

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2012

The Workshop Meeting of the Lehigh County Authority was called to order at 12:25 p.m., on Monday, August 13, 2012, Chairman Asa Hughes presiding. Other Members present at the commencement of the meeting were: Thomas Muller, Richard Bohner, Brian Nagle, Emrich Stellar, Norma Cusick, and Scott Bieber. Authority Staff present were: Aurel Arndt, Doug Young, Frank Leist, Patricia Mandes, Joseph McMahon, and Liesel Adam.

Jeanine Bauer, member of the public, was also in attendance.

Agenda Review

Mr. Arndt stated there would be four items to discuss under executive session, followed by a budget amendment.

Mr. Bieber inquired about the Jordan Creek Wastewater Plant project, considering recent media attention, whether LCA believes the plant would have no odors that would impact the community.

Mr. Arndt responded that LCA's testimony at the North Whitehall Township hearings has been focused on explaining that the plant would meet all township requirements for the use being sought. That is, during normal operating conditions, the plant would not emit odors that would leave the property boundaries, nor would they be offensive. He explained that a properly designed and operated plant should not produce objectionable odors, and it would be LCA's intent to design the plant with this consideration in mind.

Public Comment

Ms. Bauer introduced herself as a Jordan Creek Road resident and explained that she feels strongly that the Jordan Creek Wastewater Plant should not be built because the North Whitehall Township's land-use plans show it is unnecessary. She requested the Board make a motion to abandon the project.

Mr. Hughes requested that Ms. Bauer submit her comments and request in writing to share with the Board, which Ms. Bauer agreed to do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairman called for an Executive Session at 12:32 p.m. to discuss two items related to potential litigation matters, one personnel item, and one item related to lease or sale of real estate.

Ms. Bauer left the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

The session ended at 1:42 p.m.

Budget Amendment

Mr. Arndt distributed a Budget Amendment Request to add \$40,000 to the Water and Wastewater Capital budgets to cover additional personnel and consulting expenses related to the evaluation, analysis and management of the Allentown Concession Lease process during the Request for Qualifications and Proposal stage.

On a motion by Mr. Muller, seconded by Mr. Nagle, the Board unanimously approved the Budget Amendment Request (7-0).

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Richard H. Bohner
Secretary