

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 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, 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, Todd Musser and Kathy Gabella.

Guests: Jim Balliet of GD&F

Public Comment:

None

Approval of the Minutes:

Mrs. Marcinko moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 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 Dam Upgrades – Permit application will be made within the next two weeks. The turnaround time for this is approximately six (6) months to one (1) year.
2. Bellwood Plant Update – The plant is currently in the design phase. Permit applications will be made mid-summer which are then expected to be approved sometime in early fall. After the permits are received funding will be pursued for both projects.

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 #83 Water Division Construction Fund totaling - \$44,328.00

Requisition #2015-40 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$43,030.79

Requisition #4 Water Project Construction Fund totaling - \$228,523.83

Mr. Ake moved to approve the requisitions. Mrs. Marcinko seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the

question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

New Business:

1. Mr. Musser gave an update on his current projects. Revenue is being realized by expanding the services and bringing in outside waste streams. The revenue numbers have far exceeded the budgeted amount for this year. Staff will continue to look into creating new revenue sources.
2. PennVest Loan – Last month the Authority received word that it was approved for PennVest funding for the sewer rehabilitation projects. The first of four (4) conference calls was held yesterday with PennVest to discuss the project, the time line and the dates. It is expected the project will go out for bid September 4, 2018. There are two (2) resolutions PennVest requires for settlement. One for reimbursement and one to borrow. There is a third resolution for the acceptance of the Engagement Letter for bond council for this project. This is the first loan under the new arrangement with the City. The Mayor and City Clerk will need to be a part of the settlement at closing; they will need to sign electronically on November 29, 2018.
3. Water Main Replacement Capital Project (58th Street from 6th Avenue to Ruskin Drive/California Avenue – This project was to begin in June however the main ruptured on March 16th at Sixth Avenue and 58th Street. Working with PennDOT the project was extended to include this intersection. This project includes (30+) service lines along with the water main replacement.
4. Developer's Agreement between the Authority and Marc Ansley for an area at 764 Kuhn Lane and Vision Drive. The main runs along Vision Drive and the extension will connect to that main and extend it down to Kuhn Lane. After completion the Authority will assume ownership of the line.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution #18-05-878 authorizing the borrowing of \$11,695,000.00 from PennVest
2. Resolution #18-05-879 declaring the official intent to reimburse sewer funds used for multiple capital sewer projects with funds received from PennVest Loan #75334
3. Resolution #18-05-880 to approve the Eckert Seamans Engagement Letter for PennVest funding and authorize the Chairman to execute same
4. Resolution #18-05-881 to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary or Treasurer to execute a Developer's Agreement between Marc Ansley and the AWA for the construction of a water line extension along Kuhn Lane and Vision Drive and the AWA shall assume ownership of said water line upon completion and approval of the proposed extension

Mrs. Marcinko moved to approve resolutions #18-05-878 through #18-05-881. Mr. Strohm seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Other Business:

1. The Authority has gone Four Hundred and Fifty (450) days accident free; another new record.

Media Questions

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

Executive Session:

At 9:32 an executive session was called for a Legal Issue.

Personnel

Adjournment:

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

Date of Approval: June 21, 2018

Frank C. Oke

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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