

**Minutes of the  
Special Board Meeting  
Of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority  
Held on September 6, 2019**

This Special Board Meeting of The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, having been duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act, was called to order on September 6, 2019, at approximately 9 AM., in the Board Room located on the 1st floor of 1200 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. Paul Leger, Ms. Margaret Lanier, and Mr. Michael Domach. Participating via Conference Call were Ms. Deborah Gross and Mr. Jim Turner.

Absent was Ms. Chaton Turner.

Present from the staff were: Debby Gibson, BJ McFaddin, Bill Bennett, Jennifer Presutti, Giuseppe Sciulli, Will Pickering, Debbie Lestitian, Alex Sciulli

Also present was Mark Nowak of Clark Hill PLC, Solicitor, and Jeff Lenner of Mott MacDonald.

Chairperson Leger asked if there was anyone in attendance wishing to make public comment for 3 minutes. There were no speakers.

Chairperson Leger requested a motion to move Resolutions under New Business, 164 and 165, to the front of the Agenda. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Domach Seconded the Motion.

Chairperson Leger requested a motion to withdraw Resolution 165:

*"Authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate the terms of a lease of warehouse, garage, and office space. This space will be sized to meet the projected staff and equipment levels required by the DEP and the PUC"*. Ms. Lanier so moved, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Resolution 165 was unanimously withdrawn by the Board.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**No. 164 of 2019      Approving an Amendment of the Board Approved 2019 Capital Improvement Budget for the Addition of the West Ohio Street Bridge Replacement Project and Authorizing the Executive Director to Sign a Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Pittsburgh for This Project**

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**Funding: Capital Budget \$289,250.00**

Barry King, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. The City of Pittsburgh is replacing the West Ohio Street Bridge and removing the Ridge Place Bridge, where an existing 12-inch waterline is located on the

existing deck. The City will install a new 12-inch waterline on the West Ohio Street replacement bridge, including all necessary connections to the existing waterline, trench work, pipe hanger system and removal of the existing main in accordance with PWSA standards and specifications and is seeking reimbursement for these costs. This agreement is contingent on the City following through with their plan.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Domach so moved, Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

Ms. Lanier asked why PWSA is paying \$289,000.00. Mr. King responded that PWSA has to pay for the relocation of its infrastructure. The grant is going to expire and the City had until Wednesday to have the paperwork in to get this moved on. Ms. Gross stated that the City is agreeing to raise the height of that railroad bridge for double-decker trains. There is significant opposition from neighbors in this community for this particular bridge due to the height change. This issue would also be problematic for residents in my district because they too do not want height changes made to the bridge that connects with Bloomfield to accommodate double-decker trains and have already started filing their opposition to this as well. I cannot support this measure. Mr. Leger stated he was only voting yes today so that we can get the money and figure out where we will go from there. Mr. Weimar stated that the issue for PWSA is the service to our customers. PWSA's service would be disrupted if we were to not replace the water main. Mr. Domach stated his understanding is that this is a 70-year old line. From the water distribution and service point of view, that alone is kind of compelling. Mr. Leger Stated that if they are going to raise the bridge, PWSA needs to make sure it does not replace that line before then because it will just have to do it again. Mr. Weimar stated that only when the bridge is rebuilt would PWSA see the need to replace that main. At the present time, it is in good service.

Four Board Members voted Aye for Resolution 164. One voted No, Ms. Deborah Gross. The Resolution was approved and adopted.

Chairman Leger motioned to take Resolutions 158, 159, 160 and 161 together as companion pieces as they all are related to each other as Easement Resolutions. Ms. Lanier so moved, and Mr. Domach seconded the motion. No discussion was held. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**No. 158 of 2019: Approval to Enter into Temporary Easement Agreements with Five Property Owners for Access through Private Property to Repair Existing Sewer Lines and a Permanent Easement Agreement with One Property Owner for Installation of Storm Sewer on Private Property for 31<sup>st</sup> Ward Sewer System, PWSA Project No. 2017-424-100-0**

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**No. 159: Approval to Enter into Temporary Easement Agreements with Seven Property Owners for Access Through Private Property to Repair Existing Sewer Lines for 2019 Small Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation, PWSA Project No. 2019-424-100-0**

