

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the
Board of The Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water
Authority held on October 26, 2021, at 6:30
o'clock p.m. at 2200 Robinson Boulevard
Wilkinsburg, PA

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

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

Absent: Vento

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, chairperson presiding. The Chairperson, 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. Following, 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 7:15 pm.


Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the Board of The Wilkinsburg-Penn
Joint Water Authority held on
October 26, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at
2200 Robinson Boulevard,
Wilkinsburg, PA. 15221.

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

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

Absent: Vento

The regular meeting commenced at 7:16 p.m. with Mr. Simon, chairperson 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 Chairperson then called for public comments upon which the following individuals addressed the board with their concerns: **Anna Coleman**, an environmental justice organizer for *Pittsburgh United*, referenced a productive meeting held between members of *Our Water Campaign* and Mr. Bianchi of the WPJWA regarding various community concerns. She continues to advocate for affordable rates, customer assistance programs, and a winter moratorium. **Terrance Walker**, resident of Verona, voiced concerns about water collecting in the vault where his meter is located and asked for better maintenance of the area. Upon conclusion of the public comment period, Mr. Simon asked for a motion to go into an executive session to discuss personnel matters, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO GO INTO AN
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS
PERSONNEL MATTERS**

On a motion by Mr. Vahosky, seconded by Mr. Czekaj, it was resolved by voice vote, that the board go into an executive session, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

The Chairperson, then called for a motion to return to the regular meeting, whereupon;

AUTHORIZATION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Vahosky, seconded by Mr. Czekaj, it was resolved by voice vote, that the board return to the regular meeting, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

Next, Mr. Simon, called for the approval of the Workshop and amended Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2021, that show Mr. Sorce as being present when in fact he was not in attendance, whereupon;

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP & AMENDED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021,

On a motion by Mrs. Joyce-May seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by voice vote, that the workshop and amended regular meeting minutes of September 28, 2021, be approved as written/amended and the same are hereby approved as written and amended.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- ♦ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to approve Change Order #1 on Contract #21-007 "Hawkins Avenue Mainline Replacement" (North Braddock). Action increases contract cost by \$6,419.75 to reflect final quantity adjustments, whereupon;

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 ON CONTRACT #21-007 "HAWKINS AVENUE MAINLINE REPLACEMENT" (NORTH BRADDOCK). CHANGE ORDER INCREASES CONTRACT COST BY \$6,419.75 TO REFLECT FINAL QUANTITY ADJUSTMENTS

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Broz, with three (3) abstentions, it was resolved by roll call vote to approve Change Order #1 on Contract # 21-007 for a project cost increase amount of \$6,419.75, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

Abstentions: Joyce-May, Czekaj, Gilliland

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 September 18, 2021, through October 15, 2021, be ratified in the amount of \$1,917,168.62. 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 November 23, 2021, whereupon;

RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2021, THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,917,168.62 AND AUTHORIZATION OF VOUCHER DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH NOVEMBER 23, 2021

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Ms. Broz, it was resolved by roll call vote with four (4) exceptions, that ratification of expenditures from September 18, 2021, through October 15, 2021, in the amount of \$1,917,168.62 be authorized. (Electronic transfers have been included but are not reflective in the total) Additionally, authorization of expenditures through November 23, 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*
Joyce-May from bills pertaining to *TCVCOG*

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

No report

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

No report

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. 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 go out to bid on Contract# 21-019 “Lead Service Line Replacement”. Bid opening scheduled Tuesday November 16, 2021, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO GO OUT TO
BID ON CONTRACT# 21-019 “LEAD
SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT”.
BID OPENING SCHEDULED
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

On a motion by Mr. Gilliland, seconded by Mr. Fuller, it was resolved by roll call vote to go out to bid on Contract #21-019, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to approve the “2020 Audit” as presented at the regular meeting of September 28, 2021, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE
THE “2020 AUDIT” AS PRESENTED
AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

