

# THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

## THE REGULAR MEETING

**MINUTES – JULY 18, 2019**

**MEETING NO. 09**

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Regular Meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at the Authority’s Administration Building, 418 Arcadia Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237. Chairman Riley called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** – Mr. Riley, Chairman called roll. Authority Board Members present were Christopher Eddy and James Forsey. Excused: William Kirk and Patrick Semon.

Also present were: Ronald Brown, Solicitor of Dickie, McCamey, Chilcote, P.C.-Absent; Eric Tissue, Engineer of Record, KLH Engineers, Inc.; William Youngblood, Executive Director; Dennis Blakley, Director of Operations; Raymond Aufman, Development/Administrative Manager-Absent; Mike Stupy, Superintendent; Ed Bricker, Plant Manager, Steve Buehler, Foreman and Elizabeth Keast, Recording Secretary.

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Forsey gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Riley led the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Riley reported that there were no public comments.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Secretary Eddy reported that there were no communications.

Mr. Riley announced that the Authority Board held an executive session on June 27, 2019 to discuss personnel matters.

### **RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2019:** Mr. Eddy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of June 6, 2019, as submitted to each Board Member, seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

**LIST OF BILLS OF JULY 18, 2019:** Mr. Eddy reviewed the List of Bills Report for period June 7<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Mr. Forsey to approve for payment the List of Bills dated June 7, 2019 through July 10, 2019, as presented to each Board Member. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 590:** A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Mr. Forsey to adopt Resolution No. 590, A Resolution of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Requesting a GROW Program Grant, Cycle 4, from the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, Authorizing Authority Officers to execute all documents and take all actions necessary, setting forth an Authority Financial Commitment to the Project and taking all other steps necessary to put the foregoing Resolution into effect. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

**APPOINT R. THOMAS RILEY TO SERVE AS VOTING DELEGATE AT THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Mr. Forsey to appoint R. Thomas Riley to serve as voting delegate at the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Trade Show as designated by the Board of Directors of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

**ACCEPT THE SANITARY SEWERAGE FACILITIES INSTALLED FOR THE FOREST VIEW PLAZA PLAN:** A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Mr. Forsey to accept the Sanitary Sewerage Facilities installed for the Forest View Plaza Plan for the installed cost of \$30,450.00, as recommended by the Development Department. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

#### **SYSTEM REPORTS:**

#### **SOLICITOR:**

**ALCOSAN Draft Transfer Agreement-Comments:** Mr. Blakley presented an email copy of the transmittal letter that was sent from Cliff Levine on behalf of the solicitor’s group to the attorneys for ALCOSAN with the solicitor suggested edits to the trunkline transfer agreement.

**Allegheny County Health Department–Draft Consent Order–Status:** Mr. Youngblood reported that ALCOSAN and the Director of Region 3 Environmental Protection Agency have scheduled a signing ceremony to be held sometime in September. Until ALCOSAN’s consent order is officially signed the Allegheny County Health Department will not be able to provide the communities with a draft consent order for review.

**Right-of-Way Agreement for North Park:** Mr. Blakley provided for board review a copy of the draft standard Right-of-Way Agreement for North Park prepared by Solicitor Brown. MTSA Staff received authorization to forward a copy of the draft Right-of-Way Agreement to County of Allegheny to start their review.

**KLH ENGINEERS, INC. ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Engineer Tissue provided an update on the following items:

**A & B STP & Pump Station Conversion/Peebles Pump Station Upgrade:** Engineer Tissue reported that KLH Engineers has received a letter from the Authority indicating that no public comments were received on the A & B/Peebles Pump Station Special Study during the 30-day public review and comment period. KLH Engineers is in the process of preparing the information requested by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) regarding the Special Study. DEP requested a letter from Hampton Township acknowledging review of the study.

Currently KLH Engineers is working on the force main easement drawings for the North Park area. MTSA and KLH Engineers will meet with the Town of McCandless Engineers on July 23, 2019, to discuss land development issues.

**Pine Creek WWTF Phase I Expansion:** Engineer Tissue stated KLH Engineer continues to work on aeration basins and verification of design calculations with the equipment manufacturer. A meeting was held with the manufacturer of the aeration system on July 16, 2019 and the meeting went well.

A site visit to the Altoona Wastewater Treatment Facility is scheduled for August 21, 2019 to review their aeration equipment process.

**Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program-Cycle 4, Letter of Interest/Application Submission:** KLH Engineers has submitted the Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program, Cycle 4 Grant Application to ALCOSAN by the June 28, 2019 deadline. Representatives from ALCOSAN attended a plug and release demonstration by MTSA personnel.

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

**MTSA Development Operation-Update:** The Sanitary Sewer Permit and Tap Fee Report prepared by the development office summarizing the figures for the month of June were provided for Board review. Also, a copy of the Current Development Projects Report for the construction projects occurring throughout the MTSA service area was provided.

**McCandless Crossing Culvert Issue:** Mr. Youngblood reported that the Allegheny County Conservation District (ACCD) has not received the plan required from the developer/owner to repair the blocked culvert in McCandless Crossings. The ACCD has turned the situation over to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for enforcement action.

