

**Minutes of the
Regular Board Meeting
Of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority
Held on May 26, 2023**

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, May 26, 2023, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL – 6 Members of the Board were present. Dr. Murrell and Ms. Cristello were absent.

Participants from PWSA: Will Pickering, Jennifer Presutti, Debby Gibson, Rebecca Zito, Adam Longwill, Juan Hirmas, Jennifer Guo, Frank Sidari, Kate Mechler, Lee Haller, Logan Carmichael, Janice Abate, Mike Gasperini, Rachel Romano, Bill Bennett, Giuseppe Sciulli, Kumar Navile, Ross Marcinizyn, Felecia Daniels, Julie Mechling.

Also present was Solicitor Danny Cerrone of Clark Hill.

A total of 25 participants were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

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 Regular Board Meeting held on April 28, 2023. Ms. Strassburger so moved, and Ms. McCormick Barron seconded the motion.

No discussion held. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jennifer Presutti, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, presented the details of this report that includes April 30th of 2023. The year-to-date receipts totaled \$62.9 million, or 30% of the total budget. Wastewater conveyance and discharges throughout the first four months of 2023 were \$19 million compared to the \$16.3 million that was budgeted. Water and stormwater receipts through the first four months equaled \$42.2 million as compared to the budgeted amount of \$43.4 million and under collection of \$1.2 million but stable. Total forecasted year-end receipts, inclusive of the rate stabilization fund, are \$208.2 million. This represents an increase of \$1.6 million as compared to the budget. Year-to-date departmental

operating expenditures are \$32.3 million, which is \$9 million lower than budgeted. It is expected that departmental expenditures will accelerate during this quarter due to the increase in construction. \$35.4 million in debt service costs have been paid year to date, which is in line with budget expectations. Rising interest rates continue to impact the variable- rate line of credit, and it is expected that new fixed rate bonds will be issued around June to pay off all or portion of the capital line of credit. Our cash balance is \$82.2 million, which is \$11.7 higher as compared to the prior year. Finally, year-to-date capital expenditures are \$21.7 million.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND ETHICS OFFICER

Frank Sidari, Chief Environmental Compliance and Ethics Officer, presented the details of this report. The Environmental Compliance Department lead by Kumar Navile has been working to develop and implement PWSA's Environmental Management Information System (EMIS) to facilitate efficient data capture, task management, auditing, and reporting to support environmental compliance, as well as safety and water quality efforts. Development of the EMIS system is a strategic process of scoping, sandbox development, user-acceptance testing, and finally production of each module to assure the system meets our needs. This system includes both desktop dashboards and forms accessible by tablet or phone for data entry in the field.

EMIS modules include a full breadth of environmental compliance topics, including:

- Hazardous Materials, Storage Tanks, and Spill Prevention
- Air and Emissions from Generators and Boilers
- MS4 Stormwater • NPDES and Industrial User Discharges
- Waste Management
- Drinking Water
- Sanitary and Combined Sewers
- Safety
- Incident Management and Corrective Actions
- Permit Management

In development of these modules, we have also coordinated with various other systems including SCADA, Laboratory Information System, and GIS as well as planning for integration with our future Asset Management System. Our team continues to work through the progressive implementation of the EMIS, with some modules currently in use and others in development. We plan to have full implementation complete by end of the year.

We continue to work toward expansion of our environmental compliance manual to all PWSA facilities. As part of that effort, this summer we will be working with a University of Pittsburgh Center for Sustainable Business Climate Corp Fellow. This Fellow will be working directly with my group helping to better understand waste generated by our facilities and areas where we can increase reduce/reuse/recycle concepts to impact our waste disposal footprint for both cost savings and environmental benefits.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Will Pickering, Chief Executive Officer, presented the details of this report. Barry King is unable to be with us this morning, but I would be remiss not to point out that the level of activity that he and his department have been embarking on is quite evident in the agenda this month and it will be next month as well. For our contractor and consultant community, I do encourage you to check out our website to see the bids that are open and active. Please sign up for our Bonfire Procurement Portal, which will alert you to opportunities to bid on PWSA projects. This month is the Pgh2o Employee Excellence Awards Month. The nominated employees are Mike Rava and Jeff Durkt, Equipment Repair Specialists at the Water Treatment Plant, and Natalie Bendzsuk, Senior Billing Specialist in Customer Service. I would like to extend my congratulations to the three employees for their exceptional hard work and effort earning them this acknowledgement.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 27 of 2023 Authorizing Securing of Funding by the PWSA From the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (“PENNVEST”) in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$59,136,000.

This Resolution to borrow is related to the PENNVEST funding award for the 2023-2025 Large Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation programs and the 2024-2025 Small Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation programs.

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

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

No. 28 of 2023 Approving the Reimbursement Resolution for the 2023-2025 Sewer Rehabilitation Program as Part of the PENNVEST Closing Process.

This Resolution states that PWSA has a plan to pay for the costs of the project and satisfy the Federal Code.

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

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

No. 29 of 2023 Approving the Award of a Capital Contract for Construction of 2023 Valve Replacement Project to Independent Enterprises, Inc. Capital Budget \$2,889,165.

This annual indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract includes the replacement of broken and aging fire hydrants, and small and large diameter valves throughout the PWSA drinking water system.

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

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

No. 30 of 2023 Approving the Award of Two Operating Contracts for Construction of 2023 Urgent Water Repair Project to Independent Enterprises, Inc. and Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. Cumulative Operating Budget \$4,964,764.

This is an annual indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract focused on the urgent or immediate repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of infrastructure within the PWSA's water system, including water mains, valves, service connections, hydrants, and related appurtenances.

