

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the
Board of The Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water
Authority held on May 25, 2021, at 6:30
o'clock p.m. at 2200 Robinson Boulevard
Wilkinsburg, PA

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

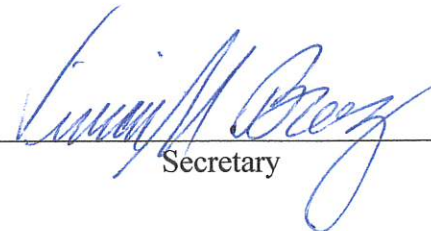
Others Present: Bianchi, Sorce, Komandt, Balewski, Alexander and Davis

Absent: Vento, Vahosky

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. Afterwards, he answered questions as to whether revenues coming in are offsetting losses incurred during the Pandemic. He further stated that the Covid-19 and alternative Payment Plans have been offered and he expects to have a truer picture of the revenue results in June.

There being no further business to discuss, the workshop session concluded at 6:50 p.m. At which time the board entered into an Executive Session.

The regular board meeting commenced at 7:20 pm.


Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the Board of The Wilkinsburg-Penn
Joint Water Authority held on
May 25, 2021, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.
at 2200 Robinson Boulevard,
Wilkinsburg, PA. 15221.

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

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

Absent: Vento, Vahosky

The regular meeting commenced at 7:20 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 *Taylor Musil*: of "Women for a Healthy Environment" commented and congratulated The Authority for its participation in the *PENNVEST* lead line replacement Program. She highlighted a recent report "Something in the Water" and its key concerns regarding water quality. She referenced the 2019 Consumer Confidence Report findings gave them cause for concern. They are hoping The Authority will consider partnering with Health, Academic and Community Organizations for their expertise in implementing the *PENNVEST* Program. Upon conclusion of the public comment period Mr. Simon called for the approval of the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021, whereupon;

**APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP
AND
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
APRIL 27, 2021**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Scolieri, it was resolved by voice vote, that the workshop and regular meeting minutes of April 27, 2021, be approved as written and the same are hereby approved as written.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

In response to published advertisement for Contract #21-013 "Sandblasting and Painting Brinton Road Water Tank" four (4) Vendors picked up with all returning. Sealed Bids were opened and read at 10:00 am Thursday, May 6, 2021, with copies of Bid Tabulations filed in the *Authority's* Administrative Office at 2200 Robinson Boulevard, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania 15221

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to award Contract #21-013 "Sandblasting and Painting of Brinton Road Water Tank" (Braddock Hills) to *D&M Painting Corp.*, the lowest most responsible bidder, in the amount of \$340,840.00. Bid opening was May 6, 2021, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD
CONTRACT #21-013
"SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING
OF BRINTON ROAD WATER TANK"
(BRADDOCK HILLS) TO *D & M
PAINTING CORP.*, THE LOWEST
MOST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$340,840.00**

On a motion by Mrs. Joyce-May, seconded by Ms. Broz, with one (1) abstention, it was resolved by roll call vote to award Contract #21-013 to *D & M Painting Corp.*, at the amount of \$340,840.00, and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Abstention: Simon

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to award Year-2 of Contract #2020-04 "Asphalt Paving" to *A. Liberoni, Inc.* Contract amount to be determined based on the Engineering New Record Construction Cost Index for the Pittsburgh area, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD
YEAR 2 OF CONTRACT #2020-04
"ASPHALT PAVING" TO *A.
LIBERONI, INC.* CONTRACT
AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED
BASED ON THE ENGINEERING
NEW RECORD CONSTRUCTION
COST INDEX FOR THE
PITTSBURGH AREA**

On a motion by Ms. Broz, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by roll call vote to award Year-2 on Contract # 2020-04, to *A Liberoni, Inc.* Amount based on the ENRCCI for the Pittsburgh area, and the same are hereby authorized and awarded.

