

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the Board of the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority held on May 28, 2024, at 6:30 o'clock pm at 2200 Robinson Boulevard Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

Present: Fuller Czekaj Smith
Scolieri Broz Williams
Gilliland Crombie-Collins Vahosky
Simon

Absent: Rawlins

Others: Komandt, Bianchi, Akam, Balewski, Alexander, and Carroll

Although no formal action was taken, the following workshop minutes are presented for the record. The workshop meeting commenced at 6:30 pm with Mr. Simon, chair presiding. The Chair 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. Komandt, Executive Director, reviewed the items in his Management Report which is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

There being no further business to discuss, the workshop session concluded at 7:49 pm. The regular board meeting commenced at 7:50 pm.


Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board
of the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water
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o'clock pm at 2200 Robinson Boulevard
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The regular meeting commenced at 7:50 pm with Mr. Simon, chair presiding, and Mrs. Carroll recording the minutes. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Simon followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair then called for public comments at which time Gabriel Graham with Pittsburgh United addressed the board, requesting a yes vote for the Customer Advisory Council so the rate payers would have a voice. Next Mr. Simon called for the approval of the Workshop and Regular Minutes of April 23, 2024, whereupon;

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23, 2024,
WORKSHOP AND REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES WITH A
CORRECTION BEING MADE ON
CHANGE ORDERS 1 AND 2 FOR
CONTRACT 23-011B**

On a motion by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, seconded by Mr. Fuller, it was resolved by voice vote the April 23, 2024, Workshop and Regular Minutes be approved after the correction is made on the meeting minutes change orders 1 and 2 and the same are hereby approved as written.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:



As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting approval of Change Order No. 1 Contract 23-013B "Ramsey Installation of Prefabricated Building" to increase contract by \$6,475.00 with *Lawson Excavating* to add painting of all steel work for prefabricated building, whereupon;

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 CONTRACT 23-013B "RAMSEY INSTALLATION OF PREFABRICATED BUILDING" TO INCREASE CONTRACT BY \$6,475.00 WITH *LAWSON EXCAVATING*

On a motion by Ms. Broz, seconded by Mr. Gilliland, it was resolved by voice vote to approve Change Order No. 1 Contract 23-013B "Ramsey Installation of Prefabricated Building" to increase contract by \$6,475.00 with *Lawson Excavating* and the same are hereby approved as written.



As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting approval of Change Order No. 1 Contract 23-009 "Miscellaneous Blanket Contract" to increase contract by \$12,000.00 with *Lawson Excavating* to add a 1 Man Crew in the amount of \$4,000.00 and a 2 Man Crew in the amount of \$8,000.00, whereupon;

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 CONTRACT 23-009 "MISCELLANEOUS BLANKET CONTRCAT" TO INCREASE CONTRACT BY \$12,000.00 WITH *LAWSON EXCAVATING*

On a motion by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was resolved by voice vote to approve Change Order No. 1 Contract 23-009 "Miscellaneous Blanket Contract" to increase contract by \$12,000.00 with *Lawson Excavating* and the same are hereby approved as written.



As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting authorization to award Contract No. 24-005 "Dalgate Road Waterline Replacement Project" in the amount of \$323,185.00 to *Lawson Excavating*, the lowest responsible bidder, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD
CONTRACT 24-005 “DALGATE
WATERLINE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT” IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$323,185.00 TO LAWSON EXCAVATING**

On a motion by Ms. Broz, seconded by Mr. Fuller, it was resolved by voice vote to award Contract 24-005 “Dalgate Waterline Replacement Project” in the amount of \$323,185.00 to *Lawson Excavating* and the same are hereby approved as written.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Simon, Chair:
No Report

Mr. Fuller, Vice Chair:
No Report

Ms. Broz, Secretary:
No Report

Mr. Gilliland, Treasurer:

Mr. Gilliland, 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 expenditure from April 13, 2024, through May 17, 2024, be ratified in the amount of \$4,224,264.69. Said amount does not include municipality’s sewage collections. In addition, authorization of disbursements was requested through June 25, 2024, whereupon;

**RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES
FROM APRIL 13, 2024, THROUGH MAY
17, 2024, IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$4,224,264.69 AND AUTHORIZATION OF
VOUCHER DISBURSEMENTS
THROUGH JUNE 25, 2024**

On a motion by Mr. Gilliland, seconded by Mr. Vahosky, with two (2) abstentions, it was resolved by roll call vote that ratification of expenditures from April 13, 2024, through May 17, 2024, in the amount of \$4,224,264.69 be authorized. (Electronic transfers have been included but are not reflective in the total) Additionally, authorization of expenditures through July 23, 2024, are hereby ratified and authorized.

