

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2017**

This 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 Thursday, October 26, 2017, 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: Ms. Deborah Gross, Ms. Margaret L. Lanier, Mr. Paul Leger, Ms. Debbie Lestitian, Ms. Chatón Turner, and Mr. Mike Weber.

Absent was Mr. Jim Turner.

Present from the staff were Robert A. Weimar, Antoinette Palmieri, Kelly Morgano, Kent Lindsay, Faith Wydra, Tanya Gore-White, Julie Quigley, James Stitt, Shannon Barkley, Will Pickering, Rebecca Zito, Rick Obermeier, and Barry King.

Also present was Mark Nowak of Clark Hill PLC, Solicitor; Hawa Mariko of Women for a Healthy Environment; Curt Miller of KCI Technologies; Herb Higginbotham of AECOM; Kim Kennedy of HDR; Matt Sickles of CDM Smith; James Kudel of the PA Auditor General's office; George Doran of the PUC; Daniel Cain; Guy Chambers of G. Stephens, Inc.; Adam Smeltz of the Post-Gazette; Tim Dean of AMEC/WOOD; Kathleen Davis of WESA; Brad Duda and Heather Dodson of Michael Baker; Mallory Griffin of JMT; Coreen Casadei of Collective Efforts, LLC; Doug Amos of MS Consulting, INC; Robin Cole of Herschell Environmental, LLC; Tanya Hooks and Dave Kohl of CWM Environmental; Stephen Caruso of Public Source; Jim Daley of Crawford Consulting Services, Inc.; Aly Shaw of Pittsburgh United; Mike Hiller of The Nine Mile Run Watershed Association; Giuseppe Sciulli of Mott MacDonald; Fairleigh Barnes of HDCG; David Connelly of HDR; Greg Scott of Buchart Horn; Diane Waldschmidt of Environmental Data Services, LTD; Dan Kusbit and Lou Takacs of the County Controller's office; Charles Toran of Sci-Tek Consultants, Inc.; Fredrick White of Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Chairperson Lestitian informed the attendees that an executive session was held prior to the start of the Regular Board Meeting wherein no votes were taken. Legal and personnel matters were discussed, as well as the title of Resolution 206, which they will discuss when the item is up.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Hawa Mariko, Woman for a Healthy Environment, explained the focus of their non-profit, stated their continued strong support of the proposed moratorium and expressed concerns over the epoxy lining initiative vs. lead line replacement.

Paul Pirt, rental property owner, explained an ongoing issue with a \$76.13 monthly bill. Ms. Julie Quigley will assist Mr. Pirt.

Diane Waldschmidt, Environmental Data Services, LTD, expressed concern with Agenda Item 204 regarding Laboratory Services. Environmental Data Services, LTD was not made aware of the RFP for this project.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and approve the Minutes from September 28 and October 12 of 2017. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Turner seconded the motion. Ms. Turner asked that the September 28 Minutes be corrected as she was not in attendance. No further discussion was held and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Kent Lindsay, Finance Director, presented the financial updates for the month of September. Operating receipts were \$17M and expenses were \$11.6M. Year to date, the operating receipts are \$146.9M and \$110M in operating expenses.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Weimar discussed the Administrative Order that was issued to PWSA from the DEP on October 25, 2017. Mr. Weimar stated that the Order demonstrates DEP support to accelerate the progress of several projects. As a result, an Agenda Item will be presented to the Board to declare these projects as emergencies. The Agenda Item will expedite the project execution as a result of the emergency schedule set forth in the Order. Mr. Weimar explained that, due to lack of funding, these three projects were on hold, in some cases for years.

Mr. Weimar stated that PWSA may soon be under the auspices of the PUC. He explained that there will be more performance metrics and benchmarking required by the PUC.

Mr. Weimar provided an update on the Lanpher Reservoir cover repair and reconstruction.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 202 of 2017 Approving the Award of an Operating Contract for the 2018 Manhole and Point Repair Contract, PWSA Project No. 2017-424-114-0, to Frank J. Zottola Construction, Inc.

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, presented the Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

Ms. Gross noted that this will double the amount of manhole repairs. She asked how many manholes there are in the City. Mr. King will provide the exact number of manholes to the Board. He stated that PWSA's goal is to repair 300 manholes a year. Mr. Weimar stated that this will be one of the metrics for the PUC.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 203 of 2017

Approving a Change Order to a Capital Contract for Various Additional Work Items in Relation to the Centre and Herron Avenue Green Infrastructure (GI) Project, PWSA Project No. 2016-GI-104-0

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, presented the Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Mr. Weber seconded the motion.

Mr. Leger questioned if the requested change order in the amount of \$98K was to cover a mistake. He would like to see a review of the performance of the Consultant and Project Manager. Mr. Weimar pointed out that these costs were due to omissions. The PWSA has asked for and received compensation from the Consultants.

Ms. Turner agreed with Mr. Leger. She also would like to see the WBE/MBE goals and process updated when a change order is presented to the Board.