**No. 160: Approval to Enter into Temporary Easement Agreements with Thirteen Property Owners as Needed for Aspinwall Pump Station to Lanpher Reservoir Rising Main, PWSA Project No. 2018-323-100-0**

**No. 161: Approving the Authorization of the Executive Director to Enter into Temporary Easement Agreements and License Agreements on Behalf of the PWSA, at No Cost or at Nominal Consideration**

Mr. King, Director of Engineering, explained the details of these Resolutions. Mr. King requested that he begin with Resolution 161, which authorizes the Executive Director to approve entering into Temporary Easement Agreements and License Agreements on behalf of the authority at no cost or nominal considerations moving forward. This agreement is solely for the Temporary Easement and License Agreements. All easement agreements and licensing agreements that exceed the nominal amount of \$1 will continue to be brought before the Board for approval. There is an increasing number of these temporary easement agreements that will be adopted moving forward based on a standard operating procedure that we have put in place as a lessons learned from our experiences on several projects. Approval of Resolution 161 will resolve the matters of Resolutions 158 to 160. The agreement listed in Resolution 158 is for a permanent easement.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Lanier so moved, and Mr. Domach seconded the motion.

No discussion was held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolutions (158, 159, 160 and 161) were adopted.

**No. 162 of 2019      Approving an Amendment of a Professional Services Agreement for Queenston Sewer Improvements, PWSA Project No. 2019-424-103-2 to Wade Trim**

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**Funding: Capital Budget \$228,000.00**

Barry King, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. Overland flow from Phillips Park is causing extensive property damage and severe localized flooding affecting multiple residents on Yale Drive, Lucina Street, Queenston Street and Walton Avenue. In addition to localized flooding by overland flow, the volume of stormwater is causing the existing sewer infrastructure to become surcharged leading to basement backups impacting multiple residents in the area. This Resolution is for design services for stormwater improvements to address and mitigate these issues.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Lanier so moved, and Mr. Domach seconded the motion.

No discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 163 of 2019      Authorize the Executive Director to Sign a PA Department of Environmental Protection Consent Order and Agreement to Restore Functionality and Water System Resiliency as Well as Modernize the Authority's Facilities**

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Barry King, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in its role of Public Water Supply Oversight and Regulatory Compliance has determined that PWSA's facilities must be restored and modernized to comply with their regulations. The Executive Director requests the Board's approval to execute a Consent Order and Agreement (COA) to establish the specific requirements and schedule for these improvements.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Domach so moved, and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

Mr. Weimar stated that the budget process for the Capital Program includes the projects that are being requested or mandated by the state with this COA order. Mr. Domach stated that some of these projects pertain to the entry point into the system from the treatment facility. He inquired with respect to the performance of these projects what additional information or data can be gleaned that would help improve the mass balance and water in the system. Mr. King stated that it would be one of the accomplishments

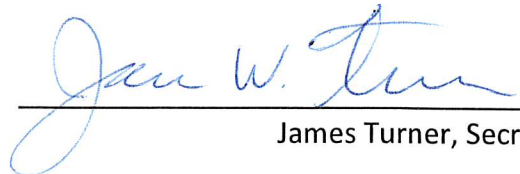
that PWSA would be looking to address under this slate of projects. Mr. Domach asked what the prospect for reaching the end of this tunnel with the DEP. Mr. King stated that we are confident that with the completion of these projects, in addition to the slate that we have already presented in the 5-year CIP, that we will have the adequate resiliency and redundancy required. PWSA has established a relationship with the DEP and understand their confidence in PWSA's performance. Mr. Domach asked whether PWSA is satisfied with DEP's surveillance of the watershed. Mr. Weimar stated that PWSA is working with ORSANCO and RAIN, which are the two organizations that have taken responsibility for the river water quality. Ultimately the goal of ORSANCO is to create the processes that reduce the opportunity for a hazard to be introduced to the river. We are starting a discussion with them about PFAS and other compounds. PWSA will become a part of the network that is notified when anything happens on the river. Ms. Gross stated that she is grateful that we have Board members and the PWSA administration participating in this association. Mr. Leger asked for assurance that the time limits in the COA can be met. Mr. King stated that the DEP has almost always agreed to expanding these schedules and allowing for the contingencies requested by PWSA.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

Chairperson Leger entered a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lanier so moved, and Mr. Turner seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 10 AM.

  
James Turner, Secretary