

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, March 27, 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 Gaines, AWA Staff, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Gina DeRubeis, Ron Becher, Tobias Nagle, Todd Musser and Kathy Gabella.

Guests: Chris Eckenrode, Jim Potopa

Mr. Neugebauer introduced and welcomed Mr. Cory Gehret as the Authority's newest board member.

Public Comment:

None

Nomination of Officers:

The nomination of officers was tabled until the April meeting.

Approval of the Minutes:

Mrs. Marcinko moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 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. Bellwood Treatment Plant – A presentation was given on the filtration technology pilot study for the Bellwood Water Treatment facility. (The presentation is attached and made a part of the minutes).
2. Rubber Inflatable Dams for Lake Altoona and the Impounding Dam – The Authority used Bridgestone's specifications for the inflatable dams since they manufactured the current rubber dams. There were two (2) bids submitted. The one from HTE Engineering was approximately half of the other bid (bids attached). The credentials were confirmed and everything looked to be in order. These bids were for the dams only; no labor for installation was included in the price.
3. Wastewater Rate Structure – The Authority modifies the rate structure when a different source of waste becomes a potential stream of revenue. Staff was contacted in February regarding the acceptance of Leachate water from landfills. The Authority was able to receive this water to

treat within certain parameters. When it was received the only rate at that time was the holding tank rate. It was decided to calculate a rate specifically for Leachate water and add it to the wastewater rates, rules and regulations fee sheet. This rate is more in line with the actual cost for treating the Leachate water. The rate will also cover any lost revenue from the nitrogen credits that are auctioned off each year.

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 #81 Water Division Construction Fund totaling - \$57,582.00

Requisition #2015-38 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$6,722.77

Requisition #2 Water Project Construction Fund totaling - \$84,312.39

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

New Business:

None

Resolutions:

1. Mrs. Marcinko moved to award the rubber inflatable dams to the lowest responsible bidder, HTE Engineering with a bid price of \$174,600.00. Mr. Ake seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
2. Resolution #18-03-877 to amend the Wastewater Rates, Rules and Regulations Fee Sheet to include Leachate Water <2,000 mg/L TSS, <2,000 mg/L BOD, <2,000 mg/L COD, <100 mg/L Oil & Grease, <10 mg/L Total P, <2,000 mg/L Total N at a rate of \$0.05 per gallon. Leachate exceeding these constituent levels will not be accepted or will be negotiated at separate rates.

Mrs. Marcinko moved to approve Resolution #18-03-877. Mr. Ake seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Other Business:

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

Media Questions

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

Executive Session:

At 10:05 an executive session was called for a Legal Issue.

Adjournment:

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

Date of Approval: April 19, 2018



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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