

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY  
HELD ON MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

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, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2015, 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, Mr. Paul Leger, Ms. Andrea Geraghty, Ms. Caren Glotfelty, Ms. Deborah L. Gross and Mr. Michael Weber. Present from the staff were Interim Executive Director James Good, Antoinette Palmieri, Kevin Donahue, Ron Duray, Rachel Romano, John Morgan, Melissa Rubin, Tom Palmosina, Autumn Barna, James Stitt, Katherine Camp, Kelley Benson, Scott Towler, Bob Hutton, Joey Tolbert, Don Waldorf, and Brendan Schubert.

Also present were Mark Nowak, PWSA Solicitor; David Troianos of Chester Engineers; Alex Sciulli of ALEM Consulting; Bob Weimer, Stephen Polen, Kyle Hood, and Giuseppe Sciulli of Hatch Mott MacDonald; Herb Higginbotham of AECOM; Bill Trimbath of Civil & Environmental Consultants; John Coyne of GAI; George Robinson of Black & Veatch; Tim Dean of JMT; Mark Gannon of AMEC; Roy Rudolph and Rulison Evans of GHD; Mark R. Karoliski of Buchart Horn, Inc.; Kim Kennedy of HDR; Bob Zulick of HRG; Matt Sickles of CDM Smith; Jason Borne of MS Consultants; Tassi Bisers of Clean Rivers Campaign; Holly Hudson of Cosmos; Anna Berg of PAW; Sam Shamsi of Jacobs; Carolyn Dimmick of K Bealer Consulting, Inc.; Bob Scheidemantel of Neptune Technology Group; Harry Pavone of EAP Industries; Ron Ciucci of Baker; and Lauren Sprankle of Collective Efforts.

**CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

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 legal and personnel matters were discussed.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February Regular Board Meeting. Ms. Geraghty so moved and Ms. Glotfelty seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**BILLS AND COMMUNICATION**

**Financial Updates**

John Morgan, Financial Analyst, reviewed the cash flow analysis. Mr. Morgan was pleased to announce the Authority received a check for \$29,461.27 from EnerNOC Inc. for recycling.

## **Legislative Updates**

Brendan Schubert, External Affairs Manager, explained the latest updates in Local, State and Federal legislation. Mr. Schubert thanked Ms. Gross and Ms. Lanier for their support of the Residential Homeowner Assistance Program (RHAP). At the last utility coordination meeting, three potential cost sharing projects with the City of Pittsburgh and Peoples Gas Company were discussed. PWSA also led a coordination meeting with the Economic Development South, the Army Corps and Congressmen Doyle and Murphy. Mr. Schubert is working on obtaining Senator Toomey's support.

## **Report of Consulting Engineer**

Bob Weimer, Hatch Mott MacDonald Group, discussed e-builder and the additional improvements scheduled for May 1, 2015. Mr. Weimer reviewed the Capital Improvement Program Dashboard. He also noted that the Authority is on the cusp of ramping up GI analysis with Mayor Peduto's support for a city-wide GI analysis.

Mr. Thomson thanked Mr. Weimer for the wealth of information and easy to take in format of the dashboard. Ms. Gross noted work to be performed on Bigelow and hoped for coordination with PennDOT.

## **Resolution No. 20 of 2015,**

### **"Awarding Two Operating Contracts for Surface Restoration, Project No. PWSA40"**

Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Geraghty seconded the motion. Mr. Christian noted there will be up to six crews working on restoration once the asphalt plant opens. No discussion was held and Resolution No. 20 was unanimously adopted.

## **Resolution No. 21 of 2015,**

### **"Awarding a Professional Service Agreement, RedZone Robotics"**

Rick Obermeier, Director of Sewer Operations, explained the details of this Resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Ms. Glotfelty seconded the motion. Ms. Geraghty and Ms. Glotfelty asked for clarification as to the rationale for the agreement. Mr. Obermeier explained that the system is very high tech and efficient. The cost per foot is \$.85. If the work was performed in house, the cost would be \$1.15 per foot. Ms. Glotfelty asked why PWSA does not contract with RedZone for the CCTV. Mr. Obermeier explained that their system works in certain sized pipes, not in all. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 21 was unanimously adopted.

