

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of The Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water
Authority held on
September 26, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.
at 2200 Robinson Boulevard, Wilkinsburg,
PA. 15221.

Present:	Fuller	Scolieri	Broz
	Vento {remote}	Gilliland	Crombie-Collins
	Vahosky	Rawlins {remote}	Simon

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

Absent: Williams, McKinley, Czekaj

The regular meeting commenced at 7:12 p.m. with Mr. Simon, chair 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 upon which the following individuals addressed the Board: **Rico Rucker**, resident of Penn Hills, addressed several concerns: brown water at his residence, unsatisfactory resolution of the problem, greater need for transparency from the Authority, advocated for a customer advisory board, and requested a filter be provided by the Authority to address the dirty water issues he's experiencing. **Samuel Gaspar**, resident of Regent Square, expressed his frustration at the abrupt changes that took place with the Authority's billing system and the inconveniences and confusion it created. In addition, he stated his support for a customer advisory board for resident input and Authority transparency. **Thenia Broadus**, rate payer, expressed feelings of harassment over the frequency and number of notices she has received concerning her account that she attributed to a lack of communication. Upon conclusion of the public comment period Mr. Simon called for the approval of the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2023, whereupon;

**APPROVAL OF THE
AUGUST 22, 2023, WORKSHOP
AND REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Scolieri, it was resolved by voice vote that the Workshop, and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2023, 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 exercise year three (3) renewal option on Contract #21-021 "Janitorial Services" to *Signature Building Services* at the amount of \$1270.00 per month, whereupon;

APPROVAL TO EXERCISE YEAR THREE (3) RENEWAL OPTION ON CONTRACT #21-021 "JANITORIAL SERVICES" TO SIGNATURE BUILDING SERVICES AT THE AMOUNT OF \$1270.00 PER MONTH

On a motion by Ms. Broz, seconded by Mr. Gilliland, it was resolved by voice vote to exercise year three (3) renewal option on Contract #21-021 at the amount of \$1270.00 per month, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested for approval of Change Order # 1 on Contract #23-010 "Service Line Verification-Phase 3" for a project cost of \$150,000.00. Project increase is to perform an additional 100 service line verifications, whereupon;

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER# 1 ON CONTRACT #23-010 "SERVICE LINE VERIFICATION-PHASE 3" FOR A PROJECT COST OF \$150,000.00. PROJECT INCREASE ALLOWS THE AUTHORITY TO PERFORM 100 ADDITIONAL SERVICE LINE VERIFICATIONS

On a motion by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, seconded by Mr. Scolieri, it was resolved by voice vote to approve Change Order#1 on Contract # 23-010 for the amount of \$150,000.00, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested for approval of Change Order # 1 on Contract #22-024A "Remediation at Nadine Pump Station" for a project increase of \$115,200.00. The Project increase is for additional asbestos removal and reinsulating of exposed pipes, whereupon;

**APPROVAL FOR CHANGE ORDER
1 ON CONTRACT #22-024A
"REMEDATION AT NADINE PUMP
STATION FORA PROJECT
INCREASE OF \$115,200.00. PROJECT
INCREASE IS FOR ADDITIONAL
ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND
REINSULATING OF EXPOSED
PIPES,**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by voice vote to approve Change Order #1 on Contract #22-024A at the amount of \$115,200.00, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

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 expenditures from August 12, 2023, through September 15, 2023, be ratified in the amount of \$3,883,710.42. 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 October 24, 2023, whereupon;

**RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES
FROM AUGUST 12, 2023, THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023, IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$3,883,710.42 AND
AUTHORIZATION OF VOUCHER
DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH
OCTOBER 24, 2023**

On a motion by Mr. Gilliland,
seconded by Ms. Broz, with one (1)
abstention, it was resolved by roll call
vote that ratification of expenditures
from August 12, 2023, through
September 15, 2023, in the amount of
\$3,883,710.42 be authorized.
(Electronic transfers have been
included but are not reflective in the
total) Additionally, authorization of
expenditures through
October 24, 2023, are hereby ratified
and authorized.

