

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY  
HELD ON MAY 9, 2014**

The Regular Monthly 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 9, 2014, at approximately 10:00 a.m., in the Second Floor Board Room, 1200 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222. The following members of the Board were present: Chairman Alex W. Thomson, Ms. Margaret L. Lanier, Ms. Caren Glotfelty, Ms. Deb Lestitian, Ms. Deborah L. Gross and Ms. Andrea Geraghty. Present from the staff were Interim Executive Director James Good, Joey Tolbert, Antoine Boo, Brendan Schubert, Tom Palmosina, Melissa Rubin, Don Waldorf, Bob Christian, Kevin Donahue, Ron Duray, James Stitt, John Morgan, Barbara Curry and Rachel Rampa.

Also present were Mark Nowak, PWSA Solicitor; David Troianos and Joe Cusick of Chester Engineers; Joseph Moon of L. Robert Kimball; Herb Higginbotham of AECOM; Matt Sickles of CDM Smith; Ifeanyi Odigboh of MS Consultants; Bob Zulick of Buchart Horn, Inc.; Coreen Casadei of Collective Efforts, LLC; George Robinson II of Black & Veatch; Roy Rudolph and Rulison Evans of GHD; Debbie Healey Langley of Hazen and Sawyer; Bob Weimer of Hatch Mott MacDonald; John Ross of Arcadis; Ron Miller of URS; Tim Dean of JMT; Bill Trimbath of Civil & Environmental Consultants; Charles Toran of Sci-Tek; Mark Gannon and Jim McCarthy of AMEC; Dave French of ACCD; Kim Kennedy of HDR; Charles B. Porter of Hill International, Inc.; John Coyne of GAI; Bob Belicose of Maher Dussel; Jim Weaver of Jeff Zell Consultants; Anna Berg of Pennsylvania American Water; Tom Donatelli of BI; Anthony Igew of Wade Trim; Sam Shamsi of Jacobs; Fredrick Douglas of Cosmos Technologies; Joe DiFiore of Parsons Brinckerhoff; Brian Marino of CH2M Hill; Dennis Avery of G. Stephens; Carolyn Dimmick of KBC; Paul Ionadi of PI&A; and Manshi Low of Veolia Water.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held prior to the start of the Regular Board Meeting wherein no votes were taken. The Chairman informed the attendees that certain personnel and legal issues were discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. There were no comments or corrections noted at this time. Ms. Lestitian so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded. The minutes of the April 11, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

## **BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Legislative Updates**

Brendan Schubert, External Affairs Manager, explained the latest updates in Local, State and Federal legislation.

### **Financial Updates**

Joey Tolbert, Interim Director of Finance, reviewed the cash flow analysis for March 2014.

### **Report of Consulting Engineer**

David Troianos, Chester Engineers, reviewed the Capital Improvement Program Dashboard for April 2014.

### **Update on 60 inch Water Main Repair**

Tom Palmosina, Director of Water Operations, and Ron Duray, Acting Director of Water Quality and Production, updated the Board on the repair of a 60 inch water main in Sharpsburg. Ms. Lanier, Chairman Thomson and Mr. Good commended the staff on the updates and their efforts through this difficult season.

**Resolution No. 39 of 2014, "Awarding a CIP Contract for Ellsworth Waterline Replacement, Project No. 2013-325-165-0, Frank J. Zottola Construction, Inc.", was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Glotfelty seconded the motion. Mr. Good mentioned that Ellsworth is a busy street in this neighborhood and several meetings will be held for the businesses and Councilperson with updates on this project. Ms. Geraghty asked if the Authority has communicated with other utilities for the coordination of repairs. Mr. Good confirmed that PWSA had communicated with utilities to minimize disruptions and inconvenience. Ms. Gross asked if the Authority tests water pressure and if those results are available to businesses for assessment of their sprinkler systems. Mr. Good explained that information regarding what sites are being worked on is available on the Authority website. Water pressure test results are not posted due to regular variations in pressure and liability issues. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 39 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 40 of 2014, "Awarding a CIP Contract for 2014 Catch Basin Replacement, Project No. DISC-424-192-0, Independent Enterprises, Inc.," was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion. Ms. Glotfelty asked for clarification on the types of catch basin structure issues being reported. Mr. Christian explained that report often relates to failing, caving, surface deterioration or internal collapse of catch basins that

can cause backups or drainage problems. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 40 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 41 of 2014, “Awarding a CIP Contract for the SCADA System Upgrade Installation, Project No. 2013-322-180-0, Optimum Controls Corp.”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Geraghty seconded the motion. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 41 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 42 of 2014, “Awarding an Operating Contract for the Piggyback Purchase of IT Hardware Through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's COSTARS Program, Contract No. 003, Black Rock Technology”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