## **Resolution No. 22 of 2015,**

### **"Approving Chapter 9 of the Updated Procedure Manual for Developers"**

Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained this Resolution is to approve the addition of Chapter 9 devoted to GI and its accompanying Executive Summary. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Glotfelty so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion. Ms. Glotfelty was very pleased with the changes in the Chapter. Mr. Thomson thanked Ms. Glotfelty for her role in accomplishing the revisions. No further discussion was held and Resolution No. 22 was unanimously adopted.

## **Resolution No. 23 of 2015,**

### **"Approving Refunds and Exonerations"**

Kevin Donahue, Customer Service Manager, explained the details of this Resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Ms.

Geraghty seconded the motion. Ms. Gross noted that she has received an increased level of complaints due to inaccurate billing in her District. Mr. Good explained that several meters were not transmitting a signal and the issue would be corrected by July. No further discussion was held and Resolution **No. 23** was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 24 of 2015,  
“Authorizing Veolia Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for 2015”**

Michael Stephens, Project Manager, explained the details of this Resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Glotfelty seconded the motion. No discussion was held and Resolution **No. 24** was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 25 of 2015,  
“Authorizing a Utility Reimbursement Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for the SR 400, Section A38, Bigelow and Baum Boulevard Project.”**

Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion. Ms. Gross asked if PennDOT participated in the utility coordination meetings. Mr. Christian explained that PennDOT does not participate in the meetings, but does its own outreach and sets coordination terms. No further discussion was held and Resolution **No. 25** was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 26 of 2015,  
“Authorizing a Utility Reimbursement Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for the SR 51-A87 Paving Project Between Bausman Street and Ivyglen Road.”**

Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Glotfelty so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion. No discussion was held and Resolution **No. 26** was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution No. 27 of 2015,  
“Approving Change Orders”**

Robert “RAW” Weimar, Hatch Mott MacDonald Group, and Bob Christian, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this charge order and the reasons behind it. Mr. Weimar stressed that with e-builder, at each step of the process people will be held accountable. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Glotfelty seconded the motion. Ms. Glotfelty remarked that traffic control was a factor contributing to delays. She encouraged the Authority to be more pro-active and to work towards accurate estimates. Ms. Gross noted that it is a public safety matter. She thanked Mr. Weimar for trying to untangle the problem. Mr. Leger wants better progress in managing change orders. He believes that contractors are bidding defensively. He would like to see more serious policies put in place. Mr. Weimar agrees that the policies need to be overhauled and hoped to have that accomplished and implemented by the end of the year. Ms. Geraghty would like to see change orders coded on the dashboard.

Mr. Thomson stressed again that the Board and the Authority are looking for partners in the contractors. No further discussion was held and Resolution **No. 27** was unanimously adopted.

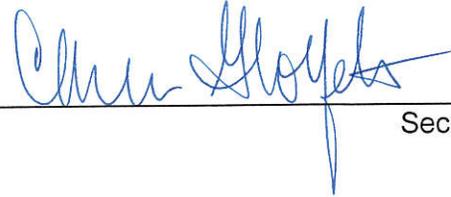
**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Interim Director, James Good, thanked Gina Cyprych for presenting at the 2015 Watershed Congress this past weekend in Philadelphia. Ms. Cyprych highlighted PWSA's Source Water Protection efforts and PWSA's involvement and support of the River Alert Information Network (RAIN). Mr. Good reviewed the operational data for the previous month, with a focus on the seasonal challenges of restorations.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

There were no further discussions. Chairman Thomson entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously adopted.

The next meeting will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2015.



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Secretary