

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Lehigh County Authority was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018, Chairman Brian Nagle presiding. Other Members present at the commencement of the meeting were: Linda Rosenfeld, Jeff Morgan, Richard Bohner, Norma Cusick and Ted Lyons. Authority Staff present were Liesel Gross, Ed Klein, Pat Mandes, Brad Landon, Chuck Volk, Chris Moughan, Susan Sampson, John Parsons, Phil DePoe and Lisa Miller.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chairman Nagle announced that today's Board meeting is being videotaped and streaming live and recordings will be posted to the Authority's website.

Liesel Gross noted there is an item to be added to the agenda under Water for information and discussion relating to a development on Alburdis Road in Lower Macungie Township. There will also be an executive session regarding potential litigation at the end of the regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Richard Bohner noted two minor corrections to the Minutes of May 21, 2018.

On a motion by Richard Bohner, seconded by Ted Lyons, the Board approved the Minutes of May 21, 2018 meeting as corrected (5-0). Norma Cusick abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Liesel Gross shared information with the Board about a proposed land development plan in Lower Macungie Township on Alburdis and Orchard roads. It was brought to the Authority's attention that a company is proposing a truck storage and loading area, with the potential to install a bridge and fuel station, for Mack Trucks to transport trucks to other areas. The plan is proposing to make modifications to the 100-year floodplain of the Swabia Creek, and this area is within the Zone 2 Source Water Protection area for the Little Lehigh Creek source of water for the Allentown Division water system. A PowerPoint presentation showing maps of the area was reviewed.

Ms. Gross noted that Al Guiseppe from Spotts Stevens and McCoy (SSM) had reviewed the proposed development plan and provided a letter to the Authority detailing his concerns and noted that until we have more information as to the changes the developer wants to make to the floodplain, the Authority should object to the plan. The staff would like to present the letter from SSM along with additional concerns to the Lower Macungie Township staff as to the effects the plan will have on the water supply. Some discussion followed. The Lower Macungie Township zoning hearing board will hear information regarding the proposal at their June 26, 2018 meeting for approval of a special exception to change the floodplain.

Mike Siegel, a resident of the township and member of the township's environmental advisory council, said this development is a threat to the region's water supply stating the developer wants to

fill portions of the floodplain. Mr. Siegel provided additional information on the company that is proposing the land development plan and site.

Following additional discussion, the Board agreed with the staff's plan to send a letter to Lower Macungie Township stating the Authority's concerns and objection to the proposed plan.

Allentown Division – Kline's Island WWTP: Primary No. 2 Digester Miscellaneous Improvements

Phil DePoe gave an overview of the project scope that includes the installation of a roof-mounted scumbuster and related control panel, replacement of internal gas piping, replacement of other internal piping, addition of a new external stairway access to the digester building roof, and the installation of level sensor target plate.

Mr. DePoe is asking for approval of the Capital Project Authorization for the Construction Phase in the amount of \$216,848.00 which includes the Professional Services Authorization to GHD Inc. in the amount of \$14,862.00 and the General Contract Award to GM McCrossin, Inc. in the amount of \$176,986.00.

On a motion by Linda Rosenfeld, seconded by Norma Cusick, the Board approved the Capital Project Authorization for the Construction Phase in the amount of \$216,848.00 which includes the Professional Services Authorization to GHD Inc. in the amount of \$14,862.00 and the General Contract Award to GM McCrossin, Inc. in the amount of \$176,986.00 (6-0).

MONTHLY PROJECT UPDATES / INFORMATION ITEMS

Liesel Gross pointed out some items that will be on the agenda for upcoming meetings such as refinancing of the 2013C bond, approval of revised tapping fees, and the 2017 Audit and financial statements. Ms. Gross also called attention to the discussion item under Wastewater regarding the Suburban Division - SCARP. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has asked for a joint submission by August 1, 2018 from all parties named in the Administrative Order (AO) to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows. EPA requested a Regional Flow Management Strategy which would include an operations and maintenance plan, inflow and infiltration reduction plans, flow modeling, and full cooperation of all parties. The fourteen municipalities named in the AO have been working cooperatively on this submission, which will be discussed at the June 25, 2018 Board meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

Richard Bohner commented on receiving the rate increase notice as a City Division customer and wanted to know how many calls the Authority received following distribution of the notice. Liesel Gross said that monthly billing notices were sent to all Allentown customers after the May 21, 2018 Board meeting and vote on this issue. Sue Sampson reported that less than a half dozen calls were received.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / OTHER COMMENTS

None.

Chairman Nagle called a recess at 12:34 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held at 12:39 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The Executive Session ended at 1:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Richard H. Bohner
Secretary