LaBaugh Stansbury, Acting IT Director, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion. Ms. Gross asked if this contract looks ahead for expanded information flow and Mr. Stansbury confirmed. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 42 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 43 of 2014, “Approving an Operating Contract for Four 60-CFM Truck Mounted Compressors, Project No. PWSA25, A&H Equipment”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Rick Obermeier, Director of Sewer Operations, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion. Ms. Lanier asked why only one bid was received. Mr. Obermeier explained that A&H Equipment is the only vendor in the area that carries this product. Mr. Thomson further asked if the bid was determined to be fair based on the market value. Mr. Obermeier confirmed the bid’s fairness. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 43 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 44 of 2014, “Awarding an Operating Contract for Piggyback Purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Regular Cab Pick-up Truck Through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's COSTARS Program, Contract No. 025, Fairway Motors, Inc.”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Tom Pamosina, Director of Water Operations, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Geraghty seconded the motion. Mr. Good outlined the way vehicles are currently evaluated for replacement. Mr. Thomson asked what happens to the old vehicles. Mr. Pamosina explained that they are turned into the city for auction twice a year. Ms. Geraghty asked if the Authority gets the proceeds from the auction. Mr. Pamosina said this is not the case,

per the Co-Op agreement with the City. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 44 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 45 of 2014, “Awarding an Operating Contract for Piggyback Purchase of a 2014 Ford Escape Through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's COSTARS Program, Contract No. 026, Zook Motors, Inc.”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Ron Duray, Acting Director of Water Quality and Production, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 45 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 46 of 2014, “Awarding an Operating Contract for Piggyback Purchase of Two 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Extended Cab 4WD Vehicles Through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's COSTARS Program, Contract No. 025, Lake Chevrolet”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Ron Duray, Acting Director of Water Quality and Production, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion. Mr. Good explained that these trucks are extended cabs and the truck in Resolution No. 45 is a regular cab. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 46 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 47 of 2014, “Awarding an Operating Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services, Project No. PWSA23, Pittsburgh Lawn Care, LLC and Rescinding an Award to Steel City Landscape, Inc.”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Ron Duray, Acting Director of Water Quality and Production, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Geraghty seconded the motion. Ms. Geraghty asked why there were only three bids. Mr. Duray explained that insurance and staffing are an issue with regard to bidding on municipal contracts. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 47 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 48 of 2014, “Approving Change Orders”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

