

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the
Board of The Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water
Authority held on September 28, 2021, at
6:30 o'clock p.m. at 2200 Robinson
Boulevard Wilkinsburg, PA

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

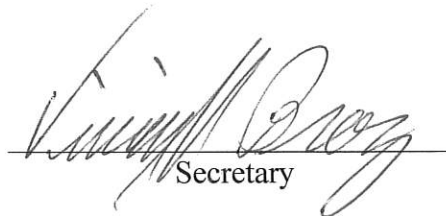
Others Present: Bianchi, Komandt, Balewski, Alexander and Davis

Absent: Rawlins

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. Next, Jared Ewing-Principal of *Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC* presented an overview of the *Authority's* Annual Audit. Afterwards, the Chairman 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 7:25 p.m.

The regular board meeting commenced at 7:25 pm.


Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the Board of The Wilkinsburg-Penn
Joint Water Authority held on
September 28, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.
at 2200 Robinson Boulevard,
Wilkinsburg, PA. 15221.

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

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

Absent: Rawlins

The regular meeting commenced at 7:25 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 upon which the following individuals addressed the board with their concerns: **Brenda Smith**, Executive Director of *Upstream Pittsburgh*, with regard to clean affordable drinking water, making reference to their relationship with PWSA, the enactment of the winter moratorium during COVID-19 Pandemic and its long-term continuation. Reiterated their desire to work with WPJWA in setting up CAP (customer assistance program). They advocated for the establishment of a community led advisory committee to assist with public outreach and input in the Lead Line Replacement Program. Further, that priority be given to communities reported as having raised lead levels present and that both public and private sides be replaced at the same time. Pursued enactment of a long-term customer assistance programs in addition to current payment plan options. **Anna Coleman**, an environmental justice organizer for *Pittsburgh United*, asserted that everyone is entitled to safe drinking water free from environmental health hazards. Further, added support to the previously stated requests and recommendations for customer assistance programs and community involvement and input. **Zinna Scott**, rate payer and *Better Block* board member, voiced complaint about utility bills not mailed in envelopes and complaints received by their agency pertaining to *Authority* water termination Policy Rules. She contended that that *Authority* rules are not customer friendly. **Ashley Comans**, resident of Wilkinsburg, stated concerns regarding lead levels in Wilkinsburg. Complaint of the timeliness of receiving her bill with late notices sometimes immediately following. Believes the turnout of the public commenters, speaks of the need for more transparency and accountability of the Board. **Leslie Centola**, community organizer of *Upstream Pittsburgh*, reiterated the previously stated customer comments, further advocating for community involvement in the Lead Line Replacement Program along with quoting a number of statistics relative to harmful developmental and behavior effects of lead. **Daniel Sun**, *Our Water Campaign*, emphasized the dangers and long-term irreversible effects that lead in water has on the body highlighting the essential need of water for life.

Talor Musil, community organizer, *Women for a Healthy Environment*, reiterated much scientific data as it relates to community health concerns of lead in drinking water. Statistics were given regarding the impacts from exposure to lead in the body from drinking water and other sources highlighting the importance of prevention. Appealed that data be used in prioritizing the replacement of lines and urged that public and private side lead service lines be replaced simultaneously. Asked that petition be taken seriously and for collaboration with community academics and partners eager to assist with program development. Upon conclusion of the public comment period, Mr. Simon called for the approval of the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2021, whereupon;

**APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP
AND
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
AUGUST 24, 2021**

On a motion by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, seconded by Mr. Czekaj, it was resolved by roll call vote, that the workshop and regular meeting minutes of August 24, 2021, 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 approve Change Order #2 on Contract #21-013 “Sandblasting & Painting of Brinton Road Water Tank”. Action to decrease cost in the amount of \$4,800.00, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE
CHANGE ORDER #2 ON CONTRACT
#21-013 “SANDBLASTING &
PAINTING OF BRINTON ROAD
WATER TANK” (BRADDOCK
HILLS) CHANGE ORDER TO
DECREASE COST IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$4,800.00**

On a motion by Mr. Vahosky, seconded by Mrs. Joyce-May, with one (1) abstention, it was resolved by roll call vote to approve Change Order #2 on Contract # 21-013 for project cost decrease in the amount of \$4,800.00, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

