

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD BY THE VIRTUAL MEETING ZOOM PLATFORM AND IN PERSON ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 711 BIRKBECK STREET, FREELAND, PA. PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. FISHER, MR. TIERNEY II, MR. CLYMER, THE TECHNICAL MANAGER, THE ENGINEER, THE ATTORNEY, AND THE SECRETARY.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence for all activities happening in the country.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens present.

APPROVE FEBRUARY MINUTES

Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve the February minutes and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0.

APPROVE FEBRUARY PAID INVOICES

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the February paid invoices for the Water Division totaling \$142,342.79 and the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$119,262.38 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2421-A).

CURRENT INVOICES

Mr. Tierney made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling \$77,990.82, the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$114,944.36, and the Sandy Run invoices totaling \$499.10 and Mr. Clymer second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2421-B).

FINANCIAL STATUS

The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2421-C.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the financial status of the banks because of the recent news. The Secretary explained to the Board of Directors the money cannot be deposited into any bank. The monies need to be deposited into a bank that deals with Public Funds or has a Government Division.

SEWER DIVISION

Mr. Joseph Bluge of HRG, Inc. presented the Engineering Report. (Reference 2421-D).

Sewer Area

-**SIUA and sampling stations** – EPA Region 3 confirmed they are reviewing the plan, which is a 6-month process. Mr. Kavitski did speak with Chris Ferdik, who called EPA, and EPA stated a decision should be made by end of Summer.

-**Sewer & Water Rules & Regulations** – No update this month.

-**NPDES Permit Renewal Work** – Pending

-**WWTP Final Clarifier Distribution Box** – Linde completed all work March 17th. HRG saw photos. Completion of the close out documents is coming soon, possible next month.

-**Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project** – Received a Letter of No Prejudice from PennVest on March 9, 2023. HRG's recommendation for the pre-purchase of the equipment from Sherwood Logan & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$478,577.00, which the Board of Directors were all in agreement with the purchase. A purchase order will need to be issued and will probably take 6 to 8 months to receive.

-**Headworks Evaluation** – No update this month.

-**PADEP Chapter 102** – No update this month.

-**ACT 537 Special Study** – No significant activities.

-**PMAA on Act 12** – Joe Bluge informed the Board of Directors this Act in 2016 is in the process of repeal. This Act covers items for when a Private Company purchases a Public Entity. Public referendum, non-disclosures, and a limited amount for the appraisal of the system are just some of the items.

Water Area

- Oak Street Water Storage Tank** – Public Water Application will be forwarded this week for review. Geotech work is scheduled for March 24th for the clearing and grubbing. March 28th will be for the drilling. Joe Bluge will forward Kleinfelder Company Ryan Smith's contact information.
- Well 6 & 10 Treatment System Feasibility Study** – No update this month.

Supplement #1 for the 2023 Water System Improvement Project – Total amount of \$168,300.00 which is reflected in the contract. Mr. Clymer noticed the contract amount was not added properly. Mr. Kavitski asked HRG to revise the contract. Mr. Kavitski made the motion for the approval of \$159,400.00 once the correction is made and Mr. Clymer second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2422-A).

Hach Service Quote for the Flo-Dar Sensor Assembly – Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve the quote for \$ 2,067.50 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2422-B).

Mr. Kavitski made a motion to rescind the approval of Supplement #1 instructing HRG to review the contract amounts due to the Kleinfelder amounts further into the contract being more money than original amount of \$11,400.00 and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0.

Linde Corporation Payment Application #4 for \$0.00 to reconcile the difference of the Change Order #1 previously paid by the Authority – Mr. Tierney made the motion and Mr. Clymer second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2422-C).

Updated Sewer Rules & Regulations - tabled until next month, which will also give Attorney Fagan time to review.

PA American Water Company, the contract is assigned by Foster Township, Attorney Fagan stated no new agreement is needed at this time.

PA American Water Company – The electric bills at the Wyoming St. Pump Station are in the contract and the Authority will be paying the 63% portion of electric bills as an operating expense per Attorney Fagan.