Abstentions: Williams from bills pertaining to *ms consultants*
Simon from bills pertaining to *ms consultants*

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No Report

LABOR COMMITTEE:

Mr. Vahoski stated Grievance 450 is still in process and they are to meet in June

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. Komandt had the following items to submit for approval:



As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization to purchase Two (2) Sump Pumps for Nadine Pump Station from *Combustion Equipment Co. Inc.* in the amount of \$249,114.00. *Combustion Equipment Co., Inc.* is a Co-Stars Vendor, whereupon;

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO SUMP PUMPS FOR NADINE PUMP STATION FROM *COMBUSTION EQUIPMENT CO. INC.* IN THE AMOUNT OF \$249,114.00

On a motion by Mr. Vahosky, seconded by Mr. Czekaj it was resolved by voice vote to authorize the purchase of two sump pumps for Nadine Pump Station from *Combustion Equipment Co, Inc.* in the amount of \$249,114.00 and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

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As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization to cancel Contract 23-021 "Repairs to Pump No. 2 at Nadine Pump Station" with *Total Equipment* and rebid the contract whereupon;

AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL CONTRACT 23-021 "REPAIRS TO PUMP NO. 2 AT NADINE PUMP STATION" WITH *TOTAL EQUIPMENT* AND REBID THE CONTRACT

On a motion by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, seconded by Mr. Fuller, it was resolved by voice vote to cancel Contract 23-021 "Repairs to Pump No. 2 at Nadine Pump Station" with *Total Equipment* and rebid the contract, and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

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As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization to enter into a design agreement with *ms consultants* for an Onsite Chlorine Generating System at the Tyler Water Treatment Plant. The cost for providing the design is estimated to be \$797,000.00 whereupon;

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A DESIGN AGREEMENT WITH *MS CONSULTANTS* FOR AN ONSITE CHLORINE GENERATING SYSTEM AT TYLER WATER TREATMENT PLANT. THE COST FOR PROVIDING THE DESIGN IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$797,000.00

On a motion by Mr. Gilliland, seconded by Mr. Scolieri, with two (2) abstentions, it was resolved by roll call to give authorization to enter into a design agreement with *ms consultants* for an Onsite Chlorine Generating System at Tyler Water Treatment Plant. The cost for providing the design is estimated to be \$797,000.00 and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Abstentions: Williams, Simon

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As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, ratification of agreement to establish a Customer Advisory Council. At which Mr. Simon suggested an Executive Session so the board members could discuss their concerns whereupon;

On a motion by Mr. Vahosky, seconded by Ms. Broz, it was resolved by voice vote to enter an Executive Session at approximately 7:58 pm.

The Executive Session concluded at approximately 8:37 pm on a motion by Mr. Vahosky, seconded by Mr. Czekaj, whereupon the regular meeting resumed.



As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, ratification of agreement to establish a Customer Advisory Council whereupon;

RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins it was resolved by roll call with three (3) yes, six (6) no and one (1) abstention to vote down the ratification of the agreement to establish a Customer Advisory Council.

Abstention: Smith

A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO VOTE ON THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS MADE BY MR. CZEKAJ AND SECONDED BY MR. FULLER IT WAS RESOLVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO AMEND THE AGENDA AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER SECONDED MR CZEKAJ AND RESOLVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT BRIAN BIANCHI AS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH THE SAME SALARY AND BENEFITS AS THE PRIOR EXECUTIVE DITECTOR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2024, AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND APPROVED

No public present during the amendment of the agenda

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Czekaj, seconded by Ms. Broz, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.


Secretary