- ♦ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to award Year-3 of Contract #19-005 “Restoration of Concrete Surfaces”, to *DePasquale Construction*. Contract amount to be determined based on the Engineering New Record Construction Cost Index for the Pittsburgh area, whereupon;

**AWARD YEAR-3 OF CONTRACT
#19-005 “RESTORATION OF
CONCRETE SURFACES” TO
DEPASQUALE CONSTRUCTION.
CONTRACT AMOUNT TO BE
DETERMINED BASED ON THE
ENGINEERING NEW RECORD
CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX FOR
THE PITTSBURGH AREA**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Scolieri, it was resolved by roll call vote to award Year-3 of Contract # 19-005 to *DePasquale Construction*. Amount to be determined based on the ENRCCI for the Pittsburgh area, and the same are hereby authorized and awarded.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Simon, Chairman,
No report

Mr. Vento, Vice Chairman,
Absent-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 April 17, 2021, through May 14, 2021, be ratified in the amount of \$1,586,736.63. 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 June 22, 2021, whereupon;

**RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES
FROM APRIL 17, 2021, THROUGH
MAY 14, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,586,736.63 AND AUTHORIZATION
OF VOUCHER DISBURSEMENTS
THROUGH JUNE 22, 2021**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Broz, it was resolved by roll call vote with three (3) exceptions, that ratification of expenditures from April 17, 2021, through May 14, 2021, in the amount of \$1,586,736.63 be authorized. (Electronic transfers have been included but are not reflective in the total) Additionally, authorization of expenditures through June 22, 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:

In Mr. Vahosky's absence, Mr. Bianchi informed the board that the Labor Committee had met and reached a decision. He will be forwarding that information to them shortly.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

Absent-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. In addition, he met in the Executive Session immediately preceding the regular meeting to discuss informational and legal issues.

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 accept the Grant Funding Offer, in the amount of \$9,330,720.00 from the *Pennsylvania Infrastructure Authority (PENNVEST)*. Project funds to replace approximately 1000 lead service lines, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED TO
ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING OFFER,
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,330,720.00
FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA
INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
(PENNVEST). PROJECT FUNDS TO
REPLACE APPROXIMATELY 1000
LEAD SERVICE LINES**

On a motion by Ms. Broz, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by roll call vote to accept the PENNVEST Grant Funds in the amount of \$9,330,720.00, for lead service line replacements, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ♦ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to bid and award Contract #21-009 "McKinney Road Mainline Replacement" (Municipality of Monroeville) to *Lawson Excavating, Inc.*, the lowest most responsible bidder, at the amount of \$415,280.00. Bid opening was May 24, 2021, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD
CONTRACT #21-009 "MCKINNEY
ROAD MAINLINE REPLACEMENT"
(MUNICIPALITY OF
MONROEVILLE) TO LAWSON
EXCAVATING, INC., THE LOWEST
MOST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AT
THE AMOUNT OF \$415,280.00. BID
OPENING WAS MAY 24, 2021**

On a motion by Mr. Coles, seconded by Mr. Scolieri, it was resolved by roll call vote with two (2) abstentions, to award Contract #21-009, to *Lawson Excavating, Inc.*, at the amount of \$415,280.00, and the same are hereby authorized and awarded.

Abstentions: Czekaj, Gilliland

Unfinished Business

Mr. Bianchi detailed actions taken in response to a customer's complaint regarding her water quality. Samples were taken at the customers vault and at the blow-off. Those samples were a little cloudy prompting the decision that a 2nd sampling be taken for comparison from inside the residence. The belief was that a line break in the area at the time of testing attributed to the cloudiness of the water. The resident declined entry due to concerns of the COVID-19 virus. A subsequent water sampling taken from the vault and the blow-offs was found to be clear to the customer's meter.

A question was asked regarding a story run by WTAE containing information about an FBI investigation of Pennsylvania public water systems compliance to federal law related to cyber security risks and emergency response practices. The article mentioned a response by WPJWA but did not list an individual for the quote, sparking concern whether the Authority had in fact been contacted for information. Mr. Bianchi responded that he had been given a series of questions by the journalist to answer which he provided a written response that the article had summarized in its statement relative to WPJWA. It was also stated that the article did reference the Authority favorably.

New Business

A suggestion was made that the board return to in-person meetings. The following questions were asked: when the Lobby would be opened to the public; when the drive-thru window evening hours will resume; can social distancing be accommodated in the Lobby.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Secretary