

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – JUNE 2, 2022

MEETING NO. 08

CALL TO ORDER – The Regular Meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, June 2, 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, and M. John Schon. Mr. Merski was absent.

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

Audience: Luke Leonard of Suburban Whitetail Management, LLC, and Dan Kortum of 8281 Bramble Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

INVOCATION: Mr. Eddy gave the invocation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Leonard of Suburban Whitetail Management, LLC was before the Board to provide information regarding his deer management program that has been approved in three local area communities. He is requesting permission from the Board to allow our property to be used by his members for a controlled hunt. He explained that this program was developed to help communities control their deer populations that have continued to increase in the past decade causing increased deer-vehicle collisions and damage to plants and gardens. He advised that Suburban Whitetail is fully insured.

Mr. Leonard explained that individuals applying for membership in the Suburban Whitetail Management Program are required to participate in a screening process as well as successfully complete a training course with a shooting proficiency test. He said members must follow the Company's Bylaws and regulations, as well as all Pennsylvania Game Commission laws.

Members who pass the screening process are given permits to hunt on the authorized properties. The company limits the number of hunters per property that are permitted to hunt at one-time. The members will only use bow equipment. A procedure is in place for field dressing the deer.

Mr. Kordum, a McCandless resident living here 35 years wanted the Board to allow the property located at the Longvue No. 1 Plant on Hazlett Road to participate in the program. He lives on Bramble Lane. He said there are a couple of large lots at the end of this road close to the Plant. The deer live in this area and use the neighborhood for their food.

Mr. Youngblood discussed some of the problems the Authority has experienced over the past several years with allowing the Authority's property to be used for hunting.

Chairman Eddy stated that this item is on the agenda under the Executive Director's Report and will be discussed in more detail at that time.

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

Chairman Eddy reports the Board of Directors held an Executive Session at the end of the May 19, 2022, Work Session Meeting to discuss potential legal claims.

RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MAY 5, 2022, AND THE RECONVENED MEETING OF MAY 19, 2022: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of May 5, 2022, and the Reconvened Meeting of May 19, 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 JUNE 2, 2022: Mr. Semon reviewed with the Board the List of Bills Report for period dated May 5, through June 1, 2022, totaling \$1,496,201.93, 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. Schon. *All members present voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.*

GLOBAL HEAVY CORPORATION APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 4: Mr. Schon made a motion to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 4, submitted by Global Heavy Corporation, in the amount of \$459,914.40, dated May 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.*

MERIT ELECTRICAL GROUP, INC. PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 2: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 2, submitted by Merit Electrical Group, Inc., in the amount of \$130,950.02, dated May 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. Schon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

J5 CONSTRUCTION, PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 7: Mr. Forsey made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 7, submitted by J5 Construction, in the amount of \$47,500.20, dated 5/23/2022, for Contract 2020-103 Rebid, General/Mechanical Construction, as described for the Peebles Pump Station, 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. 9: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 9, submitted by McCurley Houston Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$25,113.22 dated May 20, 2022, for Contract 2020-104, Electrical, as described for the Peebles Pump Station, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

SPARTAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 1: Mr. Forsey made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 1, submitted by Spartan Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$27,051.30, for contract 2022-112, General/Mechanical Construction, as described 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.*

MCCURLEY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, INC., PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 1: Mr. Schon made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 1, submitted by McCurley Houston Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$4,050.00 dated May 20, 2022, for Contract 2022-113, Electrical for the A & B Pump Station Conversion, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

APPROVE A PURCHASE CONTRACT TO ALLEGHENY FORD: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve a purchase contract to Allegheny Ford for one (1) 2022 RAM 5500 Cab & Chassis with upfitting requirements DEAL#24956, dated May 24, 2022. This purchase will utilize a COSTAR discount of \$5,500.00 for a purchase price of \$132,013.00, as recommended by Mr. Richard, Superintendent. *All members voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Stratford Court Claim-Update: Mr. Brown will provide a brief update to the Board on the Starford Court case in executive session at the end of the meeting.

