

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 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 28, 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, Mr. Jim Turner, and Mr. Mike Weber.

Absent was Ms. Chatón Turner

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

Also present was Mark Nowak of Clark Hill PLC, Solicitor; Adam Smeltz of the Post-Gazette; An-Li Herring of WESA; Joe DeStio of KDKA; Chris Keating of the PA Auditor General's office; Kathy Chavara and Giuseppe Sciulli of Mott MacDonald; Stephen Caruso of Public Source; Dan Davis and Mark Pitterle of Skelly and Loy; Sridhar R. Aluguvelli of Michael Baker; Herb Higginbotham of AECOM; Kim Kennedy of HDR; Charles Jordan and Doug Amos of MS Consultants; Briann Moye and LaSaine Latimore of One PA; Aly Shaw and Barney Oursler of Pittsburgh United; Mallory Griffin of JMT; Sean Riley of GAI Consultants; Tassi Biser, Samey Jay, Amy Comperatore, and Val Allman of Our Water Campaign; Ricky Burgess and Tom Prusak of Hatch Chester; James Protin of Mackin Engineering Company; Joe Cusick of Parkview Advisors; Tanya Caretti of Arcadis; Mike Raig of G. Stephens, Inc.; Jason Baguet of Sci-Tek Consultants, Inc.; Mark Karolski of Buchart Horn; Joy Sabl; Claudia Kirkpatrick of the Sierra Club; Fredrick White of PIIN; Donald Johnson of GI Interest; Vaughan Leer and Tim Dean of AMEC Foster Wheeler.

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

Hawa Mariko, Woman for a Healthy Environment, explained the focus of their non-profit and to pledge their strong support of the proposed moratorium.

Tassi Biser, Hill District Consensus Group, shared testimony from a member of the Hill District Consensus Group. They expressed their support for the moratorium.

Aly Shaw, Pittsburgh United, urged PWSA to look at the moratorium that the electric and gas company used to create their programs.

Joy Sabl, a resident with lead lines, suggested that PWSA regulate the flow rate, rather than shutting off water.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and approve the minutes from August 10, 2017. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion. No discussion was held, the minutes were unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 187 of 2017 Approval of Multiple Professional Services Agreements for Temporary Staffing Services

Tanya Gore-White, Customer Service Manager, presented the Resolution.

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

No discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 188 of 2017 Approving a Change Order to a Capital Contract for an Increase to Contract Quantities in Relation to the Reserve Township Meter Vault Replacement Project, PWSA Project Number 2016-325-100-1

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

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

No discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 189 of 2017 Approving Changes to the Executive Director's Approval Authority

Kent Lindsay, Finance Director, presented the Resolution.

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

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 190 of 2017 Authorizing Certain Officers and Officials to Take Action With Respect to the Authority's Outstanding Indebtedness, Including Issuing Refunding Bonds and Amending Existing Indentures and Other Financing Agreements

Kent Lindsay, Finance Director, presented the Resolution.

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

Mr. Turner asked Mr. Lindsay to discuss the savings of the refinancing. Mr. Lindsay noted that the net present value savings of the fixed rate refunding is \$4.8M and the net present value of the variable rate issues is \$22M, saving on average a year of \$1.1M. Ms. Lestitian noted that this is not new debt, but all refinancing.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 191 of 2017 Authorizing a Debarment Process/Policy Modeled After City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances Section 161.22, for PWSA Contracting

Shannon Barkley, PWSA Corporate Counsel, presented the Resolution.

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

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 192 of 2017 Approving the Change Order for Project PWSA23 Grounds Maintenance Services to Pittsburgh Lawn Care for Additional Grubbing Work that Needs to be Completed at Bedford Tank, Lanpher Reservoir and Herron Hill Reservoir and Other Sites

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

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

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 193 of 2017 Approving an Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement With ALEM Consulting, LLC

27:58 on the tape Robert Weimar, Interim Executive Director, explained the details of this Resolution for the additional services needed from Dr. Stanley States and Chester Grassi.

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

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 194 of 2017 Approving an Amendment to an Operating Contract for Purchase Order No. PO21823 for Grounds Maintenance Services to Pittsburgh Lawn Care

Rick Obermeier, Director of Field Services, presented the Resolution. Mr. Obermeier explained that the DEP requested that PWSA clean up the weeds around several of the reservoir areas, mainly the fences and buildings.

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

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gross presented a document with a draft moratorium for residential shutoffs from December 1, 2017 until March 31, 2018.

This item states: The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (“PWSA:”), its agents, servants, employees and all persons acting under its authority and in concert with it, shall refrain from disconnecting water and/or sewer utility service for nonpayment to any residential customer of the PWSA on or after 12:00 a.m., December 1, 2017. This residential shutoff moratorium shall remain in full force and effect until 12:00 a.m. March 31, 2018, at which time the moratorium will terminate and be of no further force and effect unless extended by the Board.

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

Mr. Turner motioned to hold this item for two weeks, and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

Ms. Lestitian thanked Ms. Gross and Ms. Lanier for their efforts. She also thanked the public and Our Water Campaign for encouraging this moratorium.

Mr. Turner is intrigued by the low flow option, and he would like to investigate this idea further.

This item shall be discussed at the next Board meeting, in two weeks

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

George Robinson II, Manager of Development Services, presented the Resolution.

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.

ENGINEERING REPORTS

Mr. King presented to the Board a pipe that was coated with epoxy and discussed the pilot program currently being run with e-Pipe at four test sites.

Mr. Turner applauded the staff for moving forward with this tremendous alternative to digging up lawns, and the cost difference as well. He believes more homeowners will be open to this progress.

Mr. Weimar mentioned that Mr. Obermeier and his team are also considering a pipe-bursting method to limit excavation of streets. He thanked the communications team for reaching out to other cities to gather information on their lead-line replacement programs.

Mr. King presented updates on Green Infrastructure (GI) projects and sewersheds to which they belong.

The PWSA's total anticipated investment for design, construction and monitoring of these three GI projects is \$3.3M, with an estimated combined sewer overflow reduction of 2,470,000 gallons per year. These projects are supported in part by a grant from ALCOSAN.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Weimar pointed out that there is a monthly newsletter being created to feature all the departments, not just engineering. This newsletter will be available at the Board meetings and will be distributed to the staff via email. Press releases will be sent out to explain projects more succinctly, such as the GI press release that went out yesterday.

Mr. Weimar reviewed upcoming meeting dates with the DEP and EPA, as well as the Society of Environmental Journalists.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

There were no further discussions. Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gross so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 12, at 9:30 a.m.

Jim Turner, Secretary