

**Minutes of the  
Regular Board Meeting  
Of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority  
Held on April 22, 2022**

This Regular Board Meeting of The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, having been duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act, was called to order on Friday, April 22, 2022, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL** – All Board members were present.

**Participants from PWSA**: Will Pickering, Jennifer Presutti, Debby Gibson, Edward Barca, Barry King, Jason Felser, Rebecca Zito, Elaine Hinrichs, BJ McFaddin, Logan Carmichael, Frank Sidari, Kevin Pawlos, Monica Walaan, Giuseppe Sciulli, Julie Ascioffa, Lee Haller, Rachel Rampa, Shannon Barkley

Also present was Solicitor Danny Cerrone of Clark Hill.

A total of 57 participants were on the call.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Nick Dean of East Liberty addressed the Board regarding issues with third-party contractors working on behalf of PWSA.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Executive Session was held prior to the Board Meeting, wherein legal and personnel matters were discussed. No votes were taken.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the Annual and Regular Board Meeting held on March 25, 2022. Mr. Turner so moved, and Dr. Murrell seconded the motion.

No discussion held. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ed Barca, Director of Finance, presented the details of this report. Year-to-date receipts are up 24.5% or approximately \$9.2 million. This strong performance through the first quarter is a result of the rate increase that went into effect at the beginning of the year. It is also providing the necessary resources for PWSA to be proactive in addressing its infrastructure needs. Our capital expenses have remained steady with approximately \$17 million being spent in the first quarter of this year. The recent funding awards from PENNVEST and the City of Pittsburgh via the American Rescue Plan will accelerate our capital expenses as those projects begin construction in the coming months.

PWSA will be kicking off its capital budget planning process at the beginning of May to develop the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. PWSA performed very well in 2021 with some of the highlights including:

- Our cash balance result was \$76.4 million, which is a \$16.2 million increase from the prior year and is at its highest level in recent history.
- Our operating income result was \$64.8 million, which is a \$14.0 million increase from the prior year.
- Our net income result was \$24.6 million.
- The total amount of our capital expenses was \$130.7 million, which is a \$3.4 million increase from the prior year and represents the highest level of annual investment in recent history.
- PWSA met all its required legal debt coverage ratios.

Mr. Turner: Capital spending was over \$100 million for the most recent year. In the past, we were spending \$14 million or \$15 million a year

#### **ENGINEERING REPORT**

Barry King, Director of Engineering, presented the details of this report. All three LSLR projects (2022 Priority, 2022 Neighborhood and 2022 Urgent) are fully underway in removing lead service lines throughout the City of Pittsburgh. The 2021 SDWMP Contracts B & C are also now underway throughout the City, and work continues on the waterline replacement for the City's BRT Project. Regarding Lead, Staff has submitted a \$9.9 million grant application this week for EPA's "Reduction in Lead Exposure via Drinking Water" program. CDM Smith has undertaken their role in the Corrosion Control Monitoring Program.

Progress is being made on the PWSA's Water Reliability Plan Projects. We have two major WRP projects in the construction phase as follows:

- Ongoing construction efforts for the Rising Main 3 Rehabilitation and Replacement Project in Highland Park; and
- The Highland No. 2 Reservoir Liner and Cover Project is well underway, with the completion of the draining of the reservoir, and the commencement of the removal of both the liner and cover is in progress.

Regarding our Sewer Programs, on April 6th we closed on the PENNVEST ProFi loans for Engineering and Construction fees for the 2020 Large Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation Project, as well as the 2021-2022 Large Diameter Sewer and the 2022-2023 Small Diameter Sewer. This is the first ProFi loan which has been done by the Sewer group.

- 71452 Initial Closing Amount (2020 LDSR) \$1,647,063.00, Total Approved Loan Amount \$28,282,000.00
- 77104 Initial Closing Amount (2020 LDSR) \$473,118.00, Total Approved Loan Amount \$7,995,000.00

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND ETHICS OFFICER**

Frank Sidari, Chief Environmental Compliance and Ethics Officer presented the details of this report. This first report represents our commitment to operate not only in accordance with the strict requirements of the law but also with high ethical and professional standards.