WATER DIVISION

Ironwood Renewables sent a letter regarding a possible solar farm on the Authority land located in Upper Lehigh area. The Authority would like to sit down with them regarding the idea either in a Work Session or at a Monthly Meeting. The Authority will only consider approximately 200 acres. (Reference 2422-D).

LRM Quote for (3) 0-5 mg/l Chlorine Prominent Probes at \$1518.00 each, Mr. Fisher made the motion for approval and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2422-E).

The Kennedy Companies quote for customer water meters was tabled at this time. Core & Main is still conducting their findings.

MANAGERS REPORT

Ryan Smith presented the Technical Manager Report. (Reference 2422-F).

Ryan Smith stated the Maple & Schwabe Streets the fire connection was repaired. Birkbeck & Schwabe Streets the parts are 32 weeks out. The Board discussed having a fabricator make the part. Ryan Smith will contact A to S Metals.

Discussion on the corrosion plan with the Langelier testing and obtaining a sampler for metals by weight. Raw Water versus treated water is in the chart sent to the Board. Investigate a coupon sampler for metals approximate price \$500.00.

Water Licensed Operators need to continue learning to alert management prior to a problem and attend continuing educational classes. Staff needs to know when Ortho treatment is too high or too low. Investigate flow-paced pumps for the water system. Iron, magnesium or copper problem, yes flushing helps but this cannot be done all the time. Need to test prior to and after pump start for accurate results and HRG, Inc. needs to figure out how to improve the water quality.

Mr. Kavitski stated the Main Street valves need to be completed.

A discussion took place to charge Citterio for extra bacteria due to high pH readings. A letter will be sent for all charges, also call Al Augustine at Citterio to make him aware of the situation. Digester B, while offline for blower coupler replacement, Ryan Smith will schedule a clean out with Koberlein.

ENGINEERING INVOICES

Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve HRG Invoice #168704 \$2,68.56 and Invoice #168705 \$7,542.00 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2423-A).

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Fagan stated he has been in contact with PA American Water Company regarding the Shut Off Agreement. The man hours to be charged will be in line with what the Union Contract states for all shut off or water restoration. If employees are called after hours, overtime rate will be applied and if they are called out during Holidays, the Holiday rate will be applied.

Attorney Fagan stated he reached out to the Realtor regarding the Birkbeck & Johnson Streets property, and he is waiting for a phone call about setting up a meeting. A new buyer requested a Phase II Study for the property site which was to be completed in January of 2023. This has not been completed as far as the Realtor is aware.

Attorney Fagan reviewed the Dish Wireless Contract and stated the Authority can execute the contract. All items the Authority requested are included in the contract. (Reference 2423-B).

OPEN/OTHER ACTIONS

Guyette Phone Software Renewal – Mr. Fisher made the motion for approval at the cost of \$425.00 for the year and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2423-C).

PenTeleData Camera Quote was discussed. The cameras are to be 360-degree multi sensors. The Board would like to see if one camera can be installed to show clarity prior to installation in all areas.

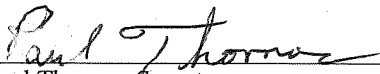
PenTeleData Connections – The connections are needed at all areas for the Dark Fiber, it is necessary for the connection of the fiber and have access wirelessly at all locations and will be available for the camera system too. A discussion on the installation of the connections either underground or overhead. Ryan Smith will contact PenTeleData regarding underground connections. Mr. Kavitski wants the fiber installed prior to spending the monies for this quote because the material cannot be used until the Dark Fiber is in place.

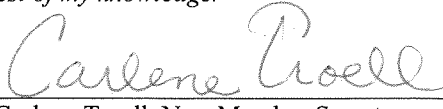
The cost of the connection quote is \$21,518.20 and Mr. Tierney made the motion and Mr. Clymer second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2423-D).

ADJOURN

Mr. Tierney made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 4-0.

These minutes are certified true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Paul Thomas, Secretary


Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary