

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 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 November 17, 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, Mr. Jim Turner, and Mr. Mike Weber

Absent was Ms. Chatón Turner.

Present from the staff were Robert A. Weimar, Antoinette Palmieri, Autumn Barna, Kent Lindsay, Julie A. Quigley, Tanya Gore-White, and Rebecca Zito.

Also present was Mark Nowak and David Ries of Clark Hill PLC; Solicitor; Caitlin Schroering; Giuseppe Sciulli of Mott MacDonald; Patti Wiltrout and Colleen Pituch of Seubert & Associates, Inc.; Paul Ionadi of Dynotec; Adam Smeltz of the Post-Gazette; Vaughan Leer of Wood; Pat Gallagher of GAI; Tim Dean of AMEC Foster Wheeler; George Darow of the PUC; Chris Ehrhardt of Wade Trim; Charles Jordan of MS Consultants; Mark Pitterle of Skelly and Loy; Glen Stephens of G. Stephens, INC; Scott Cowburn of CDM Smith; Herb Higginbotham of AECOM; Coreen Casadei of Collective Efforts, LLC; Betsy Lovensheimer and Kasey Stewart of Compliance Management International (CMI); Doug Amos of MS Consultants; Rachel Martin Golman; Tom Hoffman of the Sierra Club; Annie Regan of PennFuture; David Troianos of GAI Consultants; Tassi Bisers of Our Water Campaign; Alex Sciulli of ALEM Consulting; and heather Dodson of Michael Baker.

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.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Caitlin Schroering of Bloomfield thanked the PWSA for passing policies to help customers.

Rachel Golman of Greenfield expressed her support for the PWSA plan. She thanked PWSA for their GI efforts.

Ms. Lestitian stated that PWSA is thankful for the words of encouragement.

Annie Regan of PennFuture expressed her support for the PWSA plan. The increased rates are going towards a plan that the people helped create, including GI, protecting low-income customers from rate increases and improving water quality. She encouraged the Board to keep the water healthy and public.

The Board was presented with balloons by each speaker. Ms. Lanier and Mr. Turner stated that they cannot accept the balloons, but they are appreciated.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from October 26, 2017. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

The Minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kent Lindsay, Finance Director, presented the Financials from last month. For the year, the PWSA is \$13.7M under the revenue budget.

He was happy to announce that the PWSA successfully concluded the marketing of \$165M in bonds. The interest rates on the bonds was reduced to 2.4%.

Mr. Turner questioned Mr. Lindsay on the recent Federal House or Senate tax proposals that eliminate of tax-exempt bonds. Mr. Lindsay explained the types of bonds to Mr. Turner and the Board.

Mr. Nowak clarified that one of the bonds Mr. Lindsay mentioned is typically used for P3s and may be eliminated.

Mr. Weimar commended Mr. Lindsay on his efforts and his dedication to the future of PWSA.

Mr. Leger commended Mr. Lindsay on achieving a good rate for the complicated financing.

Ms. Lestitian thanked Mr. Lindsay for helping the Board form the business plan.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. King thanked the staff for all their work on the Lanpher Reservoir E cell. This cell now provides the PWSA with the storage capacity of nearly 57M gallons. Mr. King thanked those who volunteered to help the 9 Mile Run Watershed Association.

Mr. Turner and Chairwoman Lestitian thanked Mr. King and his staff.

Mr. Weimar commended the staff on their commitment to getting stuff done and for their achievements.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Weimar reviewed the monthly newsletter, which will be available online.

RESOLUTIONS

**No. 216 of 2017 Approving Refunds, Legal Adjustments, and Exoneration Adjustments
Recommended by the Water Exoneration Hearing Board.**

Tanya Gore-White, Customer Service Manager, explained the details of this Resolution. She explained there were two exoneration hearings this month to address the backlog.

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

Mr. Weimar mentioned that the exoneration process will be revised once PWSA is under the PUC.

Mr. Leger would like the Board and PWSA to consider adding a neutral ombudsman to the exoneration process.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

**No. 217 of 2017 Authorization to Enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Level One, LLC
for Bill Printing and Presentment Services**

Julie Quigley, Director of Administration, explained the details of this Resolution. Ms. Quigley explained that nearly 30,000 E-customers could be affected with the proposed transition to Invoice Cloud.

