

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in the board room at the Administrative Office. Mr. Schirf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Mr. Schirf, Mr. Ake, Mr. Neugebauer, Mrs. Marcinko & Omar Strohm 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. AWA Staff representatives attending were, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Gina DeRubeis, Ron Becher and Kathy Gabella

Public Comment:

None

Approval of the Minutes:

Mrs. Marcinko made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting. Mr. Neugebauer seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bellwood Reservoir– the Authority is awaiting approval from DEP on the report submitted for the test borings and the geotechnical information.
2. Bellwood Water Treatment Plant Design Upgrades – the pilot units for the treatment plant have been set up. They will be running for three to four months testing different manufactures membranes on the units to see which is best suited for Bellwood. The reports will then have to be approved by DEP. H₂O is one of the companies for the fiber testing. They are testing three different membrane manufactures, Hydranautics, Scinor and Toray. Pall is a standalone company and is piloting their own testing. The pilot testing will begin Monday, April 24th and should be complete in late August.
3. 31st Street Maintenance Storage Yard Building – bids were received with quite a range in pricing. The low bidder was Kretina Builders with a bid price of \$89,000.00. The Authority has asked for a change order to reinforce the corners of the building at a cost of \$15,000.00. There will also be added cost for plywood and hurricane clips. However this is still lower than the budgeted amount. The balance will be used at the site for other work.
4. CFA Funding Sewer Lining Rehabilitation – the Authority applied for funding through the Commonwealth Financing Agency back in December for sewer line rehabilitation. The funding was not approved. There is \$300,000.00 budgeted for the sewer lining work

however, the sewer maintenance vac truck needs replaced. It is thought a combination vac/jetter truck would best suit the Authority's needs. There is another \$200,000.00 budgeted for grout work on the floor of the clarifier. After careful consideration we determined that we can do this work in house instead of contracting it out, which is a substantial savings. The money for the grout work and the sewer lining work could be used toward the vac/jetter truck. The truck would cost approximately \$400,000.00 to \$425,000.00.

Funding for the slip lining work will be applied for in the future. There may be another round funding through the Commonwealth Financing Agency this summer. PennVEST has also reached out to the Authority for funding. A May meeting has been set up with PennVEST.

Requisition Approval:

Mr. Schirf 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 #65-66 Water Division Construction Fund totaling – \$31,165.08

Requisition #2015-27 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$49,378.25

Mr. Ake made a motion to approve the requisitions. Mrs. Marcinko seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

New Business:

None

Other Business:

None

Media Questions

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

Executive Session:

An executive session was called at 9:31 for legal and personnel issues.

Adjournment:

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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