

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – APRIL 7, 2022

MEETING NO. 05

CALL TO ORDER – The Regular Meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, April 7, 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 were: Ronald Brown, Solicitor of Dickie, McCamey, Chilcote, P.C.; Kevin Creagh, KLH Engineers, Inc.; William Youngblood, Executive Director; Dennis Blakley, Director of Operations; Raymond Aufman, Development/Administrative Manager; Bill Richard, Superintendent; Anthony Giancola, Business Manager; Jack Casey, Town of McCandless Liaison and Elizabeth Keast, Recording Secretary.

Audience: David Smith, McCandless Resident.

INVOCATION: Mr. Merski gave the invocation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Merski read into the record a thank you note from Mrs. Riley and The Loncaric Family.

Chairman Eddy reports the Board of Directors held an Executive Session at the end of the March 17, 2022, Work Session Meeting to discuss potential legal claims.

RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:

MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2022: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of March 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 April 7, 2022: Mr. Semon reviewed with the Board the List of Bills Report for period dated March 3, through April 6, 2022, totaling \$2,004,444.48, 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 presented, seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

GLOBAL HEAVY CORPORATION APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 2:

Mr. Schon made a motion to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 2, submitted by Global Heavy Corporation, in the amount of \$903,320.10, dated 3/31/2022, 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 advised the Board that the payment includes their mobilization (\$480,000), their E & S prep (\$71,400), excavation for the set of aeration basins (\$443,889), and other items.

MCCURLEY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, INC. PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 7:

Mr. Semon made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 7, submitted by McCurley Houston Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$39,424.50, period thru 3/28/2022, for Contract No. 104, Electrical Rebid for the Peebles Pump Station Project, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Schon. *All members present voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

JET JACK, INC. PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 3: Mr. Forsey made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 3, submitted by Jet Jack, Inc., in the amount of \$9,090.00 for period through 12/7/2021 to 3/15/2022 for Contract No. 108, A & B Directional Drill Project, as recommended by KLH Engineer, Inc., seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

AWARD DIESEL FUEL AND DIESEL FUEL WITH COLD WINTER ADDITIVE CONTRACT: Mr. Merski made a motion to award the contract for the supply of Diesel Fuel and Diesel Fuel with cold winter additive to Purvis Brothers, Inc., the lowest responsive responsible bidder for a price of \$0.1090 for Diesel Fuel and a price of \$0.1490, for Diesel Fuel with cold winter additive per gallon for the Service and Delivery Charge for the contract year commencing on May 1, 2022, as recommended by MTSA Staff, seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

AWARD GASOLINE CONTRACT: Mr. Semon made a motion to award the contract for the supply of Mid-Grade Gasoline to Purvis Brothers, Inc., the lowest responsive responsible bidder for a price of \$0.1090 per gallon for the Service and Delivery Charge for the contract year commencing on May 1, 2022, as recommended by MTSA Staff, seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

AWARD HIGH CALCIUM QUICKLIME CONTRACT: Mr. Schon made a motion to award the contract for supplying High Calcium Quicklime to Greer Industries, Inc., the lowest responsive responsible bidder for a price of \$239.17, per ton of Quicklime for an estimated yearly cost of \$43,050.60, for an estimated 180 Tons delivered. This contract is for a 24-month contract period commencing on May 1, 2022, as recommended by MTSA Staff, seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

AWARD SLUDGE TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT:

Mr. Forsey made a motion to award the contract for transportation and disposal of sewage sludge to Valley Waste Service, Inc., the lowest responsive responsible bidder for a disposal price of \$40.00, per ton, with a haul rate of \$575.00, per load. This contract is for a twenty-four (24) month period beginning May 1, 2022, as recommended by Staff, seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

MTSA’s Amendment to Articles of Incorporation: Solicitor Brown has received notification from the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the Authority’s Amendment to Articles of Incorporation extending the life of the Authority until December 31, 2070 has been filed and approved.

Stratford Court Claim: Solicitor Brown reported that at the last meeting an executive session was held to discuss the status of the Stratford Court Claim. At this time, there is nothing new to report.

KLH ENGINEERS, INC.: Engineer Creagh provided his Engineers Report.

Pine Creek WWTP-Phase I Expansion: Engineer Creagh said that the Pine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant work is progressing. Global Heavy has excavated for the first set of basins. Staff provided pictures of the site work. Engineer Creagh advised the Board that down in the lower righthand corner of the basin there is an area of soft spot that will require the installation of some stable shale to build up the base. A Change Order will be processed for this additional work.

Engineer Creagh mentioned that there is no pay application from Merit Electrical Group.

