

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

MEETING NO. 11

CALL TO ORDER – The Regular Meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 1, 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.

Also Present: Kevin Creagh, Engineer of Record, KLH Engineers, Inc.; Ronald Brown, Solicitor of Dickie, McCamey, Chilcote, P.C.-via telephone, 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, Ed Bricker, Plant Manager and Elizabeth Keast, Recording Secretary.

In the audience: Dave Smith.

INVOCATION: Mr. Merski gave the invocation. The Board and Staff of the Authority remembered R. Thomas Riley who recently passed away.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Merski read a letter received from the Northland Library expressing gratitude to the MTSA Lines Crew for assistance with a backup they had on August 19, 2022. Mr. Youngblood read a thank you note from Mr. and Mrs. Merski.

RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BE PLACED IN MOTION:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 4, 2022: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of August 4, 2022, as submitted to each Board Member, seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

LIST OF BILLS DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2022: Mr. Semon reviewed with the Board the List of Bills Report for period dated August 2, 2022, totaling \$551,614.09, 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 submitted to each Board member, seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

GLOBAL HEAVY CORPORATION APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 7: Mr. Merski made a motion to approve Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 7, submitted by Global Heavy Corporation, in the amount of \$749,818.00, dated August 1, 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.*

MERIT ELECTRICAL GROUP, INC. APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT NO. 5: Mr. Schon made a motion to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 5, submitted by Merit Electrical Group, Inc., in the amount of \$130,549.28, for the period ending 8/25/2022, 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. Semon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

SPARTAN CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 2: Mr. Semon made a motion to approve Application No. 2, submitted by Spartan Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$111,087.00, dated 8/23/2022, for the A & B Pump Station Conversion Contract No. 112-General/Mechanical Construction, as recommended by KLH Engineers Inc., seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

ACCEPT SANITARY SEWERAGE FACILITIES INSTALLED FOR VILLAGE AT PINE, LOT 9-6R: Mr. Schon made a motion to accept the sanitary sewerage facilities installed at the Village of Pine, Lot 9-6R for the installed cost of \$24,881.33, as recommended by the Development Department, seconded by Mr. Semon. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

ACCEPT SANITARY SEWERAGE FACILITIES INSTALLED FOR WEXFORD STATION: Mr. Semon made a motion to accept the sanitary sewerage facilities installed at Wexford Station for the installed cost of \$244,279.60, as recommended by the Development Department, seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

APPROVE INSIGHT PIPE CONTRACTING, LLC PROPOSAL FOR PEBBLES PUMP STATION COLLECTION SYSTEM LINING PROJECT: Mr. Forsey moved to approve the proposal submitted by Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC under the Costar Program Contract No. 016, for a total price of \$40,503.60, for the Pebbles Pump Station Collection System Lining Project, as described in letter quote dated August 16, 2022, and recommended by MTSA Staff, seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Stratford Court Claim-Update: Mr. Brown did not have any new information to report with regard to the Starford Court case.

ALCOSAN-Regionalization–Transfer Agreement Resolution Review: Mr. Brown reported that the next Lowries Run Operating Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022. At this meeting the Authority will revisit several of the issues previously discussed with Ross Township. The Lowries Run Operating Committee will start to focus on the necessary steps to transfer the trunkline to ALCOSAN from Manhole No. 44 down to the ALCOSAN connection point at O-15.

KLH ENGINEERS, INC.: Engineer Creagh provided his Engineer’s Report.

Pine Creek WWTP-Phase I Expansion: Global Heavy continues to work on pouring concrete walls in the new aeration basins and selected demolition of existing walls. Merit Electrical has continued excavation for various duct banks from the blower building to the pipe tunnel extension. Global Heavy has started the mechanical work in some of the aerobic zones. The next progress meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the plant.

Peebles Pump Station & Force Main: J5 Construction and McCurley Houston Electric have submitted their Operation & Maintenance Manuals and all their as-builts for the project. In September, KLH Engineers will be closing out the project with McCurley Houston.

A & B Pump Station & Forcemain: Spartan Construction has excavated for the wet well and have poured concrete for the slabs and walls. KLH Engineers continues to review submittals. Spartan will be starting stakeout work on the remainder of the building.

Mr. Blakley provided pictures of the work occurring at the A & B Plant taken by the drone flyover.

Lowries Run CIPP Lining 2022-111: Jet Jack has completed two segments of lining in and around Rochester Road. Jet Jack had until September 2, 2022 to complete the project. KLH Engineers has sent a letter to Jet Jack imposing liquidated damages due to delay in work completion.

