

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – MARCH 3, 2016

MEETING NO. 03

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, March 3, 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. Kirk, Jr., Chairman called roll. Authority Board Members present were R. Thomas Riley, James J. Wallaert and Mr. Semon. Absent from the meeting: Mr. Hunkele.

Also present were: Ronald Brown, Solicitor of Grogan, Graffam, P.C.; Donald Newman, Engineer of Record, Bucharth Horn, Inc.; William Youngblood, Executive Director; Dennis Blakley, Director of Operations; Raymond Aufman, Development/Administrative Manager-absent; Mike Stupy; Superintendent; Mr. Flaherty, Business Manager; Gerard Aufman, Jr.,-absent, and Elizabeth Keast, Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION: Mr. Wallaert gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Kirk, Jr., 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 that there were no communications to bring before the Board at this time.

RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2016: A motion was made by Mr. Semon and seconded by Mr. Riley to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of February 4, 2016, as submitted to each Board Member. All in favor say aye. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS DATED MARCH 3, 2016: Mr. Wallaert met with William Youngblood, Dennis Blakley and John Flaherty to review the list of bills totaling \$446,702.73. Mr. Wallaert gave an update 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. Semon to approve for payment the List of Bills dated March 3, 2016, as presented to each Board Member. All in favor say aye. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

AUTHORIZE THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE FINAL SANITARY EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MCCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY AND 9795 PERRY HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT, LLC, FOR THE PINE CREEK ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: A motion was made by Mr. Wallaert and seconded by Mr. Semon to authorize the proper officers of the Authority to execute the final Sanitary Easement Agreement between the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority and 9795 Perry Highway Management, LLC, for the Pine Creek Road Construction Project, as recommended by Solicitor. All in favor say aye. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 566: A motion was made by Mr. Semon and seconded by Mr. Wallaert to adopt Resolution No. 566, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Business Manager to amend the Brokerage Account with PNC Investments to comply with Federal Regulations and to Authorize Execution of Depository and Treasury Management Services with PNC Investments for the Ross Township/McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Lowries Run Joint Operating Committee Account, as described and attached hereto. This Resolution is to be contingent upon approval by Ross Township. All in favor say aye. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

SYSTEM REPORTS:

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Brown reported on the following issues:

Lowries Run Encroachment Issue: Solicitor Brown has spoken with the Attorney for Mr. Davies, a property owner who has built an unauthorized structure over the Lowries Run right of way and interceptor. Representatives of MTSA, Ross and the Lowries Run co-solicitors are scheduled to meet onsite with Mr. Davies and his Attorney on March 16, 2016 to discuss the situation.

Lowries Run Sewer Service Agreement: Solicitor Brown reported that MTSA has had meetings with Mr. Shuckrow about the position of this Authority relative to the service agreement with Alcosan. Mr. Shuckrow has raised several legal options for the Authority's review.

Solicitor Brown discussed the history on the joint ownership of the Lowries Run interceptor line between the Authority and Ross Township and the existing agreements. Solicitor Brown will contact the Solicitor for the Town of McCandless to discuss a joint plan of addressing the issues regarding the Alcosan Agreement.

BUCHART HORN ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Newman reported on the following:

Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Management Reports: Engineer Newman reported that the Chapter 94 Report for the Lowries Run Service Area for 2015 was electronically sent to Alcosan today. The deadline for the Chapter 94 Report is March 4, 2016. Bucharthorn is in the process of preparing the report for the Longvue No. 1, Longvue No. 2, A & B and Pine Creek plants.

Sample Valley Pump Station Update: Engineer Newman submitted to the Authority for review a revised set of drawings for the Sample Valley Pump Station project. Buchart Horn will schedule a meeting with staff and board members to review the full package. Engineer Newman explained the specifications as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Part II Permit application have been completed.

