

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those present were Board Members Ms. Sylvia Wilson, Ms. Brenda Smith, Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, Messrs. Corey O'Connor and John Weinstein; Mr. Jack Shea participated by telephone; and Mr. Harry Readshaw did not attend the meeting. Also in attendance were Messrs. Chip Babst and John McCreary (Babst Calland), Mike Ryder (Hatch), Ms. Williams, Ms. Oliver, Ms. Clark, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Buys, Messrs. Inks, Jackson, and Vallarian, Ms. Fantoni, Ms. Young, Ms. DeMasi, Ms. Croom, Mr. Prevost, Ms. Sanchioli, Ms. Crowe, Ms. Skundrich, Ms. Arthur, Ms. Coston and Ms. Slater-Wood(Authority staff).

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held this afternoon at approximately 3:30 p.m. to discuss pending legal issues (*Note: votes are never taken during the Executive Session*).

One visitor requested to speak during the public comment period. Ms. Aly Shaw, Organizer of Our Water Our Rivers Campaign and resident of Millvale, followed up on her comment from the last Board Meeting regarding affordability. She mentioned a recent Tribune Review article highlighting the enrollment in the Clean Water Assistance Fund. Enrollment in the ALCOSAN Clean Water Assistance Fund since 2017 is around 5% of eligible customers in the service area and is lower than PWSA's assistance fund, which is around 7%. The Campaign believes both numbers are low and would like to meet with Chair of the Customer Assistance Program Subcommittee, to discuss how to increase this number.

Ms. Wilson thanked the speaker for her comments.

Mr. Bill Inks (Director of Finance & Administration) reported on the 2019 Operating Costs and Revenues. The Authority is 83% through its budget year and as of October 31, 2019 about 83% of the budgeted revenue has been collected and budgeted expenditures are approximately 77%. The Authority continues to operate in a sound manner and is in good financial condition. The Board had no issues or concerns.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the report of actions by the Executive Director in approval of a construction change order less than \$30,000.00 and a cumulative total change order value to date of less than five percent of the original contract amount as follows:

1. No. 5, under Contract 1680, "Chimney Rehabilitation" from Pullman Power, for a credit in the amount of \$53,065.82. The original amount of the contract was \$728,987.43. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$926,142.60.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 2019.

Upon motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board authorized payment of invoices in excess of \$20,100.00 processed during the period of October 12, 2019 through November 12, 2019 and reviewed the summary report of expenses in excess of \$10,900.00 processed during the same period, a copy of which will be made part of these minutes.

The Board considered bids received on November 6, 2019, under Contract No. 1674, "Modifications to Diversion Chambers A-17 & M-59." Bids were received from Mele & Mele, Jet Jack and Frank J. Zottola. Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the Board awarded the contract to Mele & Mele, the lowest responsible bidder meeting the Authority's specifications at a price of \$1,337,550.00. The price of the contract is slightly higher than was anticipated. Ms. Oliver stated the differential in cost is the work that is being done is to make improvements and modifications to very large structures in the interceptor system, work that will require bypass pumping and work that will take place in the river. These improvements will help optimize the existing interceptor system.

The items denoted with an asterisk () were reviewed by the Professional Services Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on November 7, 2019. The Committee unanimously approved and recommended that these items be submitted to the Board.*

* Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board awarded the Engineering Services for the Laboratory/Industrial Waste Facility and Parking Garage Project (S-464) to AEWorks, for an amount to be negotiated by the Executive Director. The current Laboratory and Industrial Waste buildings are being relocated due to plant expansion needs.

*Upon motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board awarded the Mechanic Technical Training Program to Mindish Industrial Training Services for a fee not to exceed \$133,000.00. This Training is necessary to support the in-house apprenticeship program. The program is for specific training for five mechanics delivered in 2020.

*Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the Board approved a modification of Service Authorization 264 for MARC USA to continue the scope of work to fund the next phase of the campaign for Strategic Communications and Public Relations for an amount not to exceed \$1,311,951.00. This modification will move the campaign into 2020 which will include rebranding. Mr. Vallarian stated that part of the rebranding will be a series of new videos, a new website and a new logo. He stated that ALCOSAN is working to try to make the Clean Water Assistance Fund easier for eligible customers to identify and has made an effort to direct outreach in the community to increase the enrollment numbers.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on December 12, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:02 p.m.