**High Strength Waste Program-Update:** The Development Department has started the inspection and sampling program on food establishments in the MTSA service area.

**Special Purpose Tapping Fee-Update:** KLH Engineers is working in conjunction with Solicitor Brown to prepare the special purpose tapping fee for the Trinity Place Development. The developer paid for installation of the sanitary sewer line. He will receive a reimbursement component from properties connecting to the line.

**MTSA Field and Maintenance Operation Report:** Mr. Stupy presented the Field Operations and Maintenance Report for Board review.

**Longvue No. 3 Service Area–Maintenance Progress:** Mr. Buehler presented an update report on the cured-in-place lining work, spot repairs and line replacement project occurring on Pannier Road, Cromwell Drive, Winthrop Drive, and Guenevere Drive located in the Longvue No. 3 service area.

Mr. Buehler advised the Board that during further investigation of the area there are still several sections of sanitary sewer line that will need to be repaired or replaced in the Longvue No. 3 water shed that would benefit from the cured-in-place pipe lining. The Authority has allocated money in the 2018/2019 capital budget for these types of projects.

Board consensus was expressed to authorize staff to proceed with the cured-in-place pipe lining repair and replacement project under the CoStars Program for a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000.00.

At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Eddy to authorize MTSA Staff to proceed with the cured-in-place pipe lining repair and replacement project utilizing the CoStars Program for a not to exceed price of \$60,000.00, seconded by Mr. Forsey and unanimously carried.

**Peebles Pump Station Service Area Repairs/Beattie Technical School:** Mr. Stupy reported that weather permitting the Lines Crew is replacing sanitary sewer pipe that traverses to the Peebles Pump Station service area. This line is located in front of Beattie Technical School. The project is expected to be completed by August 15, 2019.

The Maintenance Crew is coordinating with Duquesne Light to replace the main breaker at the Hazlett Pump Station. Duquesne Light will de-energize the pole to allow personnel to install the new breaker.

During the Authority's last trip to Federal Surplus, Staff was able to purchase a 60-kw generator. This unit has newer technology with a John Deere diesel engine.

**Exposed 18 inch Line-Village Drive:** Mr. Youngblood advised the Board that on July 2, 2019, personnel discovered a landslide affecting our 18-inch sanitary sewer line located in the stream off of Rochester Road. After the July 11, 2019 storm event the stream bed caved in further exposing a section of the Authority's sanitary sewer line. KLH Engineers have been in contact with the Department of Environmental Protection to obtain an emergency permit to enter the stream to perform a temporary stabilization and repair of the sanitary sewer line so that it is not left exposed and to stop any further erosion.

MTSA Representatives will meet with the Town of McCandless Manager and Engineers to further discuss the matter with the Stonebrook Plan Home Owners Association.

**MTSA Plant Operation Report:** Mr. Bricker reviewed the Plant Operations Report with the Board.

**Thickener Project:** Mr. Bricker provided an update on the Thickener Project. Both actuators were installed for thickeners No. 1 and No. 2 and the program controlling the PennValley pump and actuators is operating as expected. A weekend program is being created to control the run times for the Pennvalley pump. Kevin Kerr has done a fine job setting up the operator friendly program.

Mr. Bricker provided a chart of the flow totals that were processed at Longvue No. 1, Longvue No. 2, A & B and Pine Creek Plants experienced from the rain event that occurred on July 9 through July 13, 2019.

Mr. Eddy provided videos of the flooding event experienced on Regency Drive. Mr. Eddy informed that Board that he joined a representative from the Town of McCandless to visit Patricia Drive in McCandless impacted by the flooding.

MTSA Staff provided for Board review a list of homeowners who contacted the Authority concerning problems experienced as a result of the rain event of July 11, 2019.

**Longvue No. 2 Ultraviolet Disinfection:** MTSA Staff provided a chart to KLH Engineers on the flow data recorded from the Longvue No. 2 Sewage Treatment Plant. The data shows that the ultraviolet disinfection unit currently installed at the Longvue No. 2 Plant will handle the flow.

**Wet Weather Issues:** 3 Rivers Wet Weather forwarded a status update on the wet weather issues for July 2019.

**Allegheny County of Township Boroughs and Authorities:** The Allegheny County of Township Borough and Authorities will hold its Joint Fall Conference October 3rd through October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Erie, Pennsylvania.

**2019 WEFTEC Conference:** The 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Water Environmental Federation Technical Exhibition & Conference is scheduled to be held September 21, 2019 through September 25, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois.

**House Bill 1563 – PMAA Response Letter:** A letter has been sent by the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association opposing House Bill 1563. The bill allows for rate studies where a single meter serves multiple units.

**Town of McCandless Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting:** Town of McCandless will hold a public meeting on July 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall to review the Comprehensive Plan.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and to Mr. Forsey to adjourn the July 18, 2019, Regular Meeting. There being no further business to bring before the Board the meeting recessed at 9:35 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

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