Over the last year, I have been building our Environmental Compliance Department. We will have a full staff of six individuals stationed at Aspinwall WTP working on Environmental Compliance and Ethics initiatives.

Some notable efforts being completed in accordance with our monitors include:

- Continuing to expand our Environmental Compliance Manual
- Completion of the 2021 Environmental Compliance Audit of Aspinwall WTP
- Expansion of our staff training programs, including now conducting weekly environmental compliance tailgate meetings at Aspinwall WTP
- Implementing ethics and compliance related standards for our contractors and consultants working on projects with us, and
- Preparing and submitting required reports and updates to the monitors and government.

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Will Pickering, Chief Executive Officer, explained the details of this report. I am excited to report that we had a very positive tour and media event yesterday with stakeholders from the national federal level, our local national stakeholders, as well as state government officials. It was an excellent opportunity not just for me, but for our entire staff to showcase the Water Reliability Plan. After a tour of the Highland Park 2 Reservoir, which is undergoing its cover and liner replacement, we transitioned into a media event where we celebrated the investments that we are making in replacing lead service lines. In the Performance Report from last month, you will see a large increase in the volume of calls coming into our contact center. We anticipated this increase with a full month of billing our new Stormwater Fee. You will see a correlated slight increase above our target for the amount of time it takes for us to pick up those calls. There has been a lot of customer outreach and we have performed a lot of training within Customer Service, Engineering and Public Affairs to make sure we are equipped to answer questions and resolve disputes.

This is Jim Turner's last meeting. We are extraordinarily grateful for his public service. This is his second tour on the PWSA Board. Jim has been an influencer at PWSA. He has influenced the way we conduct ourselves, he has set the tone with the Board, and he has helped us become the organization that some had doubted that we could be today. I want to say thanks and congratulate Mr. Turner on his retirement.

Mr. Turner: Thank you Will. Can you remind the Board and the public as to what should happen when we have planned work that will result in a water outage in terms of communicating that to the homeowners?

Mr. Pickering: When we have planned work, we typically send letters and follow up with a robo call to residents. There are instances where we as PWSA and our field operations team or our contractors are doing work and there are unanticipated impacts of the work. The PWSA has a very solid communications protocol that is the obligation of our contractors.

Mr. Sciulli: I've been around City, County, Local and State government, and even the federal level for a brief period of time, and I don't know if I know another quintessential public servant than Jim Turner. The City of Pittsburgh, its residents and its ratepayers owe a debt of gratitude to Jim for his service. I've known and worked with Jim since the mid 80's in two Mayoral administrations. Jim was always extremely focused on doing the right thing and making sure the ratepayers and the citizens were getting the best deal, and whether that meant an unpopular decision, then so be it. He always had the best interest of the public in mind. He has been a great mentor, and we wish him the very best.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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**No. 53 of 2022      Accepting the 2021 Report of the Auditor Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants**

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The 2021 Financial Statements and accompanying documents are being presented to the PWSA Board for acceptance.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Turner so moved, and Ms. Leber seconded the motion.

Mr. Turner: One of the comments the auditors made is that a small piece of the City pension liability should be moved from the City's books to PWSA's books to represent those water employees who are on the City's pension system. It should be reflected in next year's statements.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 54 of 2022      Approving the Amendment or Replacement of a Revolving Line of Credit in An Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000,000**

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The Revolving Line of Credit is used to interim fund all capital expenses. Revenue bonds are then issued to pay off the line of credit balance. The new terms of the revolving line of credit will save PWSA money while helping to fund the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the next three years.

Mr. Barca: The line of credit in general does have a variable interest rate. It is about one percentage less than we will be paying on our line of credit that fluctuates over time, but there will be some savings that will result immediately from this amendment.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Turner so moved, and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 55 of 2022      Approving the Financial Assistance Application to be Submitted to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (“PENNVEST”) for Catch Basin Replacement Projects in An Amount Not to Exceed \$42,345,330**

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PWSA currently maintains approximately 25,000 total catch basins throughout the system and replaces 800-900 annually. These catch basins are a critical part of the overall system and play a key role in managing stormwater throughout the region. This application will secure funding to replace approximately 1,200 catch basins annually over a three-year period.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Turner so moved, and Ms. McCormick Barron seconded the motion.

Mr. Turner: What interest rate are you anticipating we will pay on the loan?

Mr. Barca: We anticipate between 1 and 2%. I will caveat that by saying that this award is being submitted under the first tranche of bipartisan federal infrastructure monies that PENNVEST will be receiving. We may get a more attractive offer than 1 or 2 %. There could be some grant monies included as well.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

**No. 56 of 2022**      **Amending Board Resolution No. 42 Authorizing an Issuance of Debt in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$280 million Through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (“WIFIA”) Program Administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) for the Purpose of Funding a Portion of the Costs Associated with the Clearwell Replacement/Water Reliability Project**

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PWSA originally authorized the issuance of \$225 million of debt through WIFIA for these projects in March 2022. Since then, the projects have incurred cost increases due to the change in scope, cost of materials, and timing. This Resolution will increase the original amount of debt authorized under WIFIA so that all aspects of the projects are funded properly.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Dr. Murrell so moved, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

Mr. Turner: What rate are you hoping to get on this?

Mr. Barca: The interest rate will be determined at closing, but we are anticipating a 2 ½ to 3% interest rate on this borrowing.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 57 of 2022**      **Approving the Financial Assistance Application and a Letter of No Prejudice to be Submitted to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (“PENNVEST”) for the Clearwell Replacement/Water Reliability Projects Totaling \$209,005,329**

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The Water Reliability Projects consist of seven individual projects. Aspinwall Pump Station Improvements, Aspinwall Pump Station to Lanpher Rising Main, Bruecken Pump Station Improvements, Clearwell Emergency Response, Clearwell Improvements, Highland No. 2 Reservoir Improvements, and Large Diameter Water Main Replacement No. 3 and No. 4.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Turner so moved, and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

Mr. Turner: What is the anticipated loan rate?

Mr. Barca: We are anticipating a 1 or 2% interest rate, but there could be some grant monies included.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 58 of 2022      Approving the Contract Increase and Extension of a Professional Services Agreement for Financial, Compliance, and Performance Improvement Services to Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.**

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**Funding: Operating Budget Not to Exceed \$925,000**

Raftelis will continue to serve as the Authority's general rate consultant, as well as provide additional financial analyses, support compliance efforts, support stormwater efforts, and assist with metric reporting as needed. Raftelis is experienced in the water, sewer, and stormwater utilities, as well as financial and business planning.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Leber so moved, and Ms. McCormick Barron seconded the motion.

Mr. Turner: How long is the extension and what do we do when that ends?

Ms. Presutti: The extension is for 1 year. After that, we have another year extension. Once that is completed, we will likely seek bids.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 59 of 2022      Approving the Award of an Enterprise Software Agreement with ESRI**

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**Funding: Operating Budget \$300,000**

This agreement will grant uninterrupted services for PWSA's GIS applications and software which are an essential resource used daily by multiple departments including Engineering, Field Operations, Customer Service, and Public Affairs.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Dr. Murrell so moved, and Mr. Domach seconded the motion.

Mr. Turner: What will happen at the end of the three-year period?

Mr. Felser: This is a subscription-based licensing, so after three years we would have to renew. We don't necessarily have to renew it as an enterprise agreement, we can go back to paying for it individually, but that would be more expensive.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 60 of 2022      Approving the Award of a Capital Contract for Construction of 2022 Water Relay to M. O’Herron Company**

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**Funding: Capital Budget \$1,468,750**

This annual Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract involves the escalated unplanned relay of water mains, including valves, fire hydrants, and service lines as required. This contract also includes the necessary related restoration services, including the surface restoration of sidewalks and streets, and restoration of landscaping for all work areas addressed under this contract.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. McCormick Barron so moved, and Ms. Strassburger seconded the motion.

Dr. Murrell: The supplier diversity goals are above the contract goal.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 61 of 2022      Approving an Amendment of a Professional Services Agreement for Construction Management/Construction Inspection (CM/CI) Services for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Water Distribution Improvements Project to Hatch Associates Consultants, Inc.**

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**Capital Budget \$482,000**

This amendment addresses owner-directed changes. The actual work requirements were such that the CM/CI Team did require more inspectors than originally specified as the time of solicitation. This amendment accounts for the overages associated with the additional inspectors and accompanying additional hours required.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Thomas so moved, and Ms. McCormick Barron seconded the motion.

