

**MEETING OF THE BOARD
THE WILKINSBURG-PENN JOINT WATER AUTHORITY
September 27, 2022**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I Roll Call

II Pledge of Allegiance

III Public Comment Period

IV Approval of Meeting Minutes

Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2022

V Bills and Communications

Award Contract 22-009 – Grove Street Waterline - Borough of East Mckeesport

Award Contract 22-015 – Remediation and Repair of Heating System at Nadine
Pump Station – Municipality of Penn Hills

Award Contract 22-016 – Service Line Identification Project – Phase 2

VI Report of Officers:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Ratification of expenditures from August 13, 2022, through September 16, 2022, in the amount of \$2,504,041.19. Electronic transfers have been included but are not reflective in the total. In addition, we will need authorization of expenditures through October 25, 2022.

VII Report of Committees

- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Labor Committee
- Policy Committee
- Engineering Committee

VIII Consultants' Reports - Comments

- Consulting Engineer
- Solicitor

IX Report of Management

X Unfinished Business

XI New Business

XII Adjournment

THE WILKINSBURG-PENN JOINT WATER AUTHORITY
REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

September 27, 2022

- Pension Committee met with our Investment Advisor Sarah Wilson from Marquette Associates to discuss status of pension plans. Sarah would like us to consider updating investment policy for both plans. She will be discussing the reasoning for requesting this change at the October board meeting.
- Approval of Resolution for Penndot Cost Sharing Request Allegheny Group Paving Project# 111-23-7135-1
- Authorization to award Contract 22-009, Grove Street Waterline Project in East McKeesport to Lawson Excavating, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$375,215.00. Bid tabulation is contained in your packet. This is a rebid for contract terminated by M. O'Herron.
- Authorization to award Contract 22-015, Remediation and Repair of Heating System at Nadine Pump Station, in the municipality of Penn Hills. Bid opening is scheduled for September 23, 2022.
- Authorization to award Contract 22-016, Service Line Identification Project – Phase 2, to the lowest responsible bidder. Bid opening is scheduled for September 23, 2022.
- The staff will soon initiate the 2023 budget process. I would like to recommend the following meeting schedule:

Thursday, November 10, 2022, Full Board Review
Tuesday, November 22, 2022, Final Approval

- Authorization to submit Community Development Block Grant Year 49 applications and approve resolutions for the following mainline replacement projects:
 - Wall Avenue Phase 2 – Pitcairn
 - Larimer Avenue – Turtle Creek/Wilkins Twp.
 - McMasters Ave – Turtle Creek/Wilkins Twp.
 - Stokes Avenue – North Braddock
 - Negley Avenue – Wilkins Twp
 - Comrie Avenue – Braddock
 - Church St. Ext – Turtle Creek
- Requesting authorization to conduct a reverse auction for the 2023 Furnishing and Delivering of Water Treatment Chemicals. The auction will

be managed by E-Bridge at no cost to the Authority. The auction will be tentatively scheduled for November 2022.

- Authorization to prepare specifications and bid Contract 22-019, Restoration of Concrete Surfaces. Bid Opening is scheduled for January 2023.
- Authorization to prepare specifications and bid Contract 22-020, Asphalt Paving. Bid Opening is scheduled for January 2023.
- We have received Ordinances from Forest Hills and Turtle Creek regarding extending the life of the Authority 50 years.
- There has been a total of 28 breaks since our August 23 meeting. Included in your packet is a breakdown by Municipality of all Distribution Work done during the last month.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

ms consultants – MONTHLY ENGINEER’S REPORT

PENNVEST LEAD SERVICE LINE PROJECT

Both contractors continue working and completing lead replacements each day. Production has leveled off and improvements are needed to finish within the 18-month contract period. As of September 16th, 321 replacements have been completed. Current percentages are 29% complete in 37% of the contract days.

With the passing of the State Budget, PENNVEST was provided over \$200 million for lead service line replacements. We have had a preliminary discussion with PENNVEST regarding this money and have a Planning Consultation with PENNVEST and DEP scheduled for September 28th. PENNVEST has indicated that the average grant will be 49%. Percent grant will depend on rates, economics, and other factors. We provided a list of preliminary locations as East Pittsburgh (40), North Braddock (125), Pitcairn (150), Pittsburgh (100), Rankin (50), Swissvale (200), Turtle Creek (70), Wilkinsburg (250), and Wilmerding (20). For this round, locations are important and cannot change without potentially affecting grant amount. The next application deadline is the first week of November. We can attempt to complete the application by this deadline or wait until January submission deadline.

NADINE PUMP STATION – HEATING SYSTEM

Bids for the replacement of the damaged insulation and piping are scheduled to be received on September 23rd. A recommendation will be presented at the Board.

DUFFIELD AREA WATER LINE PROJECT (PENN HILLS)

Project is proceeding. All pipe has been installed and tested. Contractor is currently working on service lines and expects to be completed by the end of October.

SERVICE LINE IDENTIFICATION PROJECT

Phase I contractor has completed 250 service verifications. At this point, the only outstanding work is related to the pouring of new sidewalks. All work is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Bids for the Phase II project are scheduled to be open on Friday, September 23rd. We expect to be able to recommend award of a Phase II contract at the Board meeting.

NADINE PUMP STATION METER VAULT EXPANSION

Lawson Excavating has been delayed completing other project for the Authority and is expected to begin work by mid-October.

NADINE PUMP STATION PERMANGANATE ISSUE

Based on discussions with chemical supplier, to receive the best price, a load of 4,500 gallons must be ordered. This requires a minimum of 5,500 gallons of storage on site. We are revising the design to increase storage from 3,000 gallons to 5,500 gallons before submitting permit application.

BROADWAY BOULEVARD WATER LINE (PITCAIRN)

Finalizing the design of the 13,000 lf project. Detailed design is proceeding and the project should be ready to bid in the fall.

RAMSEY STORAGE BUILDING

Nothing new to report. We have identified interest from two parties. One a contractor and another a metal building supplier. We will continue to pursue.

CONE VALVES AT NADINE PUMP STATION

Bids delayed by Magmeter Vault Expansion project.

ALUM STORAGE TANKS AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT

We are still working on the closure plan for the old tanks. DEP is unwilling to allow water or pressure testing and is requiring sampling of groundwater wells or excavation through the floor of the embedded tanks. We are attempting to get DEP to approve a plan that is reasonable.

EAST MCKEESPORT TANK REPLACEMENT

Geotechnical work completed in late August and report received. Design work proceeding.

CARRIE FURNACE PHASE III PROJECT

Nothing new. Pipe will not arrive for 6 months. Project may not start until early 2023.

ARDMORE BOULEVARD CULVERT PROJECT – PENNDOT

PennDOT continues with the Ardmore Boulevard project. During the last month, the contractor completed install of the 6" line and continues to backfill the water line in the westbound lanes. Within the next 30 days, we expect 4 of the 5 areas affecting the water line to be complete. The last section will most likely be completed in late October or November.