

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 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 Solicitor, David Consiglio, Consulting Engineer, Mark Glenn AWA Staff, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Gina DeRubeis, Todd Musser, and Kathy Gabella.

Public Comment:

Although there were no public comments; Mr. Neugebauer thanked staff for holding several workshops with ESG (Energy Savings Group) for each board member. He noted they were very informative; and appreciated the effort it took for staff to put it together.

Approval of the Minutes:

Mrs. Kooman moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting. Mr. Gehret seconded the motion. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bellwood Dam Modifications – currently DEP is doing an active review of the permit application. The review and permit will be issued within next six (6) weeks. The Second Opinion Report was received from Mead & Hunt. They endorse the project, design concept and the cost of the project. This is a requirement for PennVest funding.
2. Ozone System Upgrades – Tipton, Mill Run and Plane Nine have been grouped together for ozone replacements. The next application submission for PennVest funding is August 5th. The Authority is planning to submit an application by August 5th in order to be considered for funding at the October 21st PennVest Board meeting. A planning consultation with PennVest is scheduled for July 7th to discuss the next steps. If funding is approved, each plant would take approximately three (3) months to finish
3. Goods Lane Waterline Replacement – there is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for June 23rd. A Notice-to-Proceed will be issued at that time and the project should begin by the end of June. The PennVest closing for this project will be June 24th.
4. Biosolids Treatment Improvement Project – workshops were held for each of the board

members to give them a chance to ask questions. The permits for this project are either in public comment or have been issued. The air quality permit is in public comment and it will be issued before the PennVest meeting in July.

There are Letters-of-Intent to have biosolids processed by the Authority. A meeting was held yesterday with a large supplier and they seemed very enthusiastic about the project.

5. Sanitary Sewer Rehab Lining Projects – photos of the lining projects were handed out to the board. Progress meetings were held on Monday. Both contractors are anticipating to be completed by the extended completion date of April 2021. The cured-in-place lining is about 70% complete. The spray-on-lining is still within the 30% range of completion.
6. West Plant Remediation FRP – the Authority was approached by a company to remediate the PCB site from a brown field to a green field. This would be accomplished through remediation/solar array. It was felt that it would be prudent to put out an RFP for other companies that may also have interest in this project. There will be an RFP opening Friday, June 26 at 11:00 A.M.

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 #40 - 41 Sewer Division Construction Fund totaling –\$169,610.25

Sewer Division Capital Fund invoice 84237 totaling – \$18,592.04

Keystone Pump Station invoice 84236 totaling - \$6,067.21

Mr. Strohm moved to approve the requisitions. Mr. Ake 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:

1. Ad-hoc Committee – the committee met June 10th and discussed short-term and long-term short falls and what impacts and solutions are possible. It was also decided to designate a contingency line item in the budget and identify under what circumstances the Authority would

be able to use that money. Mrs. Kooman praised staff for a job well done. Mrs. Kooman felt a meeting like this should be held once a year to keep the board apprised of what staff does.

Media Questions

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

Executive Session:

An Executive Session was called at 9:38 for personnel and legal issues.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

Date of Approval: July 23, 2020

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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