Currently, Buchart Horn is working on completing the metes and bound descriptions for the required right of way agreements. The project will require three Erosion Sediment & Control Plans. The plans for the gravity line, the pump station site and the forcemain each have slightly different requirements. Engineer Newman reported that the Town's stormwater requirements are slightly different and are in conflict with the Erosion Sediment & Control plan requirements. Buchart Horn is working to rectify the information.

A & B Sewage Treatment Plant - Update: Buchart Horn and MTSA will meet to review the drawings for the planned work at the A & B Sewage Treatment Plant. Buchart Horn is working on specifications, pump station and process tank replacement in coordination with Smith and Loveless. The additional disinfection equipment options are under review.

Pine Creek Sewage Treatment Plant Centrifuge: Engineer Newman reported that the grinder equipment has been received. Buchart Horn is in the process of obtaining additional installation information on the centrifuge systems. Engineer Newman has received a request from Fluid Dynamics this week. The information they had received through Flottweg had raised some questions on the polymer feed system installation.

Phase I Administrative Consent Order (ACO) Implementation Projects: Engineer Newman and MTSA Staff have discussed the Phase I ACO Implementation Projects. Buchart Horn Inc. has submitted for review a draft proposal to prepare the Consent Order report required as outlined in the consent order agreement that was higher than anticipated. The requirements described in the consent order will double the cost of the engineering services that would be required. The Authority has already completed several projects that could be used to satisfy the consent order requirement. The Authority would include the recently completed Salem Drive project in the report.

Mr. Youngblood requested Engineer Newman to have the Consent Order report requirement completed for submission by the end of September 2016. The Authority's report will include both Franklin Park that traverses into Bear Run as well as the McCandless area.

Buchart Horn and MTSA have met with the engineer for Ross Township to discuss a possible project for the Lowries Run watershed. Engineer Newman is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the engineers for the communities in the Lowries Run watershed to discuss the joint submittal project to satisfy the demonstration project for the Interim Consent Order. At the meeting, Engineer Newman will discuss the interim consent order issues such as coordination as well as provide information on the capacity offset program.

Lowries Run Implementation Program: Engineer Newman reported that MTSA staff met with Insight Pipe Contracting to discuss the start of the lining project. The project will consist of lining approximately 3700 feet of seven line segments in the Lowries Run Interceptor. The contractor anticipates starting the project in mid-March. Buchart Horn is in the process of supplying the contractor with additional bypass pumping information. Buchart Horn and MTSA Staff have had several discussions with the contractor concerning end seals, segment reinforcement and curing options for the lining. The contractor has provided suggestions and additional pricing will be forthcoming.

Lowries Run Offset Capacity Lining Project: Engineer Newman reported that the developer for the Cowan Properties has sent in the required escrow money to begin the engineering review of the revised information submitted for their proposed project that will utilize the Lowries Run interceptor.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Youngblood provided an update on the following:

MTSA Development Operation-Update: Mr. Youngblood reviewed with the Board the Sanitary Sewer Permit and Tap Fee Report summarizing the figures for the month of February submitted by the development office. Mr. Youngblood reported that the Authority has recently received initial plans for the Sunset Ridge and Oak Grove projects which are under review.

MTSA Field and Maintenance Operation: Mr. Stupy reported that the lines crew is finishing up on the items on the winter work list. As the weather gets warmer the lines crew will begin to resume activities out in the field on several projects. MTSA Staff has spoken with the contractor to begin the clearing and grubbing work to ready the site for the pipe replacement scheduled for Presidential Drive.

At the Pine Creek Plant, the maintenance crew is continuing with the fabrication work for the new trough gates.

Mr. Stupy reported that staff is in the process of gathering information to evaluate the replacement of the cooling system at the administrative office. He explained that the unit is currently sixteen years old and requires continuous maintenance.

The Authority dye test crew continues to perform random dye tests and sale of property dye tests four (4) days a week in McCandless and the Borough of Franklin Park. MTSA also performs contracted dye testing work for Marshall Township.

