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

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 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, Jack Shea, and John Weinstein; Mr. Corey O’Connor participated by telephone. Also in attendance were Messrs. Max Junker (Babst Calland), Michael Ryder (Hatch Chester); Ed Kluitenbergh and Matt Sickles (CDM Smith); Dave Duessel, Levi Zielinski, and Jeff Kent (Maher Duessel); Mark Wolinsky (3RWW); Ms. Williams, Ms. Clark, Ms. Oliver, Messrs. Tamilia, Borneman, Inks, and Jackson, Ms. Marunczak, Ms. McCarthy, Ms. McKay, Ms. Slater-Wood, Ms. DeMasi, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Sanchoi, Ms. Donahue, Messrs. Tallon, Meyer, Mazza, and Vallarian (Authority staff).

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

No visitors requested to speak during the public comment period.

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

Mr. Dave Borneman (Director of Engineering and Construction) gave a brief report on the 2018 Capital Budget Status Report; expenditures for the first quarter of 2018 is approximately $7.5 million. Enhancements to the status report include color-coding and categorizing the Authority’s commitments by program; additional enhancements are forthcoming. Mr. Jeffrey Mazza (Project Engineer II) provided an update on the Demineralization System upgrade. The system processes city water via filtration, carbon absorption, and ion exchange. Increased automation, greater use of corrosion resistant metallic piping and safer chemical storage are a few of the many benefits of this new system.

Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 22, 2018.

Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board authorized payment of invoices in excess of $18,500.00 processed during the period, February 10, 2018 through March 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. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board approved the following change orders that exceed $30,000.00 in value or whose cumulative total value with previously approved change orders is greater than five percent of the original contract amount:
1. No. 1, under Contract 1657E, “Demineralization System Upgrades, Electrical,” to Bronder Technical Services, in the amount of $5,796.00 for six changes: a) to install cables for new PLC panel for pump operation; b) to change wiring for control of the system; c) to furnish and install a disconnect switch for the eye wash shower; d) to relocate make-up-water pump (MUP) push button control stations to unit Nos 1 and 2; e) to extend the contract completion period 122 calendar days; and f) to install raceway and wiring for valves added to process train Nos. 1 and 2. The original amount of the contract was $100,390.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is $106,186.00.

2. No. 1, under Contract 1683, “Removal of Underground Storage Tank,” to Neumeyer Environmental Services, for the amount not-to-exceed $17,700.00 to perform three changes: a) to pump and dispose of approximately 1,000 gallons of wastewater found in the excavated site; b) to remove and dispose of approximately 200 tons of contaminated soil; and c) to furnish approximately 200 tons of 2A stone aggregate to backfill the excavated area (the labor is in the original scope of the contract). The work will be performed on a time and materials basis. The original amount of the contract was $18,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is $35,700.00.

   Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for bids for Contract 1691, “Demolition of Old Operations and Maintenance Building.”

   Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board approved Service Authorization 318 for 3RWW, to exercise the contractual Option Year in an amount not to exceed $641,954. This provides support of the Wet Weather Program planning goals in conjunction with meeting municipal customer needs. Mr. Mark J. Wolinsky, Executive Director, 3RWW, will give a presentation at the Authority’s Board meeting in May 2018.

   Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board accepted the Maher Duessel Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2017. Mr. Bill Inks (Director of Finance and Administration) reported yet another financially successful year. The audit went smoothly, there were no issues or adjustments, and the Authority continues to be financially sound. Mr. Inks thanked the Audit Committee, Ms. McCarthy, and Ms. McKay for their participation in the audit process. Mr. Dave Duessel who led the independent audit, agreed and stated that he and his staff received outstanding cooperation from Authority staff.

   There was no new business. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on April 26, 2018.

   There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:48 p.m.