

**MEETING OF THE BOARD
THE WILKINSBURG-PENN JOINT WATER AUTHORITY
May 24, 2022**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I Roll Call

II Pledge of Allegiance

III Public Comment Period

IV Approval of Meeting Minutes

Workshop Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2022

V Bills and Communications

VI Report of Officers:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Ratification of expenditures from April 16, 2022 through May 13, 2022 in the amount of \$1,948,887.38. Electronic transfers have been included but are not reflective in the total. In addition, we will need authorization of expenditures through June 28, 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

May 24, 2022

- Authorization to approve emergency declaration by ms consultants to purchase pipe and related supplies
- Approval of Resolution to extend the life of the Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority for a period of 50 years.
- Changes made to 2022 Committee Listing. Listing is included in your packet.
- There has been a total of 21 breaks since our April meeting. Included in your packet is a breakdown by Municipality of all Distribution Work done during the last month.

WILKINSBURG PENN JOINT WATER AUTHORITY
MAY 24, 2022

ms consultants – MONTHLY ENGINEER’S REPORT

PITCAIRN EMERGENCY

On April 30th, a large break was identified just off of Wall Avenue in Pitcairn. The Authority was able to isolate the leak to under an existing concrete culvert. The Authority shut a valve to isolate the area and then ran a 1” bypass to keep the 15 or so homes with water. Since the break was directly under the culvert, typical repairs could not be completed. ms consultants was contacted and an emergency was declared based on the location of the break and the loss of fire service to the isolated area. We then met with Lawson Excavating to develop a new alignment and have the new water line installed by crossing the creek. An emergency general permit was obtained from PA DEP for the stream crossing and the work was completed on May 13, 2022.

EMERGENCY PURCHASING

The Authority is having difficulty obtaining standards materials needed to keep the Authority operating. These items include ductile iron pipe, valves, fittings, hydrants, and other materials. Suppliers are unwilling to bid these items since costs and delivery times are unknown and they are unwilling to provide a locked in price when prices change daily. At times these items become available through typical suppliers but the Authority does not have a contract to purchase the materials. Other similar Authorities have declared the purchasing issue an emergency. The emergency declaration allows the Authority to purchase these items without public bidding to maintain inventory levels. We recommend WPJWA do the same.

PENNVEST LEAD SERVICE LINE PROJECT

Both contractors continue working and completing lead replacements each day. Work has slowly been increasing and as of May 18th but steady. As of May 19th, work has been completed for 87 services. The pace is expected to continue to pick up as weather improves.

To date, the Authority has received 431 signed agreements (4 since last meeting) and has completed the inspection for 417 of the structures. We have been unable to get in contact with 11 of these and have given up our efforts.

DUFFIELD AREA WATER LINE PROJECT (PENN HILLS)

Contracts have been received and executed. Delivery time for the pipe was originally estimated at June but has been pushed to September with a price increase. We are working with the contractor to resolve these issues and develop alternatives.

SERVICE LINE IDENTIFICATION PROJECT

Contractor started working the second half of April and has completed 34 verifications through May 13, 2022. The project was slightly delayed while waiting for a machine that minimizes disruptions but has been proceeding steadily for the last two weeks.

NADINE PUMP STATION METER VAULT EXPANSION

Bids to be opened in June.

NADINE PUMP STATION PERMANGANATE ISSUE

We are working with tank and pre-fabricated building suppliers to finalize building size. Manufacturers have Co-Stars contracts that will eliminate the need to bid the building and tank purchases. Items should be finalized for June meeting approval.

BROADWAY BOULEVARD WATER LINE (PITCAIRN)

Completing the detailed design of the 13,000 lf project. Detailed design is proceeding and the project should be ready to bid this summer.

RAMSEY STORAGE BUILDING

No progress on finding a contractor to install the necessary building.

CONE VALVES AT NADINE PUMP STATION

Bids for the project will be received in June.

ALUM STORAGE TANKS AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Tanks and pre-fabricated metal building have been installed and interior work is complete. DEP has provided authorization to begin utilizing the tanks. We are also working with DEP on a closure plan for the existing tanks including finding a DEP certified professional to sign the closure documents...

WATER TREATMENT PLANT CLARIFIER COATING

In lieu of coating, we will be lining clarifiers. Finalizing design for June bid.

CARRIE FURNACE PHASE III PROJECT

Pipe will not arrive for 6 to 8 months. Project may not start until early 2023.

ARDMORE BOULEVARD CULVERT PROJECT – PENNDOT

PennDOT continues with the Ardmore Boulevard project. No work involving the Authority has occurred in the last 30 days. Additional work expected to occur in July or August.