ALCOSAN-Regionalization–Transfer Agreement Resolution Review: Mr. Brown reported that the proposed ALCOSAN Resolution has been circulated. This is the Resolution for municipalities and authorities to authorize the transfer of their trunkline formally to ALCOSAN.

The Resolution will need to be approved by the Lowries Run Operating Committee. The Authority appointed their two members to the Lowries Run Operating Committee in January. Mr. Blakley reported that Ross Township is scheduled to appoint Mr. Borczyk and Mr. Funk as their members to the Lowries Run Operating Committee at their June 6th, 2022, Meeting. The Authority and Ross Township Lowries Run Operating Committee members will meet to discuss the transfer of the Lowries Run Interceptor from Manhole No. 44 down to Point of Connection O-15.

MTSA Staff will provide the existing service agreements with Ohio Township, Emsworth Borough, Kilbuck Township and Borough of West View to Solicitor Brown for review. Solicitor Brown will review the ALCOSAN Transfer Agreement, and the required exhibits outlined in the package received before recommending to the Board approval of the ALCOSAN Transfer Agreement.

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

Pine Creek WWTP-Phase I Expansion: Engineer Creagh reported that Global Heavy continues to work on the first set of aerations basins. They have completed the pipe encasement and the first base slab. They are tying re-bar for the walls and placing stone for the second aeration basin base. Merit has started excavation for the duct bank from the blower building to the pipe tunnel extension. The next Progress Meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Pine Creek Plant.

Peebles Pump Station & Force Main: KLH Engineers reported that J5 and McCurley Houston performed the initial startup (WETT test) for the Peebles Pump Station project. Tested both pumps and they are working well. Next week J5 will start to install the new manholes and drill the bore for the new gravity sewer lines connecting to the wet well. J5 will bore under Presidential and that will complete their work. The true start-up of the pump station is anticipated for the third or fourth week of June.

A & B Pump Station & Forcemain: Engineer Creagh advised that a field meeting was held with the representatives from Duquesne Light and their field crew yesterday. In the next couple of weeks Duquesne Light will be starting work on the relocation of the utility pole. Spartan will start excavating the area for the building and the wet well. The new temporary power will be established by McCurley Houston.

Lowries Run Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining Contract: KLH Engineers has communicated with Jet Jack today. MTSA completed a repair to remove a protruding rock from one of the lines. Jet Jack will begin the pipe lining starting next week.

Shady Oak Directional Drill Project: Engineer Creagh advised the Board that they are working with Jet Jack Inc. to complete the contracts for the Shady Oak Directional Drill Project. Jet Jack will begin from where the MTSA inhouse crews completed their work.

Longvue No. 2–Copper Study: KLH Engineers held a virtual meeting with MTSA and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to discuss the Longvue No. 2 Plant’s proposed copper limits. PADEP is keeping the existing copper limit for the first two years of the NPDES Permit, while MTSA completes a Toxics Reduction Evaluation Study on the Girty’s Run stream discharge point. KLH Engineers is in the process of searching for environmental firms that can perform this type of testing.

MH-1 to O-15 Project General Permit: KLE is working on the design and permitting of a project to repair an exposed sewer line encasement from Manhole No. 1 in Lowries Run down to the O–15 point of connection. KLH survey crews are scheduled to begin the survey work next week.

Foxridge Plan Project: KLH Engineers is preparing a Grow Grant application to submit to ALCOSAN on the Foxridge Plan Project. The Authority Board is required to pass a Resolution as part of the application. MTSA inhouse crews are planning to perform the work using open cut excavation and the project is scheduled for the year 2023. The cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$320,000.00. The Resolution is requesting \$240,000.00 from ALCOSAN’s Grow Grant.

The grant application that will include the Resolution is required to be submitted to ALCOSAN by the June 30, 2022 deadline.

