lowries Run Operating Committee is planning to schedule a meeting in January 2023 between Ross Township, the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority and ALCOSAN to further discuss the terms of the Transfer Agreement. This would be a joint trunkline transfer arrangement with Ross Township and MTSA.

Solicitor Brown mentioned that the Authority is reviewing the option of transferring the segment of the line from Manhole No. 40 to ALCOSAN’s Outfall at O-15.

LROC Meeting-January 17, 2023: The Lowries Run Joint Operating Committee is scheduled to meet on January 17th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Authority’s Administrative office to discuss issues related to proposed Transfer Agreement from ALCOSAN.

Kuhn Stratford Court Case: Solicitor Brown and Mr. Youngblood received an email indicating that the case is scheduled for a pretrial mediation. Solicitor Brown reported that nothing has changed relative the Authority’s position in this matter.

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

Engineer Creagh introduced Edward Trzeciak and Dan Geiger of KLH Engineers, Inc. who are currently working on projects for the Authority. Both individuals will be moving into project management positions for other clients. Mr. Creagh wanted them to attend a professional meeting to experience the major activities taking place at MTSA.

Pine Creek WWTP-Phase I Expansion: At the November 8th Progress Meeting, Global Heavy detailed their current work and projected work. The next progress meeting with the contractor is scheduled for December 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the plant.

Merit Electrical has continued to work on various duct banks and installing conduit racks from the blower building to the pipe tunnel extension. The VFD’s and MCC Panel are scheduled to arrive in early 2023.

Mr. Blakley showed pictures of the project work taken by the drone flyover at the Pine Creek Plant.

A & B Pump Station & Forcemain: Spartan Construction has started the masonry work. The trusses will be onsite in early December. The delivery date for the pumps has been pushed back to the 3rd week of December.

Engineer Creagh explained that there is an issue with an overhead electrical line. Duquesne Light did not install the pole where it was originally to be placed. McCurley Houston and the Authority will discuss the issues with Duquesne Light. KLH Engineers is reviewing the materials received this afternoon on installing the roof.

Longvue No. 2–Copper Study: The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has sent the final permit to the Authority via email on November 22, 2022. Sampling continues at various parts of the treatment plant. KLH will begin working on the Toxic Reduction Evaluation Study. KLH will meet with MTSA Staff to discuss potential filters that could be used for a solution to remove the copper.

Lowries Run-SSO Removal Project: KLH Engineers has continued work to develop alternatives at MH-56 and MH-59 to alleviate overflows at MH-59. Engineer Creagh discussed other conceptual alternatives to address the excess flow.

Executive Director’s Report:

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

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

Field Operations Report: Mr. Richard reported on the following:

The Televising/Cleaning Crew finished coating the manholes for the new A & B force main. Crews are performing cleaning and general inspection of lines in the Fox Ridge Plan. The lining project on Aachen and Edwood has been postponed until December 5, 2022. MTSA’s Crew performed work with Town of McCandless Crew to clean and vacuum storm sewers on Harmony and Old Perry Hwy.

The Lines Crew is cleaning up the gravity line replacement site at Presidential/Peebles Project. This line will connect to the A & B Force Main. The crew poured the inverts in the manholes.

The Maintenance Crew finished the check valve work on the blowers at the Pine Creek Plant. The new blower at the Longvue No. 1 Plant was installed and returned to working order. Staff is looking to purchase a spare blower to incorporate into the rotation on maintenance of equipment. Personnel are pulling new wires for the parking lot lights at the maintenance garage due to mice damage. Crews will begin work on installing the flume blower on Blower No. 5 at the Pine Creek Plant.

Dye Test Crew is continuing to perform random dye testing and sale of property dye testing. The crew will begin in-house inspections on January 1st 2023.

MTSA Treatment Plants: Mr. Barker, reviewed the Plants Operational Report with the Board.

Pine Creek Plant: Plant personnel are servicing the digester blower no. 4 and the new bearings have been ordered. The clarifier and process blower alarms are currently off-line.

The actuator for the Penn Valley pump line has been repaired. Maintenance Personnel manufactured a packing plate for a seal using the CNC machine.

Longvue No. 1 Plant: Personnel installed a new sludge pump in tank no. 2 over the Holiday weekend. The new process blower no. 4 has been operational as of November 28th.

Longvue No. 2 Plant: Personnel performing maintenance on the waste valve, still exploring options.

A & B Plant: The east return air lift was not functioning properly. A blockage was removed from the air lift and is now operating as required. Personnel are using the Longvue No. 2 chlorine injector to replace the faulty one.

2023 Professional Services: Solicitor Brown submitted for Board review a letter requesting reappointment as the Authority's Solicitor for the calendar year 2023. Engineer Creagh will submit his letter for reappointment at the next meeting.

Town of McCandless-Update: Town Liaison, Mr. Casey, reported that the Town of McCandless through the Heritage Center is offering Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd followed by Winter Fest and fireworks that night. A new electronic sign will be installed at the Heritage Center.

Mr. Casey advised that the Town's Leaf Program has been extended to December 2, 2022.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

RECESS TO RECONVENE: Mr. Semon moved to recess the December 1, 2022 to Reconvene on December 15, 2022 to discuss matters of the Annual Engineering Report, seconded by Mr. Schon. There being no further business to bring before the Board the meeting ended at 8:15 p.m. *All members present voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

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