Abstention: Simon

In response to published advertisement for Contract #21-017 "Mansion Place Mainline Replacement" five (5) Vendors picked up with four (4) returning. Sealed Bids were opened and read at 11:00 am Monday, September 20, 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 #21-017 "Mansion Place Mainline Replacement" (Swissvale Borough) to *Niando Construction, Inc.*, the lowest most responsible bidder, in the amount of \$131,805.00. Bid opening was September 20, 2021, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD
CONTRACT #21-017 "MANSION
PLACE MAINLINE REPLACEMENT"
(SWISSVALE BOROUGH) TO
NIANDO CONSTRUCTION, INC., THE
LOWEST MOST RESPONSIBLE
BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$131,805.00**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Joyce-May, with two (2) abstentions, it was resolved by roll call vote to award Contract #21-017 to *Niando Construction, Inc.*, at the amount of \$131,805.00, and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Abstentions: Czekaj, Gilliland

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Simon, Chairman,
No report

Mr. Vento, Vice Chairman,
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 August 14, 2021, through September 17, 2021, be ratified in the amount of \$2,162,515.65. 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 26, 2021, whereupon;

**RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES
FROM AUGUST 14, 2021, THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 17, 2021, IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$2,162,515.65 AND
AUTHORIZATION OF VOUCHER
DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH
OCTOBER 26, 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 August 14, 2021, through September 17, 2021, in the amount of \$2,162,515.65 be authorized. (Electronic transfers have been included but are not reflective in the total) Additionally, authorization of expenditures through October 26, 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

Mr. Fuller reported that the Pension Committee recently met with Sarah Wilson of *Marquette and Associates*. He gave data related to the status of both the Management and Union Pension Plans stating that both have done well.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Bianchi reported that new Union Officers have been elected and he is in the process of scheduling an initial meeting for negotiations primarily to provide an understanding of how things will proceed. He anticipates it taking place the 2nd week of October.

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. Bianchi submitted the following items for approval.

- ◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to submit “Community Development Block Grant” (CDBG) Year 48 applications and approve Resolutions for the following mainline replacement projects: Wall Ave., Phase 2/Pitcairn; Larimer Ave./Turtle Creek; McMaster Ave./Wilkins Twp; Stokes Ave./North Braddock; Negley Ave./Turtle Creek & Wilkins Twp; North Ave., Coal St., Ravine St./Pitcairn, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) YEAR 48
APPLICATIONS AND APPROVE
RESOLUTIONS FOR THE
FOLLOWING MAINLINE
REPLACEMENT PROJECTS: WALL
AVE., PHASE 2/PITCAIRN;
LARIMER AVE./TURTLE CREEK;
MCMASTER AVE./WILKINS TWP;
STOKES AVE./NORTH BRADDOCK;
NEGLEY AVE./TURTLE CREEK &
WILKINS TWP; NORTH AVE., COAL
ST., RAVINE ST./PITCAIRN,**

On a motion by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, seconded by Mr. Vahosky, with two (2) abstentions, it was resolved by voice vote to submit applications and approve Resolutions for CBDG Yr. 48 funds, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

Abstentions: Joyce-May, Gilliland

- ♦ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization was requested to conduct a Reverse Auction for Contract 21-020 “Furnishing and Delivering Water Treatment Chemicals” for 2022. Said Contract shall allow for two (2) one-year extensions from the 2021 Bid. Auction will be managed by *eBridge* at no cost to the *Authority* with a tentative auction scheduled for November 2021, whereupon;

AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A REVERSE AUCTION FOR CONTRACT 21-020 “FURNISHING AND DELIVERING WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS” FOR 2022. SAID CONTRACT SHALL ALLOW FOR TWO (2) ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS FROM THE 2021 BID. AUCTION WILL BE MANAGED BY *EBRIDGE* AT NO COST TO THE *AUTHORITY* WITH A TENTATIVE AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 2021

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by voice vote to conduct a Reverse Auction managed by *eBridge* for Contract #21-020, 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” for (Granulated Lime), with *Greer Lime Company*, at \$182.38 per Ton or an increase of 4%. 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” FOR (GRANULATED LIME), WITH *GREER LIME COMPANY*, AT \$182.38 PER TON OR AN INCREASE OF 4%. 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. Czekaj, it was resolved by voice vote to exercise renewal option on Contract #2020-13 for a 4% increase at \$182.38 per Ton commencing January 1, 2022, and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

Unfinished Business

Question raised why previously discussed board committees had not been established. Question asked and answered regarding the publication of the current Consumer Confidence Report. Comment was made in support of an ongoing winter moratorium. The recommendation was made to extend on-line application access for new service. Lastly, inquiry was made regarding the process for filling certain Staff positions.

New Business

None

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Vahosky and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.


Secretary