AUTHORIZE RESOLUTION NO. 610 TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA: As a result of discussion, Mr. Semon made a motion to authorize the Board to add Resolution No. 610 to the agenda to allow the Authority to seek grant funding from ALCOSAN in the amount of \$240,000.00 under the GROW Grant Program to fund the Foxridge Plan Project, seconded by Mr. Schon. *All members voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 610: Mr. Forsey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 610 to seek grant funding in the amount of \$240,000.00 under the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Grant Program to fund the Foxridge Plan Project, seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

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

Huntington Bank–New Lockbox System: Mr. Giancola reported that the Huntington Bank ran a parallel test on the new lockbox/bill pay system this week. A meeting has been scheduled with Huntington Bank to review the results of the report.

Capital Fund Investments: Mr. Giancola reported that the Authority has invested approximately 1.9 million in treasuries and will be investing another 2 million into treasuries with PNC Bank. This money was refunded from the 2016 bond issue that was refinanced.

Maher Duessel Audit–Status: Mr. Giancola reported that Maher Duessel continues to work on the Audit and the Financial Statements for the Authority and the Lowries Run Operating Committee. Upon receipt, the information will be submitted to the Board for review and approval.

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

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

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

The Televising/Cleaning Crew completed line repair at the old Green Valley Golf Course. They performed spot repairs/liners in the Peebles Pump Station area.

The Lines Crew is finishing up the Shady Oak project.

The Maintenance Crew had several minor pump station repairs throughout the MTSA system. They are working on the 422 Arcadia HVAC system. The condenser unit will need to be serviced.

Verizon is scheduled to check telephone lines at 418 Arcadia Drive.

MTSA Treatment Plants: Mr. Richard reviewed the information.

Plant personnel are working on dewatering Clarifiers No. 3 & No. 4 for the contractor to start demolition. The electrical contractor is installing conduit banks and access manholes. Rebar and concrete work for the new process tanks continues.

Plant personnel collected samples for the annual effluent WETT testing as required by the NPDES permit for the Pine Creek and Longvue No. 1 Plants.

The Pennsylvania Department of Energy has completed their evaluation at the Pine Creek Plant. The Department will prepare a report of their findings to provide to the Authority for review.

Plant personnel at the Longvue No. 1 Plant are replacing aeration diffusers for SBR No. 3. Sequential Batch Reactor No. 1 will be taken offline for preventative maintenance.

MTSA has scheduled Auma Actuators, Inc. to install the rebuilt process airline actuator next Thursday.

Mr. Blakley showed a video presentation on the construction activities occurring on the Pine Creek Plant-Phase I Expansion, Laurel Lane restoration work and Shady Oak projects.

Suburban Whitetail LLC: Mr. Leonard asked if the Board had any additional questions he could answer. Mr. Youngblood advised Mr. Leonard that our Longvue No. 1 Plant is not a practical site to allow hunting. The Board would only consider the 418 Arcadia Drive and 422 Arcadia Drive properties to be authorized.

Mr. Leonard explained that the next step would be to send a permission slip and membership application to the Authority. Mr. Youngblood explained that the information will be reviewed by the Board for consideration and approval at the July 7, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Mr. Leonard explained they use a program called onX map, which is a GPS hunting application to stay within the property boundaries.

MTSA Board members expressed consensus to proceed with the program as long as it is coordinated with Mr. Youngblood and subject to the employees being given an opportunity to participate in the program.

Wet Weather Issues: Mr. Youngblood reported that the Authority has two meetings scheduled with the ALCOSAN Wet Weather Program.

Town of McCandless-Update: Town Liaison Casey reported that Trisha Greyhouse has been appointed as the interim Administration Manager at the Town of McCandless as they search for a new manager. He will provide an update on the PennDOT road requirements at a future meeting.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Chairman Eddy announced that the Board will go into an Executive Session at the end of the Regular Meeting to discuss the Stratford Court Claim.

ADJORNMENT: At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Semon to adjourn the June 2, 2022, Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Schon. There being no further business to bring before the Board the meeting ended at 8:31 p.m. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

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