On a motion by Mrs. Joyce-May, seconded by Mr. Vahosky, it was resolved by roll call vote to approve the “2020 Audit”, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to extend the current Collective Bargaining Agreement one year for 2022, with the U.W.U.A., A.F.L, C.I.O., Local 191, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE
CURRENT COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENT ONE
YEAR FOR 2022, WITH THE
U.W.U.A., A.F.L, C.I.O., LOCAL 191**

On a motion by Mr. Czekaj, seconded by Mr. Vahosky, it was resolved by voice vote to extend the current Collective Bargaining Agreement one year for 2022, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to go out to bid on Contract #21-021 “Janitorial Services”. Contract term is one year with three (3) one year renewal options, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO GO OUT TO
BID ON CONTRACT #21-021
“JANITORIAL SERVICES”.
CONTRACT TERM IS ONE YEAR
WITH THREE (3) ONE YEAR
RENEWAL OPTIONS**

On a motion by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, seconded by Ms. Broz, it was resolved by voice vote to go out to bid on Contract #21-021 “Janitorial Services”, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to award Contract #21-020 “Furnishing and Delivering Water Treatment Chemicals”, to the lowest most responsible bidders. Auction scheduled Wednesday November 10, 2021. Award to be ratified at the November 23, 2021, board meeting, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD
CONTRACT #21-020 “FURNISHING
AND DELIVERING WATER
TREATMENT CHEMICALS”, TO
THE LOWEST MOST RESPONSIBLE
BIDDERS. AUCTION SCHEDULED
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2021.
AWARD TO BE RATIFIED AT THE
NOVEMBER 23, 2021, BOARD**

On a motion by Mr. Vahosky, seconded by Mr. Coles, it was resolved by voice vote to award Contract # 21-020, to the lowest most responsible bidders, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to exercise renewal option on Contract #2020-13 “Furnishing and Delivering Water Treatment Chemicals” (Liquid Aluminum Sulfate) to *USALCO* at the unit price of \$561.12 per dry Ton and \$274.00 per wet Ton delivered. Renewal is for Calendar year commencing January 1, 2022. All other contract terms and conditions to remain the same, whereupon;

AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE RENEWAL OPTION ON CONTRACT #2020-13 “FURNISHING AND DELIVERING WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS” (LIQUID ALUMINUM SULFATE) TO *USALCO* AT THE UNIT PRICE OF \$561.12 PER DRY TON AND \$274.00 PER WET TON DELIVERED. RENEWAL IS FOR CALENDAR YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022. ALL OTHER CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO REMAIN THE SAME

On a motion by Mrs. Joyce-May, seconded by Mr. Vahosky, it was resolved by voice vote to exercise renewal option for Liquid Aluminum Sulfate under Contract # 2020-13 for one (1) year, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested for approval of Resolution 2021-02 with the “Pennsylvania Department of Transportation” for the reimbursement of costs incurred in relocating water line facilities impacted with the Ardmore Boulevard proposed culvert project. Reimbursement is 75% for all costs, less any betterments, whereupon;

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-02 WITH THE “PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION” FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS INCURRED IN RELOCATING WATER LINE FACILITIES IMPACTED WITH THE ARDMORE BOULEVARD PROPOSED CULVERT PROJECT. REIMBURSEMENT IS 75% FOR ALL COSTS, LESS ANY BETTERMENTS

On a motion by Ms. Broz, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by voice vote to approve Resolution 2021-02, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested for the Executive Director to request an extension of the Consent Order regarding the closure of two underground storage facilities from the "Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection". The proposed extension request is to June 30, 2022, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO
REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF THE
CONSENT ORDER REGARDING
THE CLOSURE OF TWO
UNDERGROUND STORAGE
FACILITIES FROM THE
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
THE PROPOSED EXTENSION
REQUEST IS TO JUNE 30, 2022**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Joyce-May, it was resolved by voice vote to approve the request for extending the Consent Order from the PA DEP, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to purchase Christmas Appreciation gifts for Authority employees, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE
CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION GIFTS
FOR AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES**

On a motion by Ms. Broz, seconded by Mrs. Joyce-May, it was resolved by voice vote to approve the purchase of employee Christmas Appreciation gifts, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

Unfinished Business
None

New Business
None

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Joyce-May and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.


Secretary