

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – AUGUST 4, 2022

MEETING NO. 10

CALL TO ORDER – The Regular Meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Authority’s Administration Building, 418 Arcadia Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237. Mr. James Forsey called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL – Mr. Forsey, Vice Chairman called roll. Authority Board Members present were Patrick Semon, Thomas Merski and M. John Schon. Christopher Eddy, Absent.

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

INVOCATION: Mr. Semon gave the invocation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Merski noted there were none.

Acting Chairman Forsey reports the Board of Directors held an Executive Session at the end of the July 21, 2022, Work Session Meeting to discuss the Stratford Court Claim.

RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING JULY 7, 2022: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of July 7, 2022, as submitted to each Board Member, seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

LIST OF BILLS DATED AUGUST 4, 2022: Mr. Semon reviewed with the Board the List of Bills Report for period dated July 7, through August 2, 2022, totaling \$1,043,271.60, as presented. Mr. Semon answered several questions concerning the List of Bills.

Mr. Merski made a motion to approve for payment the List of Bills, as submitted to each Board member, seconded by Mr. Schon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

GLOBAL HEAVY CORPORATION APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 6:

Mr. Schon made a motion to approve Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 6, submitted by Global Heavy Corporation, in the amount of \$641,050.21, dated July 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.*

Mr. Blakley provided a slideshow of pictures taken by our drone of the work at the Pine Creek Plant.

MERIT ELECTRICAL GROUP, INC. APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT NO. 4:

Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 4, submitted by Merit Electrical Group, Inc., in the amount of \$92,881.05, dated 7/25/2022, 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. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

J5 CONSTRUCTION, PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 8 FINAL: Mr. Merski made a motion to approve Payment Application No. 8 Final, submitted by J5 Construction, in the amount of \$105,730.00, period thru 7/25/2022, for the Peebles Pump Station General/Mechanical Contract 103, 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. 2:

Mr. Schon moved to approve Payment Application No. 2, submitted by McCurley Houston Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$4,183.31, dated, 7/19/2022, Contract No. 113 Electrical for the A & B Pump Station Conversion, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

JET JACK, INC., PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 1: Mr. Semon moved to approve Payment Application No. 1 submitted by Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$79,745.31 dated 7/26/2022, Lowries Run CIPP 2022, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

KLH ENGINEERS, INC. PROPOSAL FOR ACT 57 TAP FEE STUDY: Mr. Merski moved to accept the proposal submitted by KLH Engineers, Inc. to prepare an update to the Act 57 Tap Fee Study for a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00, seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

Discussion was held concerning the different methods that can be used to determine the tap fee. It was decided for MTSA and KLH Engineers to meet to discuss the method that should be used for the tap fee study.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Stratford Court Claim-Update: Mr. Brown reported that he does not have any new information to report on regarding the Starford Court case.

ALCOSAN-Regionalization–Transfer Agreement Resolution Review: Mr. Brown reported that the Lowries Run Operating Committee met on July 28, 2022. Ross Township appointed Ronald Borczyk and Michael Funk to serve as representatives to the Lowries Run Operating Committee. The meeting gave a good overview of the finances of the Committee. Engineer Creagh provided an update on various projects that are part of the regular review and oversight process of the joint assets of the line. The Committee received a history on the rehabilitation work that has been done on the interceptor line going back several years. The projects have been funded exclusively by the Grant-in-Aide Agreements or with the grant money received. A large portion of this work has been performed from Manhole No. 44 down towards the ALCOSAN connection point at O-15.

Discussion took place concerning the proposal in front of Ross Township and the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority to transfer the joint interceptor line from Manhole No. 44 down to the 0-15 Point of Connection to ALCOSAN. Ross Township Commissioners have authorized their representatives to work with MTSA to negotiate the terms with ALCOSAN, since it is a joint ownership there will need to be a three (3) way negotiation.

It was agreed that the Lowries Run Operating Committee will meet every two months at the Authority's administration office.

ALCOSAN's focus is to meet their obligations under the Consent Decree. Solicitor Brown stated we need to discuss the consequences of transferring the line to ALCOSAN since they will still be serving our Lowries Run customers under the existing municipal agreements. In the ALCOSAN Transfer Agreement it indicates that the Municipal/Authority is required to identify known defects in the line you are transferring. Those defects are still considered the obligation of the transferring parties for a 12-year period. The current service agreements with the municipalities will need to be discussed with ALCOSAN.

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

Pine Creek WWTP-Phase I Expansion: Global Heavy continues to pour concrete walls in the new aeration basins and selected demolition of existing walls. Merit Electrical has continued excavation for various ductbanks from the blower building to the pipe tunnel extension.

Peebles Pump Station & Force Main: J5 Construction and McCurley Houston Electric are both completing their punch list work on the Peebles pump station project.

A & B Pump Station & Forcemain: Duquesne Light has completed their relocation work. Spartan has started work.

Lowries Run CIPP Lining 2022-111: Jet Jack has completed two segments of lining in and around Rochester Road.

Shady Oak Drive Directional Drill Project 2022-114: Jet Jack is to start work in August.

Longvue No. 2–Copper Study: The Authority is waiting a response from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on the NPDES permit before proceeding with the TRE Study.

MH-1 to O-15 Project General Permit: KLH Engineers will submit the project application to the Allegheny County Conservation District for review and approval.

Change Orders - Discussion: Engineer Creagh advised that there are three separate Change Orders currently under review with Global Heavy Corp., contractor working on the Pine Creek Plant Project. Change Order No. 1 is for a set of aluminum stairs to make the facility more accessible that were not in the original design. Change Order No. 2 is for deleting two scum pumps, one from each of the two Scum Tower Systems. Change Order No. 3 is for the complete removal of the Clarifier center walls and the construction of new walls that will improve the constructability of these walls.

Executive Director’s Report:

MTSA Development Operation-Update: Mr. Aufman reviewed the Sanitary Sewer Permit and Tap Fee Summary Report for the month of July.

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

MTSA Field/Maintenance Operations: Mr. Richard provided his report.

The Line Maintenance Crew continues to perform lining and spot repairs in the Peebles pump station area. Crews cleaned the oil separator tank at the garage facility last week. Crews continue to work with the McCandless paving contractor to adjust manholes as needed.

Maintenance Crew is working at the Busch pump station performing general maintenance. The crew installed a bioxide tank at the new Peebles Pump Station.

The Authority replaced a water effluent hydrant for Ohio Township.

The Line Crew is currently working on a line segment replacement on Barry Drive and the project is to be completed by next week.

Dye testing crew continues to perform sale of home and random dye tests.

Garage crews are performing general maintenance repairs. Personnel are working to locate a wheel cylinder for the crane.

MTSA Treatment Plants: Mr. Barker, Plant Assistant reviewed the Plants Report.

The plants experienced a brief heavy rain event between July 24th and July 25th, causing flows at the plants to increase. The treatment process was able to handle the flows with no disruptions.

The Pine Creek Plant construction is still moving forward. The electrical demolition has started. The contractor is pouring concrete for the tunnel at the effluent trough.

Personnel at the Longvue No. 1 Plant are refurbishing the wastewater pump in Tank No. 2.

Longvue No. 2 Plant has been operating with no issues. The in-house copper sampling has resumed.

The temporary electrical power service has been installed at the A & B Plant. The pump station and the plant now have their own separate electrical power supply including generators for each should there be a power failure.

SCADA System Meeting: Engineer Creagh reported that a meeting was held on August 1, 2022 with representatives from KLH Engineers to discuss the plan for the computer control system at the Pine Creek Plant. This system is designed to control the process equipment and conditions at one centralized location to allow operators to view all processes in operation at the plant.

Articles of Interest: Mr. Youngblood reviewed several articles of interest provided in the Board materials.

Wet Weather Issues: The Annual 3 Rivers Wet Weather Sewer Conference will be held on November 2-3, 2022, at the Monroeville Convention Center.

Town of McCandless-Update: Town Liaison Casey was absent.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

ADJORNMENT: Mr. Semon moved to adjourn the August 4, 2022, Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Merski. There being no further business to bring before the Board the meeting ended at 8:00 p.m. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

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