

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 in the Board room at the Administrative Office. Vice-Chairman Neugebauer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Mr. Neugebauer, Mr. Ake, Mrs. Marcinko, Mr. Strohm and Mr. Gehret were present, constituting a quorum in accordance with AWA Bylaws. All AWA Board of Directors meetings are conducted in accordance with the PA Sunshine Laws. Also in attendance were Consulting Engineer, Mark Glenn, Solicitor, David Consiglio, AWA Staff, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Gina DeRubeis, Ray Dodson, Ron Becher, Todd Musser and Kathy Gabella.

Guests: None

Public Comment:

None

Nomination of Officers:

Mr. Neugebauer opened the floor for nominations of the slate of officers. Mrs. Marcinko nominated Mr. Neugebauer for Chairman, Mr. Strohm for Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ake for Secretary, Mr. Gehret for Treasurer and Mrs. Marcinko for Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Strohm seconded the motion. Mr. Neugebauer called for the vote. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Approval of the Minutes:

Mrs. Marcinko moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting. Mr. Ake seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Rate Study Presentation – A presentation was given on the Cost of Service Study for both the Water and Wastewater Divisions. (Presentation attached and made part of the minutes).
2. Bellwood Dam Upgrades – After two (2) years DEP has sent the approval of the geotechnical report. The dam safety permits will be submitted this month. Regular meetings have been held regarding the plant upgrades for this project. Once the permits are received the Authority can start to get financing in place.
3. Bid Document Language – the attorney reviewed and approved the language currently in use for the bid documents, including the required bonding and all other documents within the bid package.
4. Lee Drive Update – this is the first in-house water main project completed for 2018.

Staff attended an Antis Township public meeting to inform the supervisors and the public regarding the details of the project and to answer any questions. The purpose of this project was to eliminate two (2) existing dead end mains by making a looped system. This will help to improve water quality in the area. The entire 800 feet of water main has been installed along with one (1) fire hydrant and twelve (12) service lines, resulting in 12 new customers.

Requisition Approval:

Mr. Neugebauer asked Mrs. DeRubeis for the Financial Report and the Requisitions/Authorizations. Mrs. DeRubeis gave her report and then asked for approval of the following requisitions.

Requisitions #82 Water Division Construction Fund totaling - \$13,200.00

Requisition #2015-39 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$39,101.37

Requisition #3 Water Project Construction Fund totaling - \$75,047.01

Mrs. Marcinko moved to approve the requisitions. Mr. Strohm seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. DeRubeis also reported that PennVEST held their meeting April 18, 2018 and the Authority's sewer rehabilitation project was approved for funding. The total loan amount would be \$11,695,000.00 at 1% for thirty years. Resolutions to approve borrowing will be brought before the board at May's board meeting.

New Business:

None

Resolutions:

None

Other Business:

1. The Authority has gone fourteen months accident free; another new record.

Media Questions

The board and staff addressed questions from Bill Kibler from the Altoona Mirror.

Executive Session:

At 9:51 an executive session was called for a Legal Issue.

Adjournment:

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

Date of Approval: 5/24/18

Frank C. Pao
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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