

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – MAY 5, 2022

MEETING NO. 06

CALL TO ORDER – The Regular Meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 5, 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.

Present were: Kevin Creagh, KLH Engineers, Inc.; William Youngblood, Executive Director; Dennis Blakley, Director of Operations; Raymond Aufman, Development/Administrative Manager; Anthony Giancola, Business Manager; Jack Casey, Town of McCandless Liaison and Elizabeth Keast, Recording Secretary.

Absent were: Bill Richard, MTSA, Superintendent and Ronald Brown, Solicitor of Dickie, McCamey, Chilcote, P.C.

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 COMMENTS: There were no public comments to report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Merski advised that there were no communications to report.

Chairman Eddy reports the Board of Directors held an Executive Session at the end of the April 21, 2022, Work Session Meeting to discuss potential legal claims.

RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:

MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2022: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of April 7, 2022, as submitted to each Board Member, seconded by Mr. Schon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

LIST OF BILLS DATED May 5, 2022: Mr. Semon reviewed with the Board the List of Bills Report for period dated April 6, through May 4, 2022, totaling \$502,241.44, 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. 3:

Mr. Merski made a motion to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3, submitted by Global Heavy Corporation, in the amount of \$275,721.30, dated April 30, 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. Schon. *All members present voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

MCCURLEY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, INC. PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 8:

Mr. Schon made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 8, submitted by McCurley Houston Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$5,224.50, period thru April 11, 2022, for Contract No. 104, Electrical for the Peebles Pump Station Project, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members present voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

MERIT ELECTRICAL GROUP, INC. PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 1:

Mr. Semon made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 1, submitted by Merit Electrical Group, Inc., in the amount of \$128,188.65 for period through April 25, 2022, for the Pine Creek WWTP, Contract 110-Electrical, as recommended by KLH Engineer, Inc., seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

AWARD BID FOR SHADY OAK DIRECTIONAL DRILL PROJECT: Mr. Forsey made a motion to award the bid contract to Independent Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$118,000.00, for the Shady Oak Directional Drill Project, Contract 114, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc. seconded by Mr. Schon. *All members voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Stratford Court Claim-Update: Mr. Youngblood has spoken with Solicitor Brown who reported that he has not heard anything from the Authority's insurance carrier's attorney concerning the Stratford Court Claim.

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

Pine Creek WWTP-Phase I Expansion: Engineer Creagh reported that Global Heavy is continuing excavation for the new basin tanks at the Pine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The next Progress Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Pine Creek Plant. The contractor has poured the concrete floor for the first pipe tunnel. Mr. Merski plans to attend the meeting. Mr. Blakley provided pictures of the contractor pouring the concrete.

Mr. Youngblood has spoken with Senator Williams who is having her Chief of Staff check on the eligibility of grant funding opportunities that may be available for the Pine Creek Plant Project. She mentioned that there is a significant amount of money coming into the State for water and sewer infrastructure projects.

Peebles Pump Station & Force Main: KLH Engineers reported that the Peebles Pump Station project is progressing. The flow transmitters were picked up today. McCurley Houston will install the transmitters either today or possibly tomorrow. J5 and McCurley Houston are continuing to work together towards the initial startup of the pump station.

A & B Pump Station & Forcemain: Engineer Creagh advised that Duquesne Light will be working on the relocation of a utility pole at the jobsite adjacent to the existing treatment plant. KLH Engineers and MTSA are coordinating with Duquesne Light to schedule the work. KLH Engineers is reviewing contractor submittals from both Spartan Construction and McCurley Houston.

Lowries Run Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining Contract: KLH Engineers has sent a letter to Jet Jack requesting their response on a firm start-up date for the project, since the original Notice to Proceed was issued on March 1, 2022. KLH Engineers has not received any contract submittals or a definite start date from Jet Jack, Inc.

Shady Oak Directional Drill Project: Engineer Creagh advised the Board that the Authority received 3 bids for the Shady Oak Direction Drill Project at the bid opening held on April 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Independent Enterprises was the low apparent bidder.

Lowries Run System Meeting: MTSA Representatives along with KLH Engineers attended a multi-municipal meeting on May 5, 2022, with Ross Township, Town of McCandless, West View, and Ohio Township organized by 3 Rivers Wet Weather. This meeting was held to discuss a possible solution to address the two sanitary sewer overflows occurring in the Lowries Run System tributary to the O-15 point of connection along the Ohio River.

The Allegheny County Health Department has sent a letter to the Authority granting an extension until June 30, 2022, to provide the status report to ALCOSAN. This information is to address the overflows as required under the Phase II Consent Order and Agreement.

MTSA is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the area communities in the Lowries Run system to further discuss these issues.

