

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 in the board room at the Administrative Office. The Chairman, Mr. Lawruk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Attendance:**

Mr. Lawruk, Mr. Ake, Mr. Schirf, Mr. Neugebauer, and Ms. Marcinko 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. AWA Staff representatives attending were, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Gina DeRubeis and Kathy Gabella

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Ms. Marcinko made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 18, 2016 meeting. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Tipton 16-inch Transmission Main Cleaning & Lining – Phase I is complete, this included the residential area. Work is now being done by the railroad side. There are five (5) pits done and four (4) to finish. The project should be complete next week with the exception of the backfilling to be done in-house. This is expected to be completed the following week.

Mrs. DeRubeis asked for a motion to approve additional costs on the Tipton Cleaning and Lining of \$22,382.00 to be pulled from Authority reserves.

Mr. Schirf made a motion to approve the addition costs. Mr. Neugebauer seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

2. Bellwood Reservoir – The design work continues with permit submission to be by the end of the year. The Authority is looking into treatment options at the Bellwood Plant. This includes looking into advanced technology upgrades to some of the filtration systems with this plant. The Authority is also considering some pilot testing membrane filtration which is a current level of treatment.
3. Grazierville Road Project – The first seven hundred (700') feet has been completed. The by-pass piping has been set up for the next two hundred (200') feet and there is approximately six hundred and four feet (604') to go.

There has been another meeting with PennDOT where they have removed the binder course of the spec. taking the depth from nine-inches (9") to six and half inches (6 1/2").

Since PennDOT changed this the Authority has bid the paving project. It came back lower than the \$116,000.00 estimate that had been received. The low bid was \$40,560.00 from Glen Hawbaker. The money for this project will now tie into the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Maintenance yard project. The board approved taking items one (1) and four (4) out of the budget and allocated those funds for the Grazierville project. The board also approved an additional \$75,000.00 for the paving. This resulted in a budget of \$185,453.00 for the Grazierville project. Since the paving bid was lower than anticipated, the expectation for the total cost of this project is now approximately \$117,000.00. This will let a surplus of \$68,453.00.

The bid for the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Maintenance yard came in higher than expected. Therefore staff would like approval to allocate the \$68,453.00 surplus from the Grazierville project to the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Maintenance yard project.

Mr. Neugebauer made a motion to approve the transfer the surplus budgeted funds of from the Grazierville project to the shortfall of funds for the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Maintenance yard project. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

4. Sewer Lining Project – Mr. Rehab has started this week. They have cleaned and carmeraed about 1200 feet on South 15<sup>th</sup> Street and about 1600 feet on Pleasant Valley Boulevard. The contractor wanted to complete the cleaning and cameraing this week but will fall short. They will be gone for a week and then return to finish that work and start the lining process.

#### **Requisition Approval:**

Mr. Lawruk asked Ms. DeRubeis for the Financial Report and the Requisitions/Authorizations. Mrs. DeRubeis gave her report and then asked for approval of the following requisitions.

Requisitions #55 & 56 Water Division Construction Fund totaling – \$23,934.98

Requisition #2015-20 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$262,400.44

Requisition #2016-6 Water Revenue Surplus Fund totaling - \$49,610.92

Ms. Marcinko made a motion to approve the requisitions. Mr. Schirf seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

#### **New Business:**

1. Award bid for Grazierville Road Pavement, low bidder, Glen Hawbaker with a bid price of \$40,560.00

Mr. Neugebauer made a motion to approve the bid award. Ms. Marcinko seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

2. Award Bid for 31<sup>st</sup> Street Maintenance Storage facility foundation concrete work, low bidder, Mid State Construction with a bid of \$112,974.00.

Mr. Ake made a motion to approve Mid State Construction as low bidder. Ms. Marcinko seconded the motion. Mr. Lawruk called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Other Business:**

None

**Media Questions and Public Comment**

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

**Executive Session:**

An executive session was called at 9:36 for legal issues.

**Adjournment:**

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

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