Mr. Turner: Any concerns when there is a need for more inspectors than originally planned?

Mr. King: In this instance, I would say no. We do assess that when we evaluate the RFP.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 62 of 2022      Approving the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for Design and Engineering Services for the Aspinwall WTP Chemical Unloading Area Improvements and Underground Storage Tank Removal and Replacement Project to Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP.**

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**Funding: Capital Budget \$287,818.76**

This project is specific to the design of improvements necessary for chemical deliveries to be compliant with PWSA's Integrated Contingency Plan (ICP), including proving reliable containment measures at the chemical unloading areas, as well as the removal of the underground fuel storage tank and replaced with an above ground fuel storage tank.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Leber so moved, and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

Mr. Sciulli: This is a long-anticipated project. With the potential for chemical spills and the removal of the underground storage tanks, this certainly was needed and a huge improvement for the plant.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 63 of 2022      Approving an Amendment of a Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services for the Aspinwall Pump Station Improvements to Brown and Caldwell**

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**Funding: Capital Budget \$1,081,950**

This amendment addresses owner-directed changes, which are necessary to address the remaining architectural and engineering design services that are necessary to complete the Aspinwall Pump Station Improvements Project. The changes include the addition of physical modeling in order to assess the proposed design of the four new pumps, adding Fox Chapel electrical equipment to the power upgrade modifications to the station, additional environmental sampling and permitting requirements, and expanding the scope of the building renovations to include converting the existing large workshop area in the building to provide two floors of additional office space.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Thomas so moved, and Ms. Strassburger seconded the motion.

Ms. McCormick Barron: Are the series of Resolutions relating to Aspinwall part of the preparation for the Bruecken and the larger projects being undertaken?

Mr. King: They are related. The first three that we “identify” as the ABC projects that we are bringing today is addressing both the Aspinwall Pump Station, the Bruecken Pump Station for the water reliability plan renewal as well as the Clearwell Bypass that will allow us to take that Clearwell out of line.

Mr. Turner: My question applies to Resolutions 63, 64 and 65. In all three cases, the amendments range between 43 and 53%, and in all three, the design costs were well under the 15% threshold. That is one of the primary reasons for the amendment. Does that raise any concern?

Mr. King: Brown and Caldwell, among the six total bidders, fell right in the middle of all of the bids we received. We take into consideration the possibilities of these larger projects having potential cost hikes and do our best to prevent them at the outset.

Dr. Murrell: Can you walk us through the supplier diversity performance and the revised goal? I would like some context, particularly with such a large increase in the change order and the lower performance relative to the original contract.

Mr. King: In the original contract, there was a certain amount of project scope determined for which subconsultants would be utilized as the project unfolded. There were differences in what was actually necessary. The scope is what determined how much of the supplier diversity that they were able to achieve. They are meeting and exceeding what the base minimal is, but they are not achieving their goal. We have brought it to their attention and will continue to track the suppliers.

Dr. Murrell: This is something to watch and to make sure there is something we can do to improve that performance.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 64 of 2022**

**Approving an Amendment of a Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Design Services for the Bruecken Pump Station Improvements to Brown and Caldwell**

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**Funding: Capital Budget \$1,069,167**

This amendment addresses owner-directed changes and unforeseen conditions that are necessary to address these additional architectural and engineering design services that are required to complete the Bruecken Pump

Station Improvements design and procurement. The additional design work for the new pump station is beyond the original scope of work prescribed in the RFP.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Thomas so moved, and Ms. Strassburger seconded the motion.

Mr. Sciulli: The decision was made to come up with a new station. The only thing I ask is that you save the Tom Bruecken plaque. For the Board members who are not aware who Tom Bruecken was, he was one of the Chief Engineers for the Water and Sewer Authority and a terrific public servant.

Dr. Murrell: I want to flag this is another situation where we have a large swing in a 45% increase and our supplier diversity commitment goes down. We need to pay special attention to exceptionally large increases in change orders and underperforming on the supplier diversity performance objectives.

