

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

MEETING NO. 11

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Authority’s Administration Building, 418 Arcadia Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237. Mr. William C. Hunkele called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL – Mr. William C. Hunkele, Acting Chairman called roll. Authority Board Members present were William C. Hunkele, R. Thomas Riley, James J. Wallaert and Patrick Semon. Mr. Kirk was absent.

Also present were: Ronald Brown, Solicitor of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.; Donald Newman, Engineer of Record, Buchart Horn, Inc.; William Youngblood, Executive Director; Dennis Blakley, Director of Operations; Raymond Aufman, Development/Administrative Manager; Mike Stupy; Superintendent; Mr. Flaherty, Business Manager; Gerard Aufman, Jr., and Elizabeth Keast, Recording Secretary.

INVOCATION: Mr. Semon gave the invocation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Solicitor Brown mentioned for purposes of clarification the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority’s Public Comment Policy is that it welcomes public comment, but comments to the Board are limited to 3 minutes per individual and if you should have additional information we asked that you send it in writing.

Mr. Fischbaugh addressed the Board concerning his compliant.

Mr. Eddy was in the audience to observe the Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Riley reported there were no communications to bring before the Board at this time.

RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2016 AND THE RECONVENED MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2016:

A motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Wallaert to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of August 4, 2016, and the Reconvened Meeting of August 18, 2016, as submitted to each Board Member. All voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THE LIST OF BILLS DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2016:

Mr. Wallaert met with Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Blakley, and Mr. Youngblood to review the list of bills totaling \$316,304.70. Mr. Wallaert gave an update to the Board on the several items included in the List of Bills and satisfactorily answered several questions.

At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Wallaert and seconded by Mr. Semon to approve for payment the List of Bills dated September 1, 2016, as presented to each Board Member. All voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. **Motion Carried.**

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 569: Solicitor Brown provided the Board with an update on the status of the bond refunding proposal recommended by Mr. Egan of Public Investment Advisors, Inc. and Dickie, McCamey Chilcote, P.C. He explained in detail the purpose of the Resolution with the Board.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Semon and seconded by Mr. Riley to adopt Resolution No. 569, A Resolution of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the issuance of Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series of 2016 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000; Authorizing a private sale by invitation of the bonds and execution and delivery of a bond purchase contract, Authorizing and directing officers of the Authority to proceed with the bond issue; repealing all inconsistent Resolutions and setting forth an effective date. All voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. **Motion Carried.**

SYSTEM REPORTS:

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Brown reported on the following issues:

Lowries Run Encroachment Issue: Solicitor Brown reported that the access agreement concerning the Lowries Run encroachment issue has been sent to Sovereign Development by the Lowries Run co-solicitors. Solicitor Brown is awaiting a response from the Attorney for the developer at this time.

Lowries Run Sewer Service Agreement: Solicitor Brown reported that the draft Resolution has been submitted to Solicitor Ries, Town of McCandless Attorney for review. The Authority is awaiting a response from the Town of McCandless in terms of attending any meeting scheduled by the Town of McCandless to discuss the proposed resolutions.

Encroachment Issue-450 Nedham Court: Solicitor Brown reported that the agreement concerning the encroachment issue has been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Tilly for review and approval. Attorney Witherel for Mr. and Mrs. Tilly has recommended that the agreement be signed.

BUCHART HORN ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Newman reported on the following:

Annual Wasteload Management Report: Engineer Newman reported that the Authority received letters from the Allegheny County Health Department concerning review of the Annual Wasteload Management (Chapter 94) Reports submittals for the Longvue No. 1, Longvue No. 2, A & B and Pine Creek Sewage Treatment Plants. The Allegheny County Health Department is requesting additional information to be submitted for the plants within 60 days from the date of the letters.

Engineer Newman of Buchart Horn Inc., is in the process of preparing a response to address the comments and submit the information requested by the Allegheny County Health Department for the plants.

Sample Valley Pump Station Update: Engineer Newman has prepared and submitted the application for the general permits and Erosion and Sediment Control plan for the Sample Valley Pump Station project. Buchart Horn is awaiting a response at this time.

A & B Plant Rehabilitation/Preliminary Budget: Engineer Newman reported Buchart Horn prepared a submittal package for Aqua Aeorbics on the sequential batch reactor equipment and we are awaiting a response. In the interim, Buchart Horn is reviewing the Smith and Loveless information to narrow down the cost estimate.

Phase I ACO Implementation Project: Engineer Newman reported that there are two segments that remain to be completed for the Phase I Lowries Run interceptor capacity offset program. Engineer Newman has received the quote from Insight Pipe Contracting for Phase II of lining work that will consist of 2200 linear feet for the capacity offset program. The Phase II project is ready to begin within the next several weeks.

Salem Drive Reimbursement Grant: Engineer Newman reported that the Authority has submitted the Letter of Interest and Report dated July 28, 2016, to the ALCOSAN's Grow Program for the Salem Drive Sewer Project. The Authority is seeking reimbursement funds for the project expenditures in the amount of \$645,259.91. The Authority is awaiting a response from ALCOSAN at this time.

ACO Source Reduction Plan: Engineer Newman is in the process of scheduling the second meeting with the Lowries Run engineers to further discuss the Lowries Run source reduction and capacity issues. The Lowries Run communities showed interest in participating in a joint plan submittal. The progress report is due by December 17, 2016.

Source Reduction Data Request: Engineer Newman is in the process of compiling the requested data information to submit to 3 Rivers Wet Weather for the Lowries Run interceptor to allow the engineers to perform their studies for the inch mile calculation.

Pine Creek Bridge Widening Project-Update: Mr. Aufman reported that the subcontractor has completed the splitting of the concrete encasement. The temporary shoring is in place.

The agreement with the property owner to receive an additional five feet has still not been finalized.

Longvue No. 1 Sewage Treatment Plant – NPDES Permit Renewal: Engineer Newman will meet with MTSA Staff to review the information to prepare the Longvue No. 1 Sewage Treatment Plant NPDES Permit renewal application submittal to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The WETT tests results are satisfactory.

KLH Engineers, Inc. – Pine Creek Long Term Control Plan – Update: KLH Engineers, Inc., and MTSA committee members met on August 31, 2016 for a progress meeting to further review the treatment alternatives and equipment for the Pine Creek Plant Wastewater Treatment Facility.

MTSA and KLH held discussions concerning the preliminary estimates for the clarifier equipment, screens and grit removal systems. After reviewing the costs for the equipment it was decided to design around the 30 million gallon a day versus the 24 million gallon a day but the actual hydraulic flow through the plant will be based on 24 million to plan for future flow due to the cost of various equipment options. KLH prepared a preliminary drawing of the projected plant lay out. MTSA Staff discussed that they would like to complete the project in three phases due to high costs.

MTSA and KLH will develop a plan of equipment manufacturers to investigate at the WEFTEC Conference to help narrow down the selection of needed equipment discussed.

KLH will present a draft Basis of Design Report at the October 20, 2016 Work Session Meeting.

MTSA Development Operation-Update: Mr. Aufman reviewed with the Board the Sanitary Sewer Permit and Tap Fee Report summarizing the figures for the month of August submitted by the development office. He provided the Board with an update on the active construction occurring throughout the service area. Mr. Aufman reported that the Authority issued a sewer permit to a developer for an apartment building to be located in the Borough of Franklin Park. Currently, construction is ongoing at the Estates of Franklin Fields and the Oak Grove project in the Borough of Franklin Park. Construction is also continuing on the Alderwood Phase 4 development in Pine Township.

MTSA Field and Maintenance Operation: Mr. Stupy provided a Field and Maintenance Report for Board review. He explained that the lines crew is hauling equipment and materials to the Sample Valley Pump Station project. The crew also performed an open cut spot repair on a line off of Peebles Road.

The maintenance crew has removed the screw conveyor and are fabricating and installing a new section of the incline belt conveyor at the Pine Creek Plant. The crew has also installed a new belt for the centrifuge. Mr. Blakley provided pictures of the work being completed.

The Dye Test Crew is performing sale of property inspections 5 days a week.

The manhole crew is adjusting manhole grades for the Pine Township road paving projects.

Pine Creek Plant Centrifuge Status: Mr. Blakley reported that a Flottweg technician was onsite to repair a seal on the sludge feed pump which was covered under warranty. The conveyor has been installed. Flottweg is scheduled to return next week for training on the centrifuge equipment and to complete the performance evaluation.

Pine Creek Influent Sampling – Update: Mr. Blakley passed around a lab sheet on the influent sampling performed at the Pine Creek plant. He discussed the results with the Board. The information will be sent to KLH for review as well.

Wet Weather Issues: Mr. Youngblood reported that a meeting is scheduled for next week by the committee. The committee has emphasized that they would like to have the managers of the communities participate in the meeting.

Town of McCandless Community Day: The Town of McCandless Community Day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016. The Authority will have a booth and a vehicle participating in the parade.

Sewickley Hills Borough Service Contract: Mr. Blakley explained to the Board that the Authority is asking for consideration to terminate the service contract with Sewickley Hills Borough for maintaining their single sewage pump station. The Authority has been performing this service for approximately 2 years. Over that time, the Authority has given them recommendations for improvements to this pump station through their engineers and we have had very little response from them.

Mr. Blakley was given Board authorization to proceed with notifying Sewickley Hills Borough that the Authority will be terminating the contract.

PMAA Legislative Committee Meeting: Mr. Blakley provided the Board with information obtained from the PMAA Legislative Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2016. He explained two items that were signed into law that could affect the Authority. Senate Bill 289, allows authorities and local governments the option to use public funds for the repair or extension of private lateral sewer lines. House Bill 1326, amends Title (Public Utilities), voluntary process in which an acquiring public utility and selling utility may choose to have the value of the selling utility established through independent appraisals. Mr. Blakley also reviewed information on the antiprivatization discussion.

North Hills Council of Governments 2016-2017 Lining Contract: Mr. Blakley reported that the Authority uses the North Hills Council of Governments contract for lining projects. The contract for 2016 was awarded to State Pipe Services, Inc. who withdrew their bid proposal. The lining contract then went to the second lowest bidder which was Insight Pipe, Inc. and their pricing is \$2.00 a foot less than last years lining contract.

Articles of Interest: Mr. Youngblood provided in the Board packet several articles of interest from the local news publication.

3 Rivers Wet Weather 18th Annual Conference: The 3 Rivers Wet Weather 18th Annual Conference will be held October 12-13, 2016 at the Monroeville Convention Center. This conference is very beneficial to the Authority, since it provides the opportunity for employees to obtain contact credit hours towards their operator licenses from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

PMAA 74th Annual Conference and Trade Show: The Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association held its 74th Annual Conference and Trade show on August 28th through August 31st, 2016 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Several board members and staff participated in the conference. Mr. Wallaert and Mr. Riley provided an update on the seminar sessions they attended.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Wallaert to adjourn the September 1, 2016 Regular Meeting. The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. **Motion Carried.**

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