Ms. Gross motioned to amend the agenda item to read **“Authorization to terminate, for convenience the Professional Service Agreement with Invoice Cloud for Bill Printing and Presentment Services and to reissue the RFP”**.

Mr. Leger seconded the motion to amend, which was approved.

Chairwoman Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Amended Resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

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

No. 218 of 2017 Awarding Extensions for Insurance Contracts

Kent Lindsay, Finance Director, explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairwoman Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

Ms. Gross was pleased to see cyber-risk included in the insurance contracts.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 219 of 2017 Approving the Award of Multiple Operating Contracts for Option Year 1 of PWSA Project No. PWSA65 for Large Meters

Rick Obermeier, Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

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

Mr. Leger asked about the reason for the purchase. Mr. Obermeier explained that these are large meters. These meters are purchased on an as-needed basis.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 220 of 2017 Approving the Award of Multiple Operating Contracts for Option Year 2 of PWSA Project No. PWSA52 for Various Chemicals

Rick Obermeier, Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

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

No discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 221 of 2017 Approving the Entering Into of a Cost Share Agreement with PennDOT for the Group Project No. 111-18-7135-2 (SR 50, SR 60, SR 121) State Highway Resurfacing Project.

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. He noted that PennDOT will reimburse 75% of the cost to the PWSA.

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

No discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

No. 222 of 2017 Approval to Enter into the Consent Order Agreement

Mr. Weimar, Interim Executive Director, presented the Resolution.

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

Ms. Gross so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

Ms. Gross reminded the public that PWSA chose not to make partial lead line replacements. Ms. Gross was grateful for this action to protect the public health.

Mr. Turner noted that the Board cannot yet publicly comment on the tentative provisions of the Consent Order until fully executed by the DEP.

Mr. Nowak commented that the DEP, as well as the PWSA, will put out a press release following full execution of the COA.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 223 of 2017 **Approving Amendment 1 to Mott MacDonald Task Order MM23-99 – Filter Backwash Pump Vibration Evaluation, Relative to the Construction Phase of the Filter Rehabilitation Project at the Aspinwall Water Treatment Plant, PWSA Project No. 2013-322-176-0.**

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution.

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

No discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 224 of 2017 **Approving the Award of a Capital Contract for 2018 Curb Box Inspection Contract, PWSA Project No. 2017-325-106-0 to Michael Baker International, Inc.**

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution.

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

Ms. Gross appreciated that the contract will permit the doubling of the curb box inspections. She would like to see the results of the inspections available online.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 225 of 2017 **Approving the Attached Domicile Policy.**

Mr. Weimar, Interim Executive Director, read the Resolution to the Board and the public.

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

Ms. Gross stated that she is not in support of this measure. She believes living in the city demonstrates a commitment to rebuild the city together. She encouraged

the engineering community to apply for jobs at the PWSA.

Mr. Turner stated that he will be voting for the Resolution. Key players in the water and sewage area have strongly recommended the need to have flexibility when looking for key positions. Mr. Turner stressed to the Board that PWSA is undertaking an enormous amount of work, and it needs the ability to hire the best people and to avoid contracting the positions. He suggested that in six months, the Board revisit the issue.

Mr. Leger noted the time and money that have been dedicated to head-hunters without successful hiring because the PWSA could not hire someone who lived outside of the city. He agreed with Mr. Turner to revisit the item in six months.

Ms. Lanier stated that she is a city resident and believes you should live in the city. However, she acknowledged the need for experienced people to handle the current issues at PWSA. As a result, she also agreed with Mr. Turner.

Mr. Leger noted that PWSA provides water to areas outside of the city. Those residents should not be precluded from working for the PWSA.

Ms. Lanier stressed that the policy provides for a preference for those who are domiciled in the city.

Chairwoman Lestitian, Ms. Lanier, Mr. Leger, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Weber were in favor. Ms. Gross was opposed.

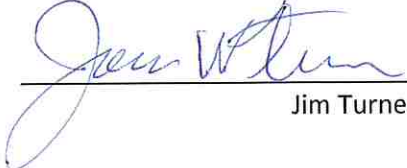
No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

There were no further discussions.

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

The next meeting will be held Friday, December 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.



Jim Turner, Secretary