Abstentions: Simon from bills pertaining to *ms consultants, inc.*
Vento, not present during roll call vote

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

No report

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No report

LABOR COMMITTEE:

Mr. Vahosk:y apprised the board of a Labor Committee meeting scheduled for 5:30 pm
on September 27th.

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 submitted the following items for approval.

- ♦ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested for the approval of Resolution 2023-02 "Declaration of Intent to Borrow Funds from Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority to Be Used to Construct Replacements to Lead Service Lines", whereupon;

AUTHORIZATON FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-02 "DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BORROW FUNDS FROM PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY TO BE USED TO CONSTRUCT REPLACEMENTS TO LEAD SERVICE LINES"

On a motion by Ms. Broz, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by voice vote to approve Resolution 2023-02, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ♦ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to prepare Bid Specifications and bid Contract #23-022 "Asphalt Paving", whereupon;

AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND BID CONTRACT #23-022 "ASPHALT PAVING"

On a motion by Mr. Vahosky, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by voice vote to prepare Bid Specifications and bid Contract #23-022, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ♦ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to conduct a Reverse Auction for 2024 "Furnishing and Delivering Water Treatment Chemicals". The auction will be managed by *eBridge* at no cost to the Authority. Auction tentatively scheduled for November 2023, Whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A
REVERSE AUCTION FOR 2024
"FURNISHING AND DELIVERING
WATER TREATMENT
CHEMICALS". THE AUCTION WILL
BE MANAGED BY *EBRIDGE* AT NO
COST TO THE AUTHORITY.
AUCTION TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 2023**

On a motion by Mrs. Crombie-Collins seconded by Mr. Vahosky, it was resolved by voice vote to conduct Reverse Auction managed by eBridge for 2024 water treatment chemicals, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ♦ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to submit CBDG Year 50 Applications and approve Resolutions for the following mainline replacement projects: Wall Avenue Phase 2-Pitcairn, Larimer Avenue-Turtle Creek, McMasters Avenue-Turtle Creek, Stokes Avenue-North Braddock, Negley Avenue-Wilkins Township, Church Street Ext.-Turtle Creek/Wilkins Township, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT
CBDG YEAR 50 APPLICATIONS AND
APPROVE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE
FOLLOWING MAINLINE
REPLACEMENT PROJECTS: WALL
AVENUE PHASE 2-PITCAIRN,
LARIMER AVENUE-TURTLE
CREEK, MCMASTERS AVENUE-
TURTLE CREEK, STOKES AVENUE-
NORTH BRADDOCK, NEGLEY
AVENUE-WILKINS TOWNSHIP,
CHURCH STREET EXT.-TURTLE
CREEK/WILKINS TOWNSHIP**

On a motion by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, seconded by Mr. Fuller, it was resolved by voice vote to submit CBDG Year 50 Applications with Resolutions and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

- ♦ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to prepare Bid Specifications and bid documents for Contract #23-021 "Repairs to Pump No.2 at Nadine Pump Station" Bid opening scheduled for October 2023, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE BID
SPECIFICATIONS AND BID
DOCUMENTS FOR CONTRACT
#23-021 "REPAIRS TO PUMP NO.2 AT
NADINE PUMP STATION" BID
OPENING SCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER 2023**

On a motion by Mr. Gilliland, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by voice vote to approve preparation of Bid Specifications and bid documents for Contract #23-021 and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

Unfinished Business

The question was asked and answered regarding whether any recent reports have been received of customers not receiving their utility bills.

New Business

Questions were raised related to comments made during the public comment period. Clarification was sought as to why a resident's property was being posted for termination. Further discussion took place surrounding comments related to our handling of brown water complaints. Lastly, the suggestion was made that during the pledge of Allegiance everyone in attendance be asked to please stand.

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

Secretary