

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, August 22, 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, Mr. Gehret and Mrs. Kooman 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.

Mr. Neugebauer thanked Mayor Pacifico for appointing Barbara Kooman to the board. He then welcomed Mrs. Kooman.

Guests: Mayor Pacifico, Mark Geis

Public Comment:

None

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Strohm moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Guaranteed Energy Savings Project – last month the board agreed to move forward with the Investment Grade Audit (IGA) by approving the IGA Agreement. ESG is now into the engineering stage of the project. Staff and four (4) ESG representatives met with Tyrone Borough to tour their treatment facility. Discussion was held concerning a mutual agreement on the disposal of their sludge.

Staff has also reached out to other local municipalities regarding their sludge and their disposal of it. The goal is to make the AWA become a regional waste reception facility.

The surveying of the layouts of the buildings and structures at the Westerly Facility should start next week. ESG has reached out to Gwin, Dobson & Foreman for the drawings of the plants that were built in the 1950's.

There is a meeting scheduled for next Wednesday with the permit section of DEP. This will

allow the Authority to know what percentage of design would need to be achieved in order to be permitted.

2. Sanitary Sewer Rehab Lining Project –Contract 196 for the spray-on-lining has no updates at this time. The Contractor, Spinello is three weeks behind schedule. This does not affect the cost since they are paid by the amount of debris removed.

Contract 197 is the cured-in-place lining and this is approximately twenty-six percent (26%) complete. The Contractor, IPR is scheduled to be out of the area for the next two (2) weeks.

The Norfolk Southern Access and License Agreements have been processed. There will be a Norfolk Southern flagging and inspection personnel meeting next Wednesday.

It was asked when this project would be complete. The anticipated completion date is January 28, 2021.

3. 30-Inch Collapsed Sewer – Fairview-Wehnwood Interceptor – Todd Musser gave a presentation (attached hereto and made a part hereof). The work was done in-house and was completed in approximately two (2) weeks. The Blair County Conservation District, Fish & Boat Commission & DEP are all satisfied with the completed work.
4. River Road/Wopsononock Projects – Wopsononock Avenue is a sixteen-inch (16”) water main replacement. A bore under Juniata Gap Road had to be made for this project. This is complete.

River Road project consisted of a bore under Tipton Run Stream. This will create a secondary feed for this area. The bore portion of this project is complete. The in-house mainline pipe work should begin September 9th which will be comprised of forty-five hundred feet (4,500') of eight-inch (8”) ductile iron pipe.

5. Westerly Wastewater Treatment Facility Administrative Office Building Roof – this project is complete and came in under budget.
6. Spencer Creek at Colonial Drive Stream Embankment Deterioration – The Authority has a blow-off near Spencer Creek, Allegheny Township; and several years ago installed approximately ninety-feet (90') of a Gambian basket-wall to armor the stream bank. The last storm carried the baskets almost into the stream. PennDOT has agreed in 2020 to cut down a willow tree and remove soil that has built up.

A phone call was received from Tom Levine of the Intergovernmental Stormwater Committee stating they are looking for armoring stream bank projects. This will be researched further and reported on next month.

7. Bellmeade Civic Association Water Distribution System Acquisition – This is moving forward with a few more details to be worked out.

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.

Requisition #106 Water Division Construction Fund totaling - \$437.84

Requisition #19 Water Project Construction Fund totaling - \$88,181.13

Requisitions #14 & 15 Sewer Division Construction Fund totaling – \$425,606.48

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

New Business:

None

Resolutions/Motions/Bid Awards

None

Other Business:

None

Media Questions

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

Executive Session:

An Executive Session was called at 9:50 for legal issues.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

Date of Approval: September 19, 2019



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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