Foxridge Plan Project: The Authority has received a letter from ALCOSAN informing the Authority that we have been approved to proceed with submitting a Letter of Interest with application to the Grow Grant Program for the Foxridge Plan Project. This submittal is due to ALCOSAN by June 30, 2022. This will be used as part of our 10% project required for the consent order.

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

Huntington Bank–New Lockbox System: Mr. Giancola reported that the Authority is in the process of transitioning over from the PNC lockbox system to the Huntington Bank lockbox system. Next week Huntington Bank will perform a mock test parallel with the main billing scheduled to be sent out the middle of May. The new lockbox system is expected to go live on August 1st.

Capital Fund Investments: Mr. Giancola reviewed investment plans, with the Board for funds currently in the Capital reserves and in the Lowries Run Operating Committee reserve accounts. He will take advantage of treasury bonds and certificates of deposit.

MTSA Development Operation-Update: Mr. Aufman submitted for Board review the Sanitary Sewer Permit and Tap Fee Summary Report for the month of April. Mr. Aufman received payments on several outstanding Tap Fee Monitoring Agreements.

Mr. Aufman presented the current Development Reviews Project Report for May showing the active and non-active construction occurring throughout the Authority's service area.

Mr. Aufman provided ALCOSAN with a copy of the Authority's Offset Capacity Agreement for their review.

MTSA Field and Maintenance Operation: Mr. Blakley submitted for Board review the Maintenance/Field and Plant Operations Report. Mr. Blakley pointed out work in the field.

The Televising/Cleaning Crew is seventy-five percent complete with the yearly televising of the Lowries Run system.

The Lines Crew continues to work on the A & B force main and gravity sewer project. The crew has started work on Shady Oak Drive. The crew has installed approximately 100 feet of sanitary sewer line.

MTSA has contracted with a local truck driver to supplement our crew with delivery of gravel.

MTSA has met with Ross Township to discuss arrangements to temporarily use a local landscaping company to accept fill dirt from local construction projects.

Ross Township is planning to develop a large local fill site in the area and is in the process of applying for the necessary permits. Ross Township has agreed to allow MTSA to participate in utilizing the proposed fill site.

The Maintenance Crew is repairing the Digester Blower at the Longvue No. 2 Plant. The worn motor bearings are causing the belts to wear out prematurely. The crew also installed a new radiator at the Babcock Pump Station.

Mr. Blakley reported that the Authority is in receipt of a letter dated April 20, 2022, from the Allegheny County Health Department regarding the Pine Creek Plant Compliance Evaluation Inspection. MTSA will provide a response per the inspection report.

Pine Creek Plant-Centrifuge Operation: Staff will review the centrifuge operation at the Pine Creek Plant to determine the cost and energy savings the Authority is experiencing since the initial installation of the new equipment. The costs for the disposal and transportation of the sludge at the landfill will also be reviewed.

Longvue No. 2 Plant NPDES Renewal: MTSA Personnel have performed another round of copper survey testing on the effluent processed through the plant at the request of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).

On May 4, 2022, Mr. Mitchell from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) contacted the Authority to discuss the status of the Longvue No. 2 Plant permit renewal application submitted in 2018. As a result of the discussion, PADEP has agreed to issue a draft permit to allow the Authority 24-months to perform additional sample testing for all the parameters outlined in the permit. The PADEP advised the Authority that the sampling point will begin where the point of connection enters into the Girty's Run stream. KLH Engineers will perform a data analysis of the information obtained upstream and downstream of the connection point.

Pine Creek Plant–Energy Audit: Mr. Blakley reported that the Authority has met with representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Energy Program on May 3, 2022 to perform an energy audit at the Pine Creek Plant. Plant Operator Barker prepared and supplied a list of our current equipment as well as our electric bills for the last 3-year period for the Department to begin their evaluation and assessment report to identify problems on how the energy is being used or wasted. This report will also be used to compare electric usage versus ultraviolet light energy usage. This will allow any identified improvements to be worked into the plant upgrade.

Wet Weather Issues: Mr. Youngblood reported that 3 Rivers Wet Weather has teamed up with ALCOSAN to provide guidance on the trunk sewer transfer process. A 3 Rivers Working Group Meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Green Tree Municipal Center for municipalities to review and ask questions on any of the information previously provided from ALCOSAN in binder form to each municipality.

PMAA Annual Conference and Trade Show: 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 reported that the Town of McCandless recently held two environmental cleanup programs which were a huge success.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

RECESS TO RECONVENE: A motion was made by Mr. Semon to recess the May 5, 2022, Regular Meeting to reconvene on May 19, 2022 to discuss potential litigation matters, seconded by Mr. Schon. There being no further business to bring before the Board the meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

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