

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the  
Board of The Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water  
Authority held on June 22, 2021, at 6:30  
o'clock p.m. at 2200 Robinson Boulevard  
Wilkinsburg, PA

Present:	Vento	Vahosky	Broz
	Fuller	Czekaj	Crombie-Collins
	Coles	Scolieri	Simon
	Joyce-May	Gilliland	

Others Present: Bianchi, Sorce, Komandt, Balewski, Alexander and Davis

Absent: Rawlins

Although no formal action was taken, the following workshop minutes are presented for the record. The workshop meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. with Mr. Simon, chairman presiding. The Chairman then asked for the reports of the Consulting Engineer and Solicitor. Both reports, presented with questions asked and answered, are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Next, Mr. Bianchi reviewed the items on his Management Report with questions asked and answered. The report is made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to discuss, the workshop session concluded at 6:58 p.m.

The regular board meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

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Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
the Board of The Wilkinsburg-Penn  
Joint Water Authority held on  
June 22, 2021, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.  
at 2200 Robinson Boulevard,  
Wilkinsburg, PA. 15221.

Present:	Vento	Vahosky	Broz
	Fuller	Czekaj	Crombie-Collins
	Coles	Scolieri	Simon
	Joyce-May	Gilliland	

Others Present: Bianchi, Sorce, Komandt, Balewski, Alexander and Davis

Absent: Rawlins

The regular meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Simon, chairman presiding and Ms. Davis recording the minutes. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Simon followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman then called for public comments at which time *Talor Musil*: of "Women for a Healthy Environment" addressed the board with recommendations for community involvement in the decision-making process for implementing the funding from the PENNVEST Grant. She reiterated her appeal for the Authority to consider partnering with Health, Academic and Community Organizations and a variety of others for their expertise citing a letter of support from Senator Costa's office. She also, referenced information obtained from reports listed on the Allegheny County website and other sources pertaining to various communities served by the Authority. *Caitlin Schroering*: Sociologist of the University of Pittsburgh and member of "Our Water Campaign" echoed her support of the remarks of the previous commenter. She recommended a community led advisory committee to assist and provide feedback, resources and strategies to help implement the PENNVEST lead replacement program. Lastly, she urged for consideration of a customer assistance program as a protection for low-income rate payers. Upon conclusion of the public comment period Mr. Simon called for the approval of the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021, whereupon;

**APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP  
AND  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF  
MAY 25, 2021**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by roll call vote, that the workshop and regular meeting minutes of May 25, 2021, be approved as written and the same are hereby approved as written.

## **BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to ratify the action of the Executive Director in awarding Contract #2020-18 "Aum Storage Tank at the Water Treatment Plant" to *Lone Pine Construction* the lowest most responsible bidder, in the amount of \$750,500.00. Bid opening was May 6, 2021, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY THE ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN AWARDED CONTRACT #2020-18 "AUM STORAGE TANK AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT" TO LONE PINE CONSTRUCTION, THE LOWEST MOST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,500.00. BID OPENING WAS MAY 6, 2021**

On a motion by Mr. Czekaj, seconded by Mr. Vahosky, it was resolved by roll call vote to ratify the action of the Executive Director in the award of Contract #2020-18 to *Lone Pine Construction*, at the amount of \$750,500.00, and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to approve Change Order #1 on Contract #2020-18 "Alum Storage Tank at Water Treatment Plant". Change Order as reviewed by Consulting Engineer decreases the project cost to \$532,500.00, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 ON CONTRACT #2020-18 "ALUM STORAGE TANK AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT". CHANGE ORDER TO DECREASE PROJECT COST TO \$532,500.00**

On a motion by Mrs. Joyce-May, seconded by Mr. Coles, it was resolved by roll call vote to approve Change Order #1 on Contract # 2020-18 to decrease project cost to \$532,500.00, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to award Contract #21-016 "Ramsey Storage Shed" to *Swede Construction Corporation* in the amount of \$163,300.00. *Swede Construction Corporation* is a Pennsylvania COSTAR vendor, whereupon;



**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD  
CONTRACT #21-016 "RAMSEY  
STORAGE SHED" TO SWEDE  
CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$163,300.00.  
SWEDE CONSTRUCTION CORP., IS A  
PENNSYLVANIA COSTAR VENDOR**