Mr. Blakley reported that the Authority has sent Mr. and Mrs. Ceraso the right-of-way required for the Sample Valley Project. Upon receipt, Mr. and Mrs. Ceraso had several questions. Mr. Blakley sent a letter explaining the restoration work that was planned for their property. The homeowners were satisfied and signed the right-of-way agreement for the project.

Mr. Blakley reported that the Authority has contracted with Nira Consulting Engineers to design the sewer line replacement project for Patricia Drive. The project will consist of the replacement of approximately 1000 feet of sanitary sewer line. Currently, staff has received the five property plats for the project. These five properties will require new right of way agreements since the Authority is relocating the sewer line 20 feet away and out of the stream bed. Once the Authority receives the necessary right of way agreements, the Authority can begin the work.

MTSA Plant Operation: Mr. Blakley reported that MTSA Staff is still working on the Longvue No. 1 permit renewal. The Authority has completed the required storm water testing. The information has been sent to the laboratory and we are awaiting the results of the tests. Currently, the Authority is performing the necessary WETT Testing.

Staff has prepared and sent a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection on the biosolids generated for 2015 for the Pine Creek and Longvue No. 1 plants that are processed and sent to the permitted landfills.

Mr. Blakley and Mr. Riley have prepared summaries as a result of the meetings conducted with Chester Engineers and KLH Engineers on their qualification proposals submitted for the Pine Creek Long Term Control Plan. A meeting has been scheduled with Buchart Horn for March 9, 2016 at their local office. MTSA Staff has made arrangements to tour each of their facilities.

Mr. Wallaert gave an update on his tour of the Buchart Horn office in Baltimore, Maryland. He provided the Board with information on his meeting which included billing invoices, and centrifuge specification preparation. Mr. Riley mentioned that The Authority magazine had a nice article on Buchart Horn Inc.

Mr. Blakley provided the Board with an update on the Busch Pump Station investigation that was completed as a result of the extreme rainfall and storm water flows on July 7th and July 8th, 2015.

After discussion, Board consensus was expressed for staff to forward to Mr. Eddy a letter on the updated results of the investigation and work that has been completed in the Regency Drive area to date.

Articles of Interest: Mr. Youngblood mentioned articles of interest in The Authority magazine for review. He also mentioned several articles of interest that appeared in the Pittsburgh Tribune Review and the Pittsburgh Post Gazette on Alcosan seeking a 10-year extension from the regulatory agencies on their consent order so that they can pursue greener initiatives. Mr. Youngblood explained that there is a meeting scheduled for March 9, 2016, at Phipps Conservatory to discuss the greener initiatives plan and the letter from Mr. Fitzgerald.

Advertisement for the Receipt of Bids: Mr. Blakley reported that the Authority is in the process of advertising for the receipt of bids for Gasoline & Diesel Fuel, High Calcium Quicklime and Sludge Hauling. These bids will be opened on March 28, 2016.

Alternative Fuel Incentive Grant Program: Mr. Blakey reported that there is a new round of grants proposed under the alternative fuels program. MTSA staff will attend a seminar scheduled for March 18, 2016 to obtain the information. MTSA staff is interested in having two of the recently purchased trucks converted to alternative fuel under this program.

Wet Weather Issues: Mr. Youngblood reported that 3 Rivers Wet Weather has sent a communication to local municipal managers and engineers on ground water infiltration. They are beginning to review private homeowner systems as it relates to the consent orders. It has been mentioned that the 3 Rivers Wet Weather program will be assumed by Alcosan.

Engineer Newman provided the Board with an update on a meeting he attended on flow monitoring targets, modeling data, overflows and the wet weather plan proposed by Alcosan concerning the consent orders and their water quality solution. MTSA is continuing to pursue discussions concerning a proposed plant in the Lowries Run watershed.

Statement of Financial Interest Form for year 2015: Mr. Youngblood reported the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors are required to complete a new Statement of Financial Interest form every year to submit to the State Ethics Commission. The State Ethics forms are required to be submitted to the Town of McCandless by the May 1, 2016, deadline.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Wallaert moved to adjourn the March 3, 2016, Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Semon and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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