

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Lehigh County Authority was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, Chairman Asa Hughes presiding. Other Members present at the commencement of the meeting were: Richard Bohner, Emrich Stellar, Scott Bieber, Tom Muller, and Brian Nagle. Authority Staff present were: Aurel Arndt, Joseph McMahon, Bradford Landon, Liesel Adam, Ed Bielarski, and Cristin Keppel.

George Maniatty member of the public, was also in attendance.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Mr. Arndt noted there were no additional items to add.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Maniatty stated that KidsPeace, Inc. filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and wondered if it would have an effect on the Northern Lehigh Act 537 Planning Process.

Mr. Arndt noted that the Authority does not think it will have an effect on the project, but does not know the definitive answer at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of City of Allentown Transition Plan (Approval)

Mr. Arndt distributed various handouts related to the City of Allentown Water and Sewer Transition and provided an overview of the transition activities. The handouts highlighted both the City and Authority team members and their specific roles in the project. He also reviewed a task list that included completed, ongoing, and future tasks needed in order to complete the transition. Mr. Arndt noted that many hours of work have been used for various document review. He then explained that an Independent Engineer's Report and the Preliminary Official Statement are being completed for the financing of this project. Mr. Arndt stated that there are weekly conference calls between Allentown and LCA team members, as well as calls with the consultants involved in the financing and transition process. He then explained that financial consultants will present and review the Resolution related to the bonds, as authorization is needed prior to sale and closing of the bonds. Mr. Arndt also briefly explained the organizational structure that will be used to handle the transition. Extensive discussion followed. Because this was not a budgeted project, Mr. Arndt requested a Budget Amendment be approved to cover all of the miscellaneous expenses for this project which includes consultant services, meetings, and staff time.

On a motion from Mr. Muller, seconded by Mr. Bohner, the Board unanimously approved a Budget Amendment for the City of Allentown Concession Lease costs in the amount \$2,363,000 (6-0).

SYSTEM OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Landon noted that the PennVEST closing on the Western Weisenberg Wastewater Treatment Plant will occur in June.

OTHER COMMENTS

Mr. Muller inquired about the ongoing arbitration with the City of Allentown regarding sewer charges.

Mr. Arndt stated that arbitration continues and depositions have been done at LCA, and others are occurring today at the City. He explained that the City offered a settlement to which the other signatories declined. An arbitration hearing could possibly be set for June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Richard H. Bohner
Secretary