

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those present were Board Members Ms. Sylvia Wilson, Ms. Brenda Smith, Messrs. Greg Jones, Harry Readshaw, Corey O'Connor, and John Weinstein; Mr. Jack Shea participated by telephone. Also in attendance were Messrs. Chip Babst (Babst Calland), Tim Dupuis and Matt Sickles (CDM Smith), and Robert Gallo (Authority Consultant); Ms. Williams, Ms. Clark, Ms. Oliver, Messrs. Tamilia, Borneman, Inks, and Jackson, Ms. Thomas, Ms. McCarthy, Ms. DeMasi, Ms. Sanchioli, Ms. Slater-Wood, Ms. Cortazzo, Ms. Marunczak, Ms. Mannella, Ms. Croom, Ms. Mellinger, Messrs. Vallarian, Lockard, Hoffman, Haque, and Prevost (Authority staff).

The Chairperson asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Veronica Coptis (State-Wide Chapter Chair, Sierra Club Pennsylvania Chapter) shared the benefits of using and maximizing green solutions to help solve some of the CSO problems in our region. These solutions bring multiple community benefits to the neighborhoods where they are located and include cleaner air, revitalized neighborhoods, increased local job creation, and strategies to reduce future global warming/increase resiliency to other climate changes. Ms. Coptis applauded the Authority on the plant expansion and collaboration underway with PWSA and other green initiatives.

The Board and Ms. Wilson commended Mr. Tim Prevost, Manager of the Authority's Wet Weather Programs for being the recipient of the ASCE Pittsburgh Section Civil Engineer of the Year. Mr. Prevost was nominated by Dr. Sam Shamsi and honored by the ASCE largely for his work and success with the Authority's GROW Program.

Upon motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2018.

The Chairman stated that an Executive Session was held at 4:00 p.m. to discuss pending legal issues (*votes are never taken during the Executive Session*).

Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board authorized payment of invoices in excess of \$18,500.00 processed during the period, January 13, 2018 through February 9, 2018; ratified the action of the Executive Director in paying utility bills processed during the period and reviewed invoices between \$10,000.00 and \$18,500.00 processed during the same period, a copy of which will be made part of these minutes.

Upon motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board awarded the following contracts:

1. The Board considered bids received on February 6, 2018, under Contract No. 1635A, "Tassey Hollow Grit Chamber." Bids were received from G.M. McCrossin, Independent Enterprises, Inc., Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc., Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc., Zottola Construction, Inc., Port Vue Plumbing, and Lone Pine Construction. G.M. McCrossin submitted the lowest bid; however, the company decided to withdraw their bid. The Board awarded the contract to Independent Enterprises, Inc., the next to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the Authority's specifications at their price of \$569,570.00.
2. The Board considered bids received on February 15, 2018, under Contract No. 1689, "Rental of a Vacuum Truck." Bids were received from Hydro Technical Services, Inc. and Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co. The Board awarded the contract to Hydro Technical Services, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder meeting the Authority's specifications at their price of \$3,840.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Readshaw, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for bids for the following contract:

1. Contract 1690, "Furnish and Deliver Hydrochloric Acid."

The following items denoted with an asterisk (*) were reviewed by the Professional Services Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on February 8, 2018. The Committee unanimously approved and recommended these items for submission to the Board.

*Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the Board approved the following Service Authorizations for Professional Consultants. Assignment is based on consultants' past efforts, knowledge, and understanding of the task involved and the availability of the consultants' staff to perform the tasks in the time required:

1. For Loftus Engineers, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed \$25,885.00, to provide additional construction management and resident inspection services for Capital Project No. S441, "Demineralization System Upgrades."
2. For Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, under agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not-to-exceed \$18,200.00, to provide design-related assistance during the construction of Contract No. 1667, "CIPP Rehabilitation for portions of the Saw Mill Run and Allegheny Interceptors".

*Upon motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Readshaw, the Board awarded a contract for professional engineering design services to Bucharth Horn for Capital Project No. S445, "Upgrades and Repairs to Diversion Structures," for a fee not-to-exceed \$117,200.00.

Upon motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Readshaw, the Board authorized the Executive Director to pay operational invoices within specific guidelines as set forth in Resolution 2018-02-1. As of January 1, 2018, the threshold set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act allowing authorities to approve and process payment of any invoice, cost or obligation increased from \$18,500 to \$20,100. The Resolution also confirms and increases the authority of the Executive Director to pay certain invoices, costs and obligations owed by the Authority upon receipt and without separate approval by the Board, which fall under \$20,100.

The Chairperson recognized one additional visitor comment from Ms. Zinna Scott, a resident from the Homewood area of Pittsburgh. Some residents and establishments in Homewood experience back-ups in their basements and have problems with runoff. For example, the auditorium in the Homewood branch of the Carnegie Library is flooded and rendered useless during periods of heavy rain; the community continually assumes responsibility for costs associated with cleanup. Ms. Scott is grateful the Authority is improving the treatment plant; however, she hopes next steps include more, meaningful investments such as development of the green infrastructure, resolving the issue of flooding, and community revitalization.

There was no new business. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on March 22, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:46 p.m.