

**Minutes of the  
Regular Board Meeting  
Of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority  
Held on January 25, 2019**

This Regular Monthly Board Meeting of The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, having been duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act, was called to order on January 25, 2019, at approximately 10:00 a.m., in the Second-Floor Board Room, 1200 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. Paul Leger, Ms. Turner, Ms. Gross and Mr. Jim Turner. Ms. Margaret Lanier was absent.

There was a quorum for this meeting.

Present from staff were: Robert Weimar, Debby Gibson, Sherry Perkins, Barry King, Kelly Morgano, Debbie Lestitian, Rachel Romano, Thoryn Simpson, Julie Quigley, Tishla Jones, BJ McFaddin, Paul Spara, Bianca Alton, Dominique Nunley, Tasha Butler, James Stitt, Ed Barca, Jennifer Presutti, Rick Obermeier, Will Pickering, Alex Sciulli.

Also present was Solicitor Mark Nowak of Clark Hill, Pat Gallagher of GAI, Adam Smeltz of Post-Gazette, Jerry Dull of Crawford Consulting, Alexis Meier of E. Holdings, Inc., Kellie Cominsky of E. Holdings, Inc., David Troianos of GAI, Herb Higginbotham of HDR, Dan Davis of Skelly and Loy, Mallory Griffin of JMT, Tim Dean of AECOM, Charles Jordan of MS Consultants, Mark Buchenic of Prime AE, Massy Paul of Monaloh, David Borneman of Arcadis, Roy Rudolph of GHD, Jim Daley of Crawford Consulting Service, Mark Karolski of Buchart Horn, Stephen Polen of Mott MacDonald, Michelle Hinds of SAI, Tom Prusak of Hatch, Doug Mackie of Sigma, Bryan Martucci of H.R. Gray, Heather Dodson of MBI, Coreen Casadei of Collective Efforts, LLC., Gary Leckonby of Kokosing, Jason McBride of Wade Trim, Giuseppe Sciulli of Mott MacDonald, Donna Chappel of AIG, Darby Neidig of DLZ, Glen Stephens of GSI, JDG of PUC, Melvin Hubbard El of State Representative Gainey Office.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Chairperson Leger informed the attendees that an Executive Session was held prior to the start of the Regular Board Meeting wherein no votes were taken. Legal and personnel matters were discussed.

**CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT** No comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2018 Board Meeting. Ms. Turner so moved, Ms. Gross seconded the motion.

The Minutes were unanimously approved.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Jennifer Presutti, Budget Director of the Finance Department, presented the report on the December 2018 Financials. For December we were unable to meet our projections for receipts, however we were able to hold the line on our expenses. For the year end, we were not able to meet the revenue projections, however we were able to hold the line on our expenditures and we were able to end the year with a positive cash balance. Finance will have a new board report for members to review and this will include a capital spend report.

## **ENGINEERING REPORT**

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this report. All the permitting, with the exception of the mechanical permit for the Orthophosphate, have been received. The current construction schedule is still on track for the March 31, 2019 date.

Mr. Leger: I appointed the Executive Committee as the Monitoring Committee on the Orthophosphate addition to assure that we hit this deadline. Orthophosphate is the solution for everybody in the City.

Barry King: With regard to the UV System and the MFP facility, we did have a meeting with the DEP. The DEP said they will work as quickly as possible to expedite the permit once the information is received from PWSA.

Barry King: We had a meeting with Calgon Carbon, who is the manufacturer of the UV reactors, and Arcadis, and we expect to start no later than June based on a delivery.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Robert Weimar, Executive Director, presented 13 employees with the Golden Waterdrop Award. The awardees were as follows: Tishla Jones of Customer Service, Paul Spara of MIS, Ed Barca of Finance, Dave Demme of Operations, Curtis O'Connor, Anthony Pawlos, Matt Lijewski and Jim Hawranko of the Valve Crew in Operations, Dominique Nunley, Tasha Butler and Bianca Alton of the Lead Team, and Matt Smuts and Maria Natoli of the Engineering Department. Each of these employees were nominated by their respective Directors and Supervisors as exhibiting excellence in their work efforts. Mr. Weimar thanked each of the employees for their dedication in GSD.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **No. 1 of 2019      Acknowledging Receipt of the 2018 Annual Report of the Consulting Engineer**

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Edward Barca, Treasurer of Finance, explained the details of this Resolution. The Consulting Engineer prepares an Annual Report for PWSA as required by the Amended and Restated Trust Indenture as of November 1, 2017. Their duties include advising and making recommendations as to the proper maintenance, repair and operation of the water and sewer system during the next fiscal year, estimating the money that should be expended for such purposes, recommending capital additions that should be made and the amount of money that is recommended for such purposes, and reporting on the status of the maintenance, repair and sound operating condition of

the systems.

Chairperson Leger entered a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Gross so moved, and Ms. Turner seconded the motion.

No discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 2 of 2019**

**Approving the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for Municipal Advisory Services to Public Resources Advisory Group, Inc.**

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**Funding: Operations Budget – not to exceed \$572,200.00**

Edward Barca, Treasurer of Finance, explained the details of this Resolution. The services provided by the Financial Advisor include assisting in the issuance of debt, creating a long-term financial plan, developing a rating agency strategy, developing financial policies, providing PUC testimonies, and analyzing the PWSA's debt portfolio to limit the risks caused by swaps and derivative products.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Turner so moved, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

Mr. Leger thanked the Finance Department for finding a municipal advisor that put MBE/WBE components into a municipal advisory group.