The next Progress Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Pine Creek Plant.

Peebles Pump Station & Force Main: KLH Engineers reported that the Peebles Pump Station project is progressing. Due to supply chain issues, the flow meters have been delayed until May. However, work will progress on the station and MTSA Staff has said they are comfortable going without flow meters for a month or so. MTSA may also potentially install a temporary flow meter.

A & B Pump Station Conversion & Forcemain: Engineer Creagh advised that a pre-construction meeting was held on April 4, 2022 with Spartan, McCurley Houston, and Duquesne Light for the A & B Pump Station Conversion Project.

Duquesne Light will start to relocate one of the utility poles at the jobsite so that temporary power can be connected while they are digging and not disrupt the utility pole that is serving the current treatment plant. This work is eight weeks out which is acceptable to Spartan and McCurley Houston on their timeline. KLH Engineers will begin to review contractor submittals.

Lowries Run Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining Contract: Jet Jack is scheduled to begin the pre-construction CCTV inspection work on the lines. MTSA Staff has been made aware of the details.

Shady Oak Directional Drill Project: Engineer Creagh advised the Board that the Shady Oak Direction Drill Project is part of the A & B Force Main Project which traverses from Shady Oak Drive down to and under Peebles Road and then will eventually convey the flow from the A & B Pump Station to the Peebles Pump Station.

The Shady Oak Directional Drill Project bids will be opened on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. at the MTSA main office.

Foxridge Plan Project: KLH Engineers has submitted a Letter of Intent for the Foxridge Plan Project to apply for a ALCOSAN GROW Grant in the amount of \$330,000.00. This project consists of replacing 2300 feet of sanitary sewer line with 10-inch sanitary sewer line that is prone to inflow and infiltration. Grant awards are to be made in May.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Youngblood reported on the following:

MTSA Development Operation-Update: Mr. Aufman submitted for Board review the Sanitary Sewer Permit and Tap Fee Summary Report for the month of March. Mr. Aufman has mailed out several letters regarding the status of their Tap Fee Monitoring Agreements.

Mr. Aufman presented the current development projects report for April showing the active construction occurring throughout the Authority's service area.

Mr. Aufman received concurrence from the Board to proceed with reinstating the Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Testing Program with the restaurants and food establishments.

MTSA Field and Maintenance Operation: Mr. Richard submitted for Board review the Maintenance/Field and Plant Operations Report.

The Televising/Cleaning Crew replaced a manhole on Manor Road two weeks ago. The crew is in the process of using the off-road equipment to televise and clean lines in the wooded valleys. The crew has completed work at the Babcock Pump Station.

The Lines Crew has completed the A & B Force Main Project to the first manhole on Shady Oak Drive. They have started restoration work on the grounds on the golf course side. They have also performed maintenance on the excavator that will be moved to the Shady Oak Drive project jobsite next week.

The Maintenance Crew is working on the Peebles Pump Station. The electricians disconnected the power from the building and the existing generator. They will proceed to reconnect the power to the pump station.

The Crew is working on a recirculating pump retrofit at the Longvue No. 2 Plant. Maintenance personnel obtained a quote for the equipment needing replaced and it was decided to fabricate the equipment inhouse due to the cost.

MTSA personnel have been working in Marshall Township on the Valley Road Pump Station and in Ohio Township on the Sewickley Pump Station and the Windy Knoll Wastewater Treatment Plant.

MTSA personnel have begun to conduct the annual testing of back flow preventors in our system and at the local fire halls.

The Authority is in receipt of a letter dated March 18, 2022, from the Allegheny County Health Department on the Longvue No. 1 Compliance Evaluation Inspection and everything went well. The report did not identify any problems.

Longvue No. 2 Plant NPDES Renewal: MTSA personnel has performed additional monitoring at the Longvue No. 2 Plant for renewal of the NPDES permit. The copper limit is exceeding DEP's proposed permit limit. The Authority has identified that the proposed copper limit is more stringent than DEP's copper limit for drinking water. MTSA Representatives have been in contact with PaDEP Representatives to further discuss the issue.

Wet Weather Issues: Mr. Youngblood reported that 3 Rivers Wet Weather Work Group has scheduled a meeting for April 21, 2022.

Articles of Interest: Mr. Youngblood provided several news articles of interest for Board review. He mentioned that the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association 80th Annual Conference & Trade Show will be held at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center September 11th through September 14, 2022.

Town of McCandless-Update: Town Liaison Casey, did not have any new information to discuss with the Board.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Semon to adjourn the April 7, 2022, Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Schon. There being no further business to bring before the Board the meeting ended at 7:55 p.m. *All members present voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

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