# MEETING OF THE BOARD THE WILKINSBURG-PENN JOINT WATER AUTHORITY July 26, 2022

# **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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- II Pledge of Allegiance
- III Public Comment Period
- IV Approval of Meeting Minutes

Workshop Meeting Minutes of June 28,2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2022

V Bills and Communications

# VI Report of Officers:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Ratification of expenditures from June 18, 2022, through July 15, 2022, in the amount of \$1,882,374.14. Electronic transfers have been included but are not reflective in the total. In addition, we will need authorization of expenditures through August 23, 2022.

# VII Report of Committees

- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Labor Committee
- Policy Committee
- Engineering Committee

# VIII Consultants' Reports - Comments

- Consulting Engineer
- Solicitor
- IX Report of Management
- X Unfinished Business
- XI New Business
- XII Adjournment

# THE WILKINSBURG-PENN JOINT WATER AUTHORITY REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

July 26, 2022

- Pension Committee met with our Investment Advisor Sarah Wilson from Marquette Associates to discuss status of pension plans. Sarah would like us to consider updating investment policy for both plans. She will be meeting again with the committee prior to presenting information to the board.
- Remaining office air handler units have been installed. Programming to get all systems balanced is ongoing.
- Discussions being held with meter vendor on AMI project in Pitcairn area.
- Landscaping project at the main office has been started. Looking at options to repair steps.
- There has been a total of 40 breaks since our June meeting. Included in your packet is a breakdown by Municipality of all Distribution Work done during the last month.

# WILKINSBURG PENN JOINT WATER AUTHORITY JULY 26, 2022

## ms consultants - MONTHLY ENGINEER'S REPORT

#### PENNVEST LEAD SERVICE LINE PROJECT

Both contractors continue working and completing lead replacements each day. Both contractors have increased production, but are still behind. As of July 15th, 192 replacements have been completed. Current percentages are 19% complete in 25% of the contract days.

To date, the Authority has received 435 signed agreements (2 since last meeting) and has completed the inspection for 426 of the structures. No new agreements are being pursued but will be accepted if previously mailed or part of a water line main replacement project. Of the 426 signed agreements, work has been completed for 61 (14%) of the customers.

With the passing of the State Budget, PENNVEST was provided over \$200 million for lead service line replacements. We have been informed that the requirements may be slightly different and all the money may not provided as grants. We are planning on scheduling a meeting with PENNVEST staff and Authority staff to discuss another application.

# DUFFIELD AREA WATER LINE PROJECT (PENN HILLS)

The Notice to Proceed was issued July 1, 2022. Until that date, the contractor, M. Herron, had indicated an inability to obtain pipe, valves, etc. After the notice was issued, they were able to find the pipe. Construction started July 18, 2022 and is expected to take 3 months.

# SERVICE LINE IDENTIFICATION PROJECT

Contractor is making steady progress. Approximately 200 service lines have been verified through July 15<sup>th</sup>. The initial contract work is expected to be completed in the next 30 days. Through the first 200 verifications, the average cost has been slightly higher than \$1,000 each. The original bid had each verification at over \$1,600 each. 37 of the 200 have had lead for either the public side, the private side, or both.

#### NADINE PUMP STATION METER VAULT EXPANSION

Lawson Excavating has been sent contract and bonds and we are waiting for them to be returned. We expect work to be started in early August and be completed by the middle of September.

#### NADINE PUMP STATION PERMANGANATE ISSUE

Developing drawings and permit application for new tanks at Nadine. Once permit approved, purchase of items can occur.

## BROADWAY BOULEVARD WATER LINE (PITCAIRN)

Completing the detailed design of the 13,000 lf project. Detailed design is proceeding and the project should be ready to bid this summer.

#### RAMSEY STORAGE BUILDING

No progress on finding a contractor to install the necessary building.

#### CONE VALVES AT NADINE PUMP STATION

Bids delayed by Magmeter Vault Expansion project and will be received in August.

#### ALUM STORAGE TANKS AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT

We have been working with a certified tank installer on the permitting the new tanks and the closure of the existing tanks. Permit for use of tanks has been received. Existing tanks have been cleaned and water tested and do not leak. We are attempting to receive DEP approval on water testing in lieu of soil sampling from under the building.

#### EAST MCKEESPORT TANK REPLACEMENT

East McKeesport tank is leaking and needs replaced. We have completed the survey and are reviewing options for tank replacement.

#### CARRIE FURNACE PHASE III PROJECT

Pipe will not arrive for 6 to 8 months. Project may not start until early 2023.

# ARDMORE BOULEVARD CULVERT PROJECT - PENNDOT

PennDOT continues with the Ardmore Boulevard project. We expect Phase 2 of the work to start in August. This work will require the water line to be uncovered and held by a steel beam in two locations.