Shady Oak Drive Directional Drill Project 2022-114: Jet Jack has started the directional drilling work for the Shady Oak project.

Longvue No. 2–Copper Study: The Authority is waiting for the NPDES permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to begin the Toxic Reduction Evaluation Study.

MH-1 to O-15 Project General Permit: KLH Engineers advised that a meeting has been scheduled with the Allegheny County Conservation District to discuss the general permit. KLH Engineers informed the Authority that the scope of work submitted in the original application may need to be reduced.

MTSA PPC Plan: Engineer Creagh explained that KLH Engineers submitted the Preparedness Prevention and Contingency Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) by the August 29th deadline as requested. PADEP has completed its review and the NPDES Permit has been approved.

Executive Director's Report:

MTSA Development Operation-Update: Mr. Aufman reviewed the Sanitary Sewer Permit and Tap Fee Summary Report for the month of August. A total of 56 sanitary sewer permits have been purchased to date.

Mr. Aufman presented the current Development Reviews Project Report for September 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 cured-in-place lining and spot repairs in the Peebles pump station area. The crew is currently working on televising and jet cleaning. The crew is scheduled to move into the Foxridge Plan area next.

The Equipment and Maintenance Crew has completed the service repairs on the generator at the Pine Creek Plant.

Staff is in the process of reviewing the elevator maintenance contracts submitted by Otis for the Authority's Arcadia Buildings and the Pine Creek Plant.

The Lines Crew has started to install the sanitary sewer line on Peebles Road for the A&B Force Main Project. Today, the crew set the base and poured the concrete for the first manhole.

Garage crew is performing normal state inspections and general maintenance repairs.

Allegheny Ford has been contacted concerning the status of the new service truck. The chassis has been received and the body should be delivered shortly. It should take approximately one month to assemble.

MTSA Treatment Plants: Mr. Bricker, Plant Manager reviewed the Plants Report.

On August 21st, the Pine Creek Plant experienced a heavy rain event resulting in an excursion for August. Staff has prepared a wet weather plan for the next heavy rain event.

Duquesne Light Company assisted with a service shut-down at the Pine Creek Plant, allowing Merit Electric to perform the necessary work for installation of the switchgear. This process took approximately two hours to complete.

Staff installed a new belt on Blower No. 5 at the Longvue No. 1 Plant. Also, Staff replaced the diffusers in Process Tank No. 3.

Staff replaced the pulleys on the Blower at the Longvue No. 2 Plant.

The Authority has submitted the Annual Wasteload Management Report for the Longvue No. 2 Sewage Treatment Plant to the Allegheny County Health Department. A notification letter has been received from the Allegheny County Health Department indicating that the report is complete.

Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)–Update: Mr. Giancola reported that the Authority has received its minimum municipal obligation (MMO) amount from Mockenhaupt Benefits Group to contribute to the employee pension plans. The amount decreased this year.

The Authority Management Staff met with the Maher Duessel representatives to review this year's audit. The auditors recommended several minor changes for next year that the Authority will implement. This year the auditors have requested that all documents and information be uploaded to their secure portal. The Authority requested the auditors to move next year's audit to the second week in February to allow more time to complete the prior year end reconciliations.

Wet Weathers Issues: The Authority has scheduled a Lowries Run Operating Committee meeting for September 27, 2022. The Authority may apply for a GROW Grant for the repair work that is needed to repair the cement chamber near Outfall 15.

The Allegheny County Health Department has forwarded a letter notifying the Authority that they have not received our Annual Progress Report as required by the Phase II Consent Order and Agreement. This report was due June 30, 2022 and annually for the duration of the COA. The Authority previously requested an extension. The Authority prepared and submitted the required report and it has been approved by the Allegheny County Health Department.

Town of McCandless-Update: Town Liaison Casey recommended scheduling a meeting to meet the new Tow of McCandless Manager. He started last week and he has been informed of the Wahl Park Project.

Mr. Forsey suggested that the Board and Staff schedule time at the September Work Session Meeting to review the operating budget and five-year plans since it has been a challenging year for both operating and capital budgets.

The Authority will need to review the budget information to determine the amount of the proposed increase required for the 2023 Residential Customer and Non-Residential Customer Sanitary Sewer Service Rate Schedule.

Mr. Giancola will have a preliminary budget prepared and submitted to Board and Staff for review based off the nine months financial information prior to the October meeting.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

ADJORNMENT: Mr. Schon moved to adjourn the September 1, 2022, Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Semon. 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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