

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 2017, at approximately 9:30 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. Jim Turner.

Absent was Mr. Mike Weber.

Present from the staff were Robert A. Weimar, Antoinette Palmieri, Kelly Morgano, George Robinson II, Tanya Gore-White, Will Pickering, Rick Obermeier, Barry King, Autumn Barna, and Kent Lindsay.

Also present was Mark Nowak of Clark Hill PLC, Solicitor; Chris Keating of the PA Auditor General's office; Adam Smeltz of the Post-Gazette; Mallory Griffin of JMT; Glen Stephens of GSI; Ricky Burgess and Tom Prusak of Hatch Chester; Mark Pitterle of Skelly and Loy; Paul Ionadi of Dynotec; Mike Raig of G. Stephens, Inc.; Heather Dodson of MBI; Frederick Douglas of Cosmos Technologies; Dan Davis of Skelly and Loy; Lauren Sprankle of Collective Efforts; Herb Higginbotham of AECOM; Kim Kennedy of HDR; David Troianos of GAI; Diane Waldschmidt of EDS; and Ifeanyi Odigboh of MS Consultants.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

An executive session was held prior to the start of the Regular Board Meeting wherein no votes were taken. Chairperson Lestitian informed the attendees that legal and personnel matters were discussed.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

FINANCE AND ENGINEERING REPORTS

Kent Lindsay, Finance Director for the PWSA, reviewed for the Board the financial information from last month.

Mr. Leger asked Mr. Lindsay where he expects the Authority to be at the end of year. Mr. Lindsay answered he expects an operating loss of \$4.9M.

Ms. Gross asked what the expenditures are for the water service line replacement. Mr. Weimar stated that the money is coming from a capital budget that was established for the lead service line replacements. Mr. Lindsay will provide detailed amounts for the Board.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Weimar noted that most of the issues PWSA has been working on have been compliance related. The EPA will be visiting the Aspinwall water treatment plant next week. PWSA is working to move from a reactive to a proactive organization.

Mr. Weimar stated that the State Auditor and IMG reports will be utilized in decision making by the PWSA and its Board. He stressed that he has respect for the PWSA staff and the consultants supporting the Authority.

To conclude, Mr. Weimar explained the reason PWSA decided to have two Board meetings a month is to reduce the length of the Board meeting time.

RESOLUTIONS

**No. 170 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.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the July portion of this Resolution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Leger reiterated that he would like to see a more defined process for exonerations, more in line with the PUC system.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

**No. 171 of 2017 Approving an Amendment to an Operating Contract PWSA Project PWSA32 for
the Pickup and Removal of Clean Fill from PWSA Facilities in the Amount of
\$75,000.00.**

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

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

No discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 172 of 2017 Approving the Disbursement of Funds to Powell Mechanical Inc. for Brilliant Yard Air Conditioning Unit

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

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

Mr. Weimar noted that this is an expired invoice, and PWSA is working to rectify all of the outstanding invoices as swiftly as possible. He apologized to all the vendors.

Ms. Lanier questioned the cost, noting it was 2016 work. Mr. Obermeier stated that the cost is correct.

Ms. Gross questioned the late PWSA payables. She requested that she be updated every two weeks on the PWSA payment to vendors.

Mr. Weimar agreed to provide the requested status update report on payables.

Mr. Leger applauded the staff for finding and addressing these invoices. He stated that a year late payment is a serious issue and could potentially hurt small businesses.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 173 of 2017 Approving the Disbursement of Funds to Layfield USA Corporation, for Herron Hill

Todd Adams, Deputy Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

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

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 174 of 2017 Approving the Award of an Operating Contract to Piggyback COSTARS Contract No. 025 for Municipal Work Vehicles for the Purchase of Two 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pickup Trucks From Day Chevrolet, Inc.

Todd Adams, Deputy Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

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

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 175 of 2017 **Approving the Award of an Operating Contract to Piggyback COSTARS Contract No. 025 for Municipal Work Vehicles for the Purchase of One 2018 Chevrolet Express 2500 From Day Chevrolet, Inc.**

Todd Adams, Deputy Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairperson 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.

No. 176 of 2017 **Approving a Sole Source Operating Contract for the Annual Software License for Flowview Web-Based Reporting.**

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

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

Ms. Gross questioned the type of CSOs monitors and how they operate.

Mr. Obermeier explained the system.

Ms. Gross encouraged more real-time monitoring and metering.

Ms. Lanier asked for clarification on the terms of the contract. Mr. Obermeier explained that the contract is for a one-year term. He stated that ALCOSAN's acceptance of ownership of these monitors is subject to negotiation.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 177 of 2017 **Approving the Emergency Procurement of Urgent Work Items Related to Returning the Lanpher Reservoir to Service, PWSA Project No. 2017-323-105-0.**

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

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

Mr. Turner asked if Lanpher is out of service.

Mr. King answered that Lanpher was taken out of service and will remain out of service while the west cell is repaired. The east cell is also scheduled for inspection and repairs.