Barry King: We will coordinate with the Finance team to ensure that we can track the commitments.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 65 of 2022**

**Approving an Amendment of a Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Design Services for the Clearwell Emergency Response Project to Brown and Caldwell**

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**Funding: Capital Budget \$676,315**

This amendment addresses owner-directed changes. Brown and Caldwell evaluated alternative routing and sizing of the proposed bypass conduit to eliminate a new wet well at the Aspinwall Pump Station which was recommended in the original scope. In addition, a new analysis of the required storage for the bypass to satisfy plant operations was completed.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Thomas so moved, and Ms. McCormick Barron seconded the motion.

No discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

**No. 66 of 2022      Approving a Change Order of an Operating Contract for 2019-20 Pump and Motor Service Contract to Total Equipment Company**

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**Funding: Operating Budget \$293,861.20**

This change order will ensure PWSA will have necessary support from the on-call service contractors through the remainder of this contract.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Turner so moved, and Ms. Leber seconded the motion.

Mr. Turner: The supplier diversity goals look like they may not be met because the repairs haven't required steel framing revisions. Was that a surprise in this case?

Mr. McFaddin: This contract deals with repairing or rebuilding of existing pumps and motors in their existing locations. TEC would either do this work on the equipment in place or remove it, take it to their shop and possibly rebuild a pump or motor and then bring it back and reinstall it on the original mount. Very rarely does it involve any type of structural changes.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 67 of 2022      Approving the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services for the WRP Clearwell Bypass System – Permitting, Implementation, and SOP's Project to Mott MacDonald, LLC.**

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**Funding: Capital Budget \$397,766.07**

The purpose of this contract includes: assessing adequacy of the related capital improvement projects, existing instrumentation, sampling and testing procedures to support the future operation of the Clearwell Bypass System as it relates to chemical feed, chemical analyzers, and disinfection contact time; developing all required procedures and permitting documents to obtain the regulatory approval; and developing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for the reliable operation of the Clearwell Bypass System.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Turner so moved, and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

Mr. Turner: This cost was well above the internal estimate. Is that simply due to the unique nature of this project?

Mr. King: Yes. We didn't have a good basis on which to make that estimate.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 68 of 2022      Approval to Enter Into Permanent Easement Agreements and to Provide Compensation, if Necessary, to the US Steel Corporation, Pennsylvania Lines, LLC., and AARCO Land Company for Construction of Sewer Infrastructure for the 2018 Sewers Under Structures – S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street Project (Parcels 3-D-150, 3-A-270, and 3-D-50)**

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The S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street project site consists of the replacement of approximately 255 feet of 24-inch combined sewer pipe between Muriel Street and the Monongahela River. The sewer will be constructed adjacent to and parallel with the existing sewer.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Turner so moved, and Ms. Strassburger seconded the motion.

No discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 69 of 2022      Approval to Enter Into Permanent Easement Agreement and to Provide Compensation, if Necessary, to The City of Pittsburgh on Brereton Street (Parcel 25-P-150-0-1) for Construction of Sewer Infrastructure for the 2020 Sewers Under Structures Contract 2 – 28<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (Brereton Street) Project Site**

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PWSA needs to replace approximately 145 feet of an existing 18-inch sewer main located on City property on Brereton Street in the Strip District neighborhood. The sewer in this location has failed within the area of existing steep slopes.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Dr. Murrell so moved, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

No discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

**No. 70 of 2022      Approval to Enter Into a Permanent Easement Agreement and to Provide Compensation, if Necessary, to the Owner of 1075 Flemington Street (Parcel 87-K-276) for Construction of Sewer Infrastructure for the 2020 Sewers Under Structures Contract 2 – Flemington Street Site**

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PWSA needs to install a sewer manhole over an existing combined sewer to access, assess the condition of, and maintain nearly 500 feet of sewer located in the rear of 1025-1075 Flemington Street. PWSA requires a permanent easement to install the new manhole to provide access.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Strassburger so moved, and Dr. Murrell seconded the motion.

No discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 71 of 2022      Approving the Submittal of an Application to ALCOSAN’s GROW Grant Program for the 2022 Small Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation – Contract 2 – Maytide Phase 3**

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This project focuses on the rehabilitation of sanitary sewers in the Carrick neighborhood of the 4<sup>th</sup> Council District of the City of Pittsburgh. This area was targeted specifically to address known areas of high infiltration and inflow within the separated sanitary sewer system.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Leber so moved, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

Ms. Strassburger: Do we have a sense from ALCOSAN as to the likelihood of our application being funded at a certain percentage?

Mr. King: With most of ALCOSAN’s projects, they won’t commit to an exact percentage. It is all based on what you can demonstrate after that first year of the flow reduction. We do have confidence that this is the appropriate site and that this site will achieve a reduction. We are thinking we will exceed the 50%, so they state that they will give you between 25% and 85% for a project costs reimbursement. We believe it will be above 50%.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

**No. 72 of 2022      Approving the Submittal of an Application to ALCOSAN’s GROW Grant Program for the South Side Flats Sewer Separation**

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This project focuses on the construction of a new storm sewer network in the South Side Flats Neighborhood of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council District of the City of Pittsburgh. The proposed storm sewer will be along S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Wharton Street, Fox Way, Sidney Street, and Wrights Way. The new storm pipe network will discharge to the existing 54-inch storm sewer on S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Turner so moved, and Ms. Strassburger seconded the motion.

Ms. Strassburger: Am I right in assuming that this is part of a much larger storm water project and road rehabilitation project in this area of the South Side? And it is my understanding that there are some other partners as well like Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and PENNDOT.

Mr. King: It is a much larger project. We have significant other work that’s occurring.

Mr. Sciulli: How much do we anticipate we will get from this grant?

Mr. King: This one has been discussed. We believe that it will be over 50%.

Mr. Sciulli: We appreciate ALCOSAN and the GROW GRANT program.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 73 of 2022      Approving Entering Into a Coordination Agreement with the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) for the Purposes of Information Sharing During the Implementation of ALCOSAN’s Clean Water Plan and PWSA’s Long-Term Wet Weather Control Plan**

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PWSA is currently negotiating a Consent Decree with the United States Department of Justice, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection addressing, among other things, the control of combined sewer overflows and remediation of sanitary sewer overflows from PWSA’s system. ALCOSAN is implementing a regional long-term wet weather control plan that identifies and implements appropriate overflow controls in the ALCOSAN system, the requirements of which will include the design and construction of new conveyance and storage tunnels and near surface structures. To facilitate respective duties to their customers, ALCOSAN and PWSA desire to share, on a mutually-cooperative basis, certain information about their respective systems within

the limits of the City that either Party may already have, or may develop, or update from time to time for its own purposes relative to its system that may also be helpful or useful to the other Party.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Dr. Murrell so moved, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

Mr. Domach: I'm all for data sharing. To what extent will there be digital access to the two systems and what is the system security?

Mr. King: I will need to get back to you and the Board on that question.

Mr. Sciulli: We have been coordinating with ALCOSAN for quite some time. What was so significant about this coordination of information sharing that required a Board Resolution?

Mr. Pickering: This agreement is the outgrowth of conversations between our respective counsels as it relates to PWSA's wet weather negotiation with EPA, DOJ, and DEP. I believe its information from ALCOSAN coming to us to inform our approach for our wet weather plan. ALCOSAN's Board also had a similar Resolution on their agenda.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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**No. 74 of 2022      Approving Entering Into an Agreement of Cooperation with the Port Authority of Allegheny County for the Design and Construction for Phase 1 of the Bus Rapid Transit Project**

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The construction of the BRT Project requires that certain facilities owned and/or operated by PWSA be removed, replaced, and/or relocated. The Port Authority will pay for the relocations, and the PWSA will pay for the betterments in Phase 1 of the BRT Project. Currently there are no planned betterments located in Phase 1. Additionally, PWSA agrees to negotiate, in good faith, with the Port Authority for an Agreement of Cooperation for Phase 2 of the BRT Project.

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Turner so moved, and Ms. Leber seconded the motion.

No discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Mr. Turner so moved, and Ms. Strassburger seconded the motion. No discussion held.

The next scheduled Regular Board Meeting will take place on Friday, May 27, 2022.

*BJ Leber*

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BJ Leber, Secretary