

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 in the Board room at the Administrative Office. Chairman Neugebauer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Mr. Neugebauer, Mr. Ake, 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, Todd Musser, and Kathy Gabella.

Guest: Scott Shearer of PFM, Mayor Pacifico

Public Comment:

None

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Gehret moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting. Mr. Strohm seconded the motion. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Guaranteed Energy Savings Project – a draft of the preliminary audit has been received and is in the process of being reviewed by staff. Upon completion of their review the board members will be given a copy to assess and decide if there is enough merit to move forward with an industrial audit.
2. 2019 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project Update – There are two (2) Contractors, Spinello is in charge of the spray-on lining and IPR is responsible for the cured-in-place lining. The cleaning and televising has been completed and a by-pass pumping meeting is scheduled for today. Gwin, Dobson & Foreman is continuing to work with Norfolk Southern on the Licensing Agreement. A meeting was held April 5, 2019 with the Altoona Fire Chief to discuss the project, safety protocols, persons who would be in the pipes and traffic impacts.
3. Westerly Wastewater Treatment Facility Administrative Office Building Roof – it was thought the roof would last five years when the building was refinished for office space. However after heavy rains it was discovered the roof would need replaced sooner than anticipated. There is a pre-bid meeting for the roof April 30th and the bids are due May 7th. Since this would be prior to

the May Board Meeting, there is a resolution to authorize Mark Perry to accept the low bidder for the roof.

4. DCNR Grant Application – the application was submitted April 5, 2019 and confirmation of the submittal has been received for the 2459 acre Angels Coal Trust Watershed Tract. The Authority should receive the results in September. Staff is also looking into other grant avenues for this property.

Requisition Approval:

Mr. Strohm 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 #100 - 101 Water Division Construction Fund totaling - \$62,415.35

Requisition #15 Water Project Construction Fund totaling - \$31,077.19

Requisitions #6 - 7 Sewer Division Construction Fund totaling – \$29,515.11

Mr. Strohm moved to approve the requisitions. Mr. Ake seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

New Business:

1. Mr. Scott Shearer of PFM gave a Financial Analysis on the Tax-Exempt Advance Refunding of 2010 Series B & C Build America Bonds. (The Financial Analysis is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Mr. Strohm moved to approve PFM, as Financial Advisor, Boenning & Scattergood as Underwriter and Eckert Siemens as Bond Council to start the necessary paperwork for the potential transaction of the refinancing the Build America Bonds. Mr. Gehret seconded the motion. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

2. Horizontal Boring for River Road and Wopsonnock Avenue – River Road will be an extension of an eight-inch (8”) waterline to make it a multi feed line. There will be an approximate one-hundred foot (100’) bore under a stream for this project.

Wopsonnock Avenue is a sixteen-inch (16”) water main replacement. There will be three (3) phases to this project; the first being this year. This will involve a bore of approximately one-hundred feet (100’) under Juniata Gap Road which is a state road. Bids for the boring are ready for approval today however both projects will be completed in-house.

3. Veeder-Root Company (VRC) Water Main Assumption and Dedication Agreement – Veeder-Root has a private ten-inch (10”) cast iron water main that feeds off the Authority’s sixteen-inch

(16") water main and is in state right-of-way; VRC would like the Authority to take over ownership and maintenance of the line. By taking over the line this will give the Authority a possibility to grow the customer base.

Resolutions/Motions/Bid Awards

1. Award Horizontal Boring Bid for River Road to lowest responsible bidder, Harger Underground Utilities with a bid price of \$47,800.00
2. Award Horizontal Boring Bid for Wopsononock Avenue to lowest responsible bidder, Harger Underground Utilities with a bid price \$50,300.00
3. Resolution #19-04-905 to authorize Mark A. Perry, General Manager to accept the bid from the lowest qualified responsible bidder for the Westerly Wastewater Treatment Facility Administrative Office Building Roof
4. Resolution #19-04-906 to authorized the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary to execute the Water Main Assumption and Dedication Agreement between Veeder-Root and the Altoona Water Authority

Mr. Ake moved to approve all of the above resolutions, motions and bid awards. Mr. Strohm seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Other Business:

Mr. Perry mentioned the annual flushing of the distribution system began in mid March and will run until the end of May.

Media Questions

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

Executive Session:

An Executive Session was called at 9:47 for legal issues.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

Date of Approval: May 23, 2019



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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