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

Mr. Sciulli: How does work normally get distributed among the two contractors?

Ms. Mechler: It depends on what other contractors already have at the moment. They have within 4 hours to actually be on-site to address the repairs. Sometimes one contractor may already be working on an urgent site at the time of the call, so then the other contractor goes. It also depends on who has the actual materials to make the repairs as well.

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

No. 31 of 2023

Approving the Award of Two Operating Contracts for Construction of 2023 Urgent Sewer Repair Project to M. O'Herron Company and Independent Enterprises, Inc., and a Professional Services Agreement for Construction Management and Construction Inspection Services (CM/CI) to Hatch Associates Consultants. Cumulative Operating Budget \$7,180,365.

This annual indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract is focused on the urgent or immediate repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of infrastructure within the PWSA's public sewer system including storm, sanitary, and combined sewer facilities.

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

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

No. 32 of 2023

Approving the Consolidation of the Lots at 6122 and 6150 Mifflin Road for Phase 2 of the 31st Ward Pump Station and Appurtenances Project

The existing Mifflin Road Pump Station at 6150 Mifflin Road is inadequately sized to serve the Lincoln Place neighborhood. The consolidation of these two lots is the first step in zoning approval and will extinguish the internal property line to accommodate the construction of the new pump station and equalization tank.

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

Ms. Leber: What are appurtenances?

Ms. Mechler: It is the inside pieces of what you would consider the pump station. It is all of the ancillary parts and not just the pumps in the facility itself.

Mr. Domach – I remember voting on this in 2019, has this primarily been a zoning issue or are we in a new phase of the design?

Ms. Mechler: We did acquire the properties and there were structures on those properties. We had to go through the demolition of those properties, which was done earlier this year. The next step as we are progressing through the design is that consolidation.

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

No. 33 of 2023

Approving the Submittal of an Application to ALCOSAN’s GROW Grant Program for the 2023 Small Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation – Contract 3.

This project focuses on the rehabilitation of sanitary sewers in the Carrick Neighborhood of the 4th 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. Strassburger so moved, and Ms. McCormick Barron seconded the motion.

Ms. Strassburger: I’m all for PWSA finding grants and loans wherever we can. To me this seems to be an expansion of ALCOSAN’s GROW Grant program. Is there an expansion now into sewer or does this somehow fit into their original?

Ms. Mechler: This does fall within their original program. We have applied a lot specifically for stormwater, but their program has always been source reduction as a whole. A lot of the other municipalities have targeted inflow and infiltration areas. This project is targeted for inflow and infiltration.

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

No. 34 of 2023

Approving the Submittal of an Application to ALCOSAN’s GROW Grant Program for the Bus Rapid Transit Stormwater Infrastructure.

In coordination with the Pittsburgh Regional Transits Bus Rapid Transit Project, PWSA is implementing stormwater and green infrastructure improvements in the Uptown Neighborhood. The design goal for the project is to manage 1.5-inches of runoff from approximately 4.5 acres of impervious surface.

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

Mr. Sciulli: I would be interested to know, since the ALCOSAN GROW Grant Program has been initiated, how many dollars we have applied for and how many dollars we have received. I know it’s a significant amount of money and we appreciate the support that we have received from ALCOSAN.

Ms. Mechler: I will get that information for you.

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

No. 35 of 2023 Approving the Award of a Capital Contract for Construction of Queenston Sewer Improvements Project to Independent Enterprises, Inc. Capital Budget \$2,781,775.

This project is located within the MH-80 sewershed, which drains to Saw Mill Run and the Ohio River, in the Overbrook Neighborhood in Council District 4 of the City of Pittsburgh and includes the construction of sanitary and storm sewer system improvements. This project will help reduce nearby surface flooding and basement backups.

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

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

No. 36 of 2023 Approving the Award of a Capital Contract for Construction of the 2022 Small Diameter Water Main Replacement – Contract B Project to Independent Enterprises, Inc. Capital Budget \$29,974,897.50.

Contract B involves the relay of water mains, including valves, fire hydrants, and service lines as required in Elliott, Stanton Heights, and Point Breeze Neighborhoods of the City of Pittsburgh, as well as in Millvale Borough.

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

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

No. 37 of 2023 Approving the Award of a Capital Contract for Construction of the 2022 Small Diameter Water Main Replacement – Contract C Project to Golden Triangle Construction Company, Inc. Capital Budget \$29,413,532.50

Contract C involves the relay of water mains, including valves, fire hydrants, and services lines as required in Marshall-Shadeland, Spring Garden, and North Side Neighborhoods of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Mr. Martin: Is it a coincidence that Contract C is about the same as Contract B within a fraction of a percent?

Ms. Mechler: The mileage of main replacement is very similar. Contract B is 4.7 miles and Contract C is 4.4 miles. The quantities are pretty similar on the amount of main to replace.

Mr. Martin: I was thinking because they were in different regions that there would be local conditions that would change. It seems like the pricing is per linear foot is that right?

Ms. Mechler: Yes.

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

No. 38 of 2023

Approving the Award of a Capital Contract for Construction of 2023 Neighborhood LSLR Project to F.J. Zottola and a Professional Services Agreement for Construction Management and Inspection Services (CM/CI) to AECOM. Cumulative Capital and PENNVEST Budget \$13,100,654.

This contract involves the verification of service line materials, replacement of lead service lines and restoration work in the Esplen, Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar, Perry South, Bluff, and Marshall-Shadeland neighborhoods of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Chair Sciulli entertained a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Ms. Strassburger so moved, and Ms. Leber seconded the motion.

The next scheduled Regular Board Meeting will take place on Friday, June 23, 2023.

BJ Leber

BJ Leber, Secretary