Mr. Turner asked about the liaison assigned to the PWSA.

Mr. Barca confirmed that he was vetted before the firm was recommended.

No further discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 3 of 2019**

**Authorizing the Securing of a Loan and Grant from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority ("PENNVEST") for the 2019 Lead Service Line Replacement Program. PENNVEST Loan #80191**

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Edward Barca, Treasurer of Finance, explained the details of this Resolution. Approval of this Resolution is sought as it authorizes the securing of a loan and grant from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) for the 2019 Lead Service Line Replacement Program. The closing date on the loan and grant is March 7, 2019. This project will cover low-income areas where there are higher population densities of children under 6 years of age, where there are higher blood-levels and where there

are greater densities of lead service lines. Total funding offer \$49,128,404.00.

Chairperson Leger entered a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Turner so moved, Ms. Gross seconded the motion.

Mr. Leger and Ms. Gross thanked those involved for their diligence in securing this grant and loan and thanked the State for awarding such a large amount to protect public health with water in the City.

No further discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 4 of 2019      Approving the Settlement of Lawsuit With Summerset Land Development Associates**

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**Funding: Legal - \$175,000.00**

Debbie Lestitian, Chief Corporate Counsel and Chief of Administration, explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Gross so moved, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

No discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 5 of 2019      Approving the Award of Multiple Capital Contracts for the 2019 Lead Service Line Replacement, PWSA Project No. WSI9-325-100-0 to WSI9-325-100-3 and a Task Order for CM/CI Services**

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**Funding: Capital Budget – Cumulative from PENNVEST - \$35,892,345**

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. This IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity) contract involves the replacement of public and private lead service lines. Contractors were asked to bid based on estimated material usage.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Gross so moved, Ms. Turner seconded the motion.

No discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

**No. 6 of 2019**

**Approving the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for Design and Design During Construction Services for 2019 Small Diameter Sewer and Rehabilitation Project, PWSA Project No. 2019-424-100-0, Task Order No. WT00-05-1 to Wade Trim**

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**Funding: Capital Budget - \$871,402.08**

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. This task order covers professional services, including the design, bid phase services and design services during construction for public sanitary sewer rehabilitation, including excavated point repairs required for Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP), raising buried manholes, CIPP of all pipe segments, and removal of catch basins that are currently connected to separated sanitary sewers.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Gross so moved, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

No further discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 7 of 2019**

**Approving the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for Construction Management/Construction Inspection for Ivyglen and Odette Street Sewer Reconstruction and Separation Project, PWSA Project No. 2018-424-102-0 to Hatch Associate Consultants, Inc.**

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**Funding: Capital Budget - \$152,700.00**

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. This task order covers professional services, including construction inspection, construction management, GPS services, and creation of as-built drawings for the separation of the existing combined sewer located on Odette Street.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Turner so moved, Ms. Turner seconded the motion.

No further discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

**No. 8 of 2019**

**Approving the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for As-Needed Sewer Flow Monitoring Program, PWSA Project No. 2018-OPS-107-0 to AMG Environmental**

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**Funding: Capital Budget - \$306,500.00**

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. This program consists of installing in-pipe sewer flow monitors and rain gauges. The program will support regulatory reporting, system performance and GSI project evaluation, I/I analyses, and model calibration.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Gross so moved, Ms. Turner seconded the motion.

Ms. Gross will receive and review the contract and make sure PWSA has a guaranteed minimum for monitors provided within the time frame provided.

No further discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

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**No. 9 of 2019**

**Approving the Award of a Professional Services Agreement for CSO Flow Monitoring Program, PWSA Project No. 2016-424-101-0 to ADS Environmental Services**

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**Funding: Operating Budget - \$890,740.00**

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. This program consists of reinstating existing installed CSO flow meters and providing ongoing comprehensive flow monitoring services with additional installed meters and rain gauges. The program will support regulatory reporting, system performance evaluation, and model calibration efforts.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Turner so moved, Ms. Gross seconded the motion.

Mr. Weimar stated that most of the monitors have been installed, but the contract expired. We will have the operating budget to go back and restore the units that are currently not operating and make sure they continuously provide the data. There are specific requirements within this agreement that holds the company to limited down time otherwise they do not receive payment.

No further discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

## **New Business**

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### **No. 10 of 2019      Approval to Enter Into Temporary and Permanent Easement Agreements With David A. Griffiths and Judith A. Griffiths for Repairing, Replacing, and Realigning an Existing Sewer Line**

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Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairman Paul Leger motioned to have the three new business Resolutions read together and voted on together as they are similar easement agreements and the Board can take one vote on all three.

Ms. Turner so moved, Ms. Gross seconded the motion.

**No. 11 of 2019 – Approval to enter into a temporary easement agreement with David Havern, Jr. for repairing, replacing, and realigning an existing sewer line.**

**No. 12 of 2019 – Approval to enter into temporary and permanent easement agreements with the Homewood Cemetery for repairing, replacing, and realigning an existing sewer line.**

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Ms. Turner so moved, and Ms. Gross seconded the motion.

No discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Turner so moved, and Ms. Turner seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

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James Turner, Secretary