

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the Board of the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority held on November 26, 2024, at 6:30 o'clock pm at 2200 Robinson Boulevard Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

Present: Fuller Williams Smith
Vahosky Scolieri Gilliland
Rawlins Broz Crombie-Collins
Simon

Absent: Czekaj

Others: Bianchi, Akam, Balewski, Missenda, Alexander, and Carroll

Although no formal action was taken, the following workshop minutes are presented for the record. The workshop meeting commenced at 6:30 pm with Mr. Simon, chair presiding. The chair then asked for the reports of the Consulting Engineer and Solicitor. Both reports presented with questions asked and answered, are attached hereto and make up a part of these minutes. Next Mr. Bianchi, Executive Director, reviewed the items in his Management Report which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to discuss, the workshop session concluded at 7:16 pm. The regular board meeting commenced at 7:17 pm.


Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board
of The Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority
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Robinson Boulevard Wilkinsburg PA 15221

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The regular meeting commenced at 7:17 pm with Mr. Simon, chair, presiding, and Mrs. Carroll recording the minutes. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Simon followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. The chair then called for the public comments at which time multiple consumers addressed the board with health and property damage concerns regarding the water main break that took place on Crestline Pl, Pittsburgh 15221 which affected multiple streets. Among those that spoke were Patrice Johnson, Khari Mosley with the City Council, Lois Worthy, Abigail Salisbury, Tawanda Carlisle with Senator Jay Costa, Stephen Clark and Daniel McKinley. Gabriel Gray with Pittsburgh United also addressed the board advocating for safe clean water. Next Mr. Simon called for the approval of the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2024, where upon;

**APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2024,
WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Vahosky, it was resolved by voice vote that the October 22, 2024, Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as written and the same are hereby approved as written.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS



As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting approval of Contract 24-012 “Furnishing and Delivering of Ductile Iron Pipe and Accessories” to the lowest most responsible bidders, whereupon;

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT 24-012
“FURNISHING AND DELIVERING OF
DUCTILE IRON PIPE AND
ACCESSORIES” TO THE LOWEST MOST
RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS**

On a motion by Ms. Broz, seconded by Mr. Vahosky, it was resolved by voice vote to approve Contract 24-012 “Furnishing and Delivering of Ductile Iron Pipe and Accessories” to the lowest most responsible bidders, and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

REPORT 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 expenditure from October 12, 2024, through November 15, 2024, be ratified in the amount of \$4,618,985.69. Said amount does not include municipality’s sewage collections. In addition, authorization of disbursements was requested through January 28, 2025, whereupon;

**RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES FROM
OCTOBER 12, 2024, TO NOVEMBER 15,
2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,618,985.69
AND AUTHORIZATION OF VOUCHER
DISBURSEMENTS THOROUGH JANUARY
28, 2025**

On a motion by Mr. Gilliland, seconded by Mr. Fuller, with two (2) abstentions, it was resolved by roll call vote that ratification of expenditures from October 12, 2024 through November 15, 2024, in the amount of \$4,618,985.69 be authorized (Electronic transfers have been included but are not reflective in the total) Additionally, authorization of expenditures through January 28, 2025, are hereby ratified and authorized.

Abstentions: Williams from bills pertaining to ms consultants
Simon from bills pertaining to ms consultants

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No Report

LABOR COMMITTEE:

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE:

No Report

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE:

No Report

CONSULTANTS REPORTS:

Consulting Engineer:

Mr. Missenda discussed his report at the earlier workshop. He had nothing further to add.

Solicitor:

Mr. Alexander discussed his report at the earlier workshop. He has 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 conclusion, Mr. Bianchi had the following items to submit for approval:



As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, approval of resolution 2024-002 allowing authorization to apply for the LSA Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 to replace large water meters, whereupon;

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUION 2024-002
ALLOWING AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY
FOR THE LSA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$500,000.00 TO REPLACE LARGE
WATER METERS**

On a motion by Mr. Scolieri, seconded by Mr. Gilliland, it was resolved by voice vote to approve Resolution 2024-002 allowing authorization to apply for the LSA Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 to replace large water meters, and the same is hereby authorized and approved.



As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, approval of the 2025 Operating Budget \$37,403,522.36, and Capital Budget \$22,120,450.00 including the 5% rate increase of residential and commercial water rates, whereupon;

**APPROVAL OF THE 2025 OPERATING
BUDGET \$37,403,522.36, and CAPITAL
BUDGET \$22,120,420.00, INCLUDING
THE 5% RATE INCREASE OF
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
WATER RATES**

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by voice vote to approve the 2025 Operating Budget \$37,403,522.36, and Capital Budget \$22,120,420.00, including the 5% rate increase of residential and commercial water rates, and the same is hereby authorized and approved.



As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, approval of the 5% rate increase for Bulk water sale to Braddock Water Authority for 2025, whereupon;

**APPROVAL OF THE 5% RATE INCREASE
FOR BULK WATER SALE TO BRADDOCK
WATER AUTHORITY FOR 2025**

On a motion by Mr. Scolieri, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Collins, it was resolved by voice vote to approve the 5% rate increase for Bulk water sale to Braddock Water Authority for 2025 and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

◆ As discussed in the earlier workshop meeting, authorization to increase management base salary by an average of 3% effective January 1, 2025, whereupon;

**AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE
MANAGEMENT BASE SALARY BY AN
AVERAGE OF 3% EFFECTIVE JANUARY
1, 2025**

On a motion by Mr. Scolieri, seconded by Ms. Broz, with one (1) nay, it was resolved by voice vote to give authorization to increase management base salary by an average of 3% effective January 1, 2025, and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

On a motion made by Mr. Vahosky, seconded by Ms. Rawlins, the board went into an Executive Session at 7:42 pm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Vahosky, seconded by Mr. Fuller and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.


Secretary