On a motion by Mr. Scolieri, seconded by Mr. Fuller, it was resolved by roll call vote to award Contract #21-016 to *Swede Construction Corporation*, at the amount of \$163,300.00, and the same are hereby authorized and awarded.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

Mr. Simon, Chairman,  
No report

Mr. Vento, Vice Chairman,  
No report

Ms. Broz, Secretary,  
No report

Mr. Fuller, Treasurer:

Mr. Fuller, treasurer, asked the body if they had any questions of the voucher run that was mailed out this past week under separate cover. Hearing none, he made the following motion based on management's recommendation and his review of the bills that expenditures from May 15, 2021, through June 11, 2021, be ratified in the amount of \$1,682,048.24. Said amount does not include net payroll, payment of payroll taxes or the electronic transfer of some municipality's sewage collections. In addition, authorization of disbursements was requested through August 10, 2021, whereupon;

**RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES  
FROM MAY 15, 2021, THROUGH  
JUNE 11, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$1,682,048.24 AND AUTHORIZATION  
OF VOUCHER DISBURSEMENTS  
THROUGH AUGUST 10, 2021**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Vahosky, it was resolved by roll call vote with three (3) exceptions, that ratification of expenditures from May 15, 2021, through June 11, 2021, in the amount of \$1,682,048.24 be authorized. (Electronic transfers have been included but are not reflective in the total) Additionally, authorization of expenditures through August 10, 2021, are hereby ratified and authorized.

Abstentions: Czekaj from bills pertaining to *Glenn Engineers*  
Gilliland from bills pertaining to *Glenn Engineers*  
Simon from bills pertaining to *ms consultants*

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

No report

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

No report

**LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:**

No report

**POLICY COMMITTEE:**

No report

**ENGINEERING COMMITTEE:**

No report

## **CONSULTANTS REPORTS:**

### Consulting Engineer

Mr. Balewski discussed his report at the earlier workshop. He had nothing further to add.

### Solicitor

Mr. Alexander discussed his report at the earlier workshop. He had nothing further to add.

## **REPORT OF MANAGEMENT:**

The report of Management is made part of the workshop minutes, having been discussed and distributed to each Board member at the earlier workshop. In conjunction, Mr. Bianchi submitted the following items for approval:

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to reschedule the July and August Board of Director's Meetings with the proposed rescheduling date as Tuesday, August 10, 2021, whereupon;

### **AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED TO RESCHEDULE THE JULY AND AUGUST BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS WITH THE PROPOSED RESCHEDULING DATE AS TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021**

On a motion by Ms. Broz, seconded by Mr. Czekaj, it was resolved by voice vote to reschedule the July and August Board Meetings to August 10, 2021, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to prepare Bid Specifications and advertise Contract 21-017 "Mansion Place Mainline Replacement" (Swissvale Borough) a Capital Budget project. Bid opening scheduled for August 2021, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE CONTRACT 21-017 “MANSION PLACE MAINLINE REPLACEMENT” (SWISSVALE BOROUGH) A CAPITAL BUDGET PROJECT. BID OPENING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 2021**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Vahosky, it was resolved by roll call vote with two (2) abstentions, to go out to bid on Contract #21-017, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

Abstentions: Czekaj, Gilliland

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to prepare Bid Specifications and advertise Contract 21-018 “Duffield Road Mainline Replacement” (Penn Hills Municipality). Bid opening scheduled for August 2021, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE CONTRACT 21-018 “DUFFIELD ROAD MAINLINE REPLACEMENT” (PENN HILLS MUNICIPALITY). BID OPENING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 2021**

On a motion by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, seconded by Mr. Scolieri, it was resolved by roll call vote with one (1) abstention, to go out to bid on Contract #21-018, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

Abstentions: Simon

Next, Mr. Bianchi reviewed the items on his Post COVID-19 Era Memo to the Board.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Assistant Executive Director Anthony Sorce announced to the Board that he is officially retiring effective July 31, 2021. He expressed his thanks for the friendships made over the years. Mr. Simon, Mr. Bianchi, and other board members thanked him for his dedication and hard work as a valuable resource to the Authority during his 36 years of employment as well as wishing him a healthy, happy, peaceful and prosperous retirement.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Vahosky and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Secretary