Mr. Turner asked about the Herron and Highland 2 reservoirs.

Mr. King explained they both have been inspected and concerns are being addressed.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 178 of 2017 Approving Entering Into a Cost Share Agreement with PennDOT for the SR2108/2308 (Forbes Avenue) Resurfacing Project.

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

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

Mr. Turner questioned if PennDOT agreed to pay for 75 percent of the work.

Mr. King answered yes.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 179 of 2017 Approving a Change Order of the Capital Contract for the 2017 Catch Basin and Inlet Replacement, PWSA Project No. 2017-424-102-1 to Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc.

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

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

No discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 180 of 2017 Approving a Change Order of the Capital Contract for the 2017 Catch Basin and Inlet Replacement, PWSA Project No. 2017-424-102-1 to Independent Enterprises, Inc.

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

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

No discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 181 of 2017 Approving an Amendment of an Operating Contract for the 2017 Surface Restoration Bituminous Paving Materials, PWSA Project No. 2017-OPS-105-0 to Lindy Paving Company.

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

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

Ms. Gross stressed the importance of coordinated paving. She would like to have a conversation with City Council and DPW on the cut strategies.

Mr. Weimar noted that these were taken into consideration and solidified the recommendation that the lead service line replacement program be merged with the future water main replacement program. The intent is that once PWSA gets through the mandated line replacement, the PWSA will proceed with a more robust effort to replace more water mains each year. The PWSA is considering \$20M per year for this program.

Mr. Leger questioned the MBE/WBE involvement on a piggy-backed agreement.

Mr. King stated that PWSA accepts the MBE/WBE requirement contained in the contract on which the PWSA piggy-backs.

Mr. Leger would like to see these requirements coordinated with the PWSA standards.

Mr. Weimar noted that PWSA is finalizing an MBE/WBE policy to present to the Board and stated that Mr. Robinson will be assisting in finding more firms.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 182 of 2017 **Approving an Amendment of an Operating Contract for the 2017 Surface Restoration Pavement Marking (Non-CD Areas Included), PWSA Project No. 2017-OPS-105-0 to Parking Lot Painting Co.**

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

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

Mr. Turner questioned if PWSA is capitalizing these costs.

Mr. King does not believe PWSA is currently capitalizing these costs. Mr. Lindsay stated that he has no intention to capitalize these costs at this time.

Ms. Gross requested a better report on repaving costs.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 183 of 2017 **Approving the Award of a Capital Contract for the 2018 Sewer Reconstruction Contract, PWSA Project No. 2017-424-111-0 to Independent Enterprises, Inc.**

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

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

Ms. Lanier agreed with Mr. Leger's previous comment on WBE/MBE. She would like to know if they meet the goal, not just that they are striving to meet the MBE goal.

Mr. Weimar noted that the City is conducting a current disparity study. The PWSA goals will be based on this study.

Ms. Gross stated that she appreciates seeing the reason contractors did not respond to the bids. She finds this to be very helpful and hopes this information is utilized to reach out to new firms.

Mr. Weimar stated that he has asked Mr. Robinson to start developing a program with ALCOSAN to encourage new bidders and development of WBE/MBE firms.

Mr. Leger noted that the biggest deterrent to getting small firms to bid is not paying their bills promptly.

Ms. Turner is supportive of the continued conversations and believes it is part of the Board's responsibility to the community.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 184 of 2017

Approving the Award of a Capital Contract for Engineering and Construction Management/Construction Inspection (CM/CI) Services for the Smallman Street Reconstruction Project, PWSA Project No. 2017-OPS-116-0 to Hatch Chester.

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

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

While Ms. Gross noted she is in favor of collaboration and is happy to see it in her district, she questioned why PWSA is paying for it. She believes a larger conversation needs to be had as to what is equitable and what is not.

Ms. Gross voted against, and Ms. Turner abstained.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 185 of 2017

Approving Task Order No. URS27-23, for Construction Management Services for the Filter Rehabilitation Project for the Aspinwall Water Treatment Plant, PWSA Project No. 2013-322-176-0, to URS Corp./AECOM.

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

Chairperson 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.

No. 186 of 2017 Approval to Enter Into a Developer Agreement with High Street Station Square Pittsburgh I, LLC., Forest City Station Square Associates, LP, and East Parcel Owners Association.

George Robinson, Manager of Development Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

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

No discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

No. 164 of 2017 Approving Updates to the PWSA Procedures Manual for Developers, Specifically Chapter 8.1 to Reflect Guidelines Associated with Sewer Relocation Prior to Construction or Renovation of a Structure.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to untable and discuss the Resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion. Four are in favor. Ms. Gross voted Nay and stated the resolution is not ready for a vote.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to retable. Ms. Gross so moved and Mr. Leger seconded. The resolution is tabled.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

There were no further discussions. Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lanier so moved and Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously adopted.

Jim Turner, Secretary