David Troianos, Chester Engineers, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion. Ms. Gross commented that this is an intersection which has had a plate over it for six months and is close to two major breaks. Ms. Gross asked if a developer who is working on a site close to this location has donated funds towards the repair work. Mr. Troianos confirmed that the developer has donated funds. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 48 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 49 of 2014, “Approving Refunds and Exonerations”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Kevin Donahue, Customer Service Manager, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Lestitian seconded the motion. Ms. Lanier requested clarification on an overpayment. Mr. Donahue explained that it was due to customer error with online bill payment. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 49 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 50 of 2014, “Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Lawrence and Stephen Partners for the Recruitment of the Director of Water Quality and Production”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Antoine Boo, Chief Operating Officer, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion. Mr. Good commended Mr. Duray on his excellent job as the Acting Director of Water Quality and stated that he will have the opportunity to apply for this position. Mr. Thomson further commented that the Authority will select the best qualified candidates for jobs based on their experience and what they know, not who they know. He stated further that the hiring of a head hunter makes sense as does the use of Talent City. Ms. Geraghty asked why the head hunters who bid are outside the city of Pittsburgh. Mr. Good clarified that one of the bidders is from Pittsburgh. The reason for few bidders is likely based on the amount of remuneration to the head hunter for this position. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 50 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 51 of 2014, “Authorizing a Utility Reimbursement Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (“PennDOT”) SR0051, Section A10 and A47 and SR0088, Section A11 Bridge Replacements and Intersection Improvements and PWSA Sewer Modification Design” was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Glotfelty seconded the motion. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 51 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 52 of 2014, “Approving the Veolia Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Extension Term – Amendment No. 1” was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Manshi Low, Veolia Water, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Glotfelty seconded the motion. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 52 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 53 of 2014, “Approving Veolia Make vs. Buy Backflow Prevention OpEx Initiative” was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion. Ms. Lanier asked for an explanation of the intern’s duties. Mr. Christian outlined the projects assigned to an intern. Ms. Gross asked for clarification on the projected revenues and cost share with Veolia. Mr. Good explained that the numbers listed are only estimates. He will look into the details for further clarification. Ms. Gross recommended that the Board table this resolution until the June Board Meeting. Ms. Geraghty recommended amending the resolution into two parts; moving the project forward and providing clarification on the cost share with Veolia. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to amend the resolution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 53 was unanimously amended. The Board then approved the Amended Resolution.

**Resolution No. 54 of 2014, “Approving the Veolia Make vs. Buy Hydrant Inspection Reporting OpEx Initiative” was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Tom Palmosina, Director of Water Operations, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Geraghty seconded the motion. Ms. Lanier asked if any additional staff will be hired. Mr. Palmosina said this would not be necessary. Ms. Lanier also asked if the Authority owns the hydrants, and Mr. Good confirmed that the Authority does own the hydrants. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 54 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 55 of 2014, “Approving the Veolia Copper-free Algae Treatment OpEx Initiative” was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Ron Duray, Acting Director of Water Quality and Production, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Thompson asked if this is a green solution. Mr. Duray confirmed it was a green solution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 55 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 56 of 2014, “Approving the Veolia Energy Load Curtailment Program OpEx Initiative” was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

James Stitt, Sustainability Manager, explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Geraghty asked for an example of when the Authority might not cut its electrical usage. Mr. Stitt explained that this might occur when reservoirs are too low and we need to continue pumping to expected demands. Ms. Gross asked for clarification on the financial impact. Mr. Good explained the sharing arrangement. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 56 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 57 of 2014, “Accepting the Report of Auditor Maher Dussel, Certified Public Accountants”, was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Bob Belicose of Maher Dussel explained the details of this resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Lestitian seconded the motion. Ms. Geraghty recommended tabling the resolution until the board has had more time to review the audit. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to table the resolution until the June meeting. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 57 was unanimously tabled.

### **REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

#### **PWSA April Monthly Report**

Interim Executive Director Good reported that the Authority was a sponsor of the Pittsburgh Marathon where misting stations featuring the PWSA logo were prominent throughout the race. The Authority also provided the completion of fourteen utility cuts along the route.

Operations for January and February experienced record months for waterline repairs due to the harsh winter weather. Catch basin numbers will rise as weather improves.

West View Water Authority sent a thank you letter for the Authority selling them water when their treatment plant had a mechanical failure. Ms. Geraghty commented that she was proud of the letter and the Authority’s collaboration with other organizations.

The Customer Service call abandonment rate numbers experienced a small rise, but have been generally low. The severe weather often causes a greater volume of calls than usual.

The Civic Leadership Academy met at the Water Treatment Plant. The Academy provided very positive feedback to PWSA.

The Authority’s helped sponsor a Green Infrastructure Charette in the South Side. Mr. Good attended, along with the Sustainability Department staff.

Mr. Good reviewed several items that were approved under the Executive Directors Approval Authority.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 31 of 2014, “Approving a Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Pittsburgh for the Brookline Boulevard Improvements Project” was read by the Chairman and considered by the Board.**

Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to untable the resolution. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 31 was unanimously untabled. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion. Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this resolution. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 31 was unanimously adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

No further discussion was held and Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lanier so moved and Ms. Glotfelty seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously adopted.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Friday, June 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

  
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Secretary