Mr. Weimar added that PWSA is in the process of updating and modifying their electronic system so that this information can be immediately accessed. Right now the process is done manually. Mr. Weimar also mentioned that the City has not done a disparity study in many years. The study is the definitive way to hold companies accountable to a percentage for WBE/MBE goals.

Ms. Gross questioned how PWSA is adding their own expertise to this GI project to avoid these omissions in the future. Mr. Weimar explained that there is a steep learning curve as this work is being done on a City property that is under the DPW. Ms. Gross added that there are two City departments that PWSA should be coordinating with, DPW and the new Mobility and Infrastructure Department.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

No. 204 of 2017

Approving a Professional Services Agreement with CWM Environmental, Inc. for the Management and Use of the PWSA's Laboratory

Robert Weimar, Interim Executive Director, presented the Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss the Resolution. Ms. Turner so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

Ms. Lestitian asked for clarity regarding CWM's work scope. The external lab work will be subject to an RFP. To meet EPA requirements, PWSA will be taking over projects from DPW. The CWM contract will provide people to run PWSA laboratory equipment and will provide a QAQC professional, as well as an Operator of Record for the lab operation.

After much deliberation over urgency of the Agenda Item and the procurement process, the Board decided to hold the Resolution until the November 8, 2017 meeting. Ms. Lanier motioned to hold the item until the next Board meeting and

Mr. Leger seconded the motion. Mr. Weber abstained. The Agenda Item was placed on hold.

No. 205 of 2017 Approving Indemnification Language in ALCOSAN GROW Grant Agreements

Robert Weimar, Interim Executive Director, presented the Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

Ms. Gross is excited to see these projects and thankful for the ALCOSAN funding and partnership in solving combined sewer over flow.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 206 of 2017 Approving a Ratepayer Customer Assistance Program and Associated Winter Shutoff Moratorium Policy

Ms. Gross motioned to amend the title of Resolution 206 and Mr. Leger seconded the motion. The proposed title is **“Approving Revisions to the Policy to Address Winter Water Disconnections for Nonpayment by Low-Income Residents”**.

Will Pickering, Communications Manager, presented the Resolution. This revision is the policy revision that was discussed in the previous Board meeting.

Ms. Gross thanked everyone for their efforts.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

Ms. Turner suggested a different title, noting that there are items that need to be developed. After deliberation, Ms. Gross withdrew her motion.

Ms. Turner abstained.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 207 of 2017 Approving Revisions to the Policy to Address Winter Water Disconnections for Nonpayment by Low-Income Residents

Ms. Lestitian would like to amend the title of Resolution 207 and Mr. Leger seconded the motion. The title shall now read as **“Directing the PWSA Staff to Prepare a Ratepayer Customer Assistance Program and Associated Winter Shutoff Moratorium Policy by November 8, 2017 Board Meeting.”**

Ms. Lanier and Ms. Gross thanked the PWSA for helping take this first step.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution.

Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 208 of 2017 **Approval is Requested to Adopt Option Four for PWSA Project No. PWSA14 for Debris Removal from the Howard St. Yard to JET Jack, INC. from 11/15/2017-11/14/2018 in the Amount of \$56,500.00.**

Rick Obermeier, Director of Field Services, presented the Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion.

Ms. Turner questioned the MBE/ WBE being listed as Not Available. Mr. Obermeier explained that this information was not populated on this Option, but he will provide the answer from the original Contract.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Weimar noted that a policy is being prepared in regard to the MBE/WBE, and it will be presented to the Board most likely in December.

No. 209 of 2017 **Approval is Requested to Adopt Option Three for PWSA Project No. PWSA32 for the Pickup & Removal of Clean Fill to Vigliotti Landscape & Construction, INC. from 11/10/2017-11/9/2018 in the Amount of \$103,074.00.**

Rick Obermeier, Director of Field Services, presented the Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Turner so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

No discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 210 of 2017 **Approving the Emergency Procurement of Urgent Work Items Related to the Department of Environmental Protection Administrative Order Dated October 25, 2017.**

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, presented the Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

Ms. Turner questioned the unknown status of the MBE/WBE on this item. Mr. Weimar stated that PWSA does ask their contactors to comply, but sometimes there are situations where it is not possible.

Mr. Weimar also noted that the Bruecken Pump Station Project was designed in 2008. The project was delayed due to lack of funding. He applauded the Board and the finance team for developing the plan for which this project and others can

be funded.

Ms. Gross thanked Mr. Weimar for working with the Regulators.

Mr. Leger stated that the Order is not a lashing of the PWSA by the DEP. These are projects that were intended to be done.

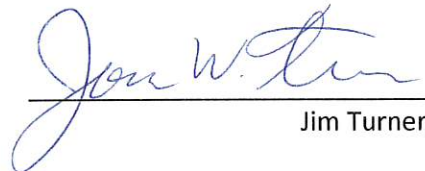
Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Turner so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

There were no further discussions.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be a Special Board meeting to be held Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.



Jim Turner, Secretary