

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on March 18, 2009

Members Attending: John T. Jim, Vice Chairman
Sheila Bass, Treasurer
John E. Long, Jr., Secretary
Gretel Bleich, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer

Others Attending: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor
Christopher S. Walker, P.E., Consulting Engineer
Stuart L. Rosenthal, P.E., Gilmore & Associates
Carol A. Boston, Stenographer

Mr. Jim, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Jim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2009

A motion (Bleich-Bass) adopting a resolution to approve the revised Minutes from March 4, 2009 passed with 4 ayes.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Zeuner stated that he has been called by the PA House Subcommittee on Economic Impact and Infrastructure as an expert witness at a hearing on March 26, 2009 at the General Assembly in Harrisburg. This would be regarding the type of infrastructure in which we specialize, with emphasis placed on how, in my professional opinion, federal funds could be best used to maximize the impact on the Pennsylvania economy. In particular, they would be interested to learn of our shovel-ready projects and projects that can begin in the short term and would create rapid, positive benefit.

Mr. Zeuner stated that we are hopeful an answer regarding the H20 Grant will be received by April 15, 2009.

3. Citizens Concerns

The residents who addressed the Board regarding the Western End Sanitary Sewer Project were: Mrs. Hackman – 62 S. Traymore Avenue; Mr. Ed Bailey – 133 Gwyn Lynn Drive; Mr. Marvin Gold – 999 Almshouse Road; and Bruce Hentschel – 47 S. Traymore Avenue. Mr. Robert McKelvey of 126 Barley Road stated that he has concerns about the payment plan agreement. He stated that he would like to see the agreement reflect that when any additional grant moneys were received by the Authority that they would be credited towards what the homeowners owed on the project. His other concern was that is enough grant money is received and is applied against the assessment, does any additional funds go against the tapping fee. Mr. Rudolph stated that the payment plan agreement deals with the assessments and not the tapping fee and states that the assessments will be reduced if the Authority receives any additional grant money. If more money is received, the Authority would have to review the \$10,000.00 tapping fee.

4. Check Requisitions

A motion (Bass-Bleich) adopting a resolution to approve Construction Fund Requisition No. 1041 dated March 18, 2009 in the amount of \$28,632.74; and Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1899 dated March 18, 2009 in the amount of \$204,973.80 passed with 4 ayes.

The major items paid under Construction Fund Requisition No. 1041 were as follows: BCWSA/Insituform - \$5,932.74; and Valley Painting Inc. under Contract No. 4-W-09 - \$22,700.00.

The major items paid under Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1899 were as follows: 569 Bustleton Pike LP - \$6,640.37 (Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project easements); BCWSA (Water) - \$43,622.36; Douglas Coenen (Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project easement) - \$6,150.32; Brian Dunne (Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project easement) – \$3,081.12; Joseph Foreman (Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project easements) - \$6,375.66; Theodore Haldis (Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project easements) - \$9,626.36; Clayton Jones (Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project easement) - \$15,352.10; Peter Kuzma (Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project easement) - \$1,158.98; Ida Luff (Ironworks Creek

Rehabilitation Project easement) – \$2,263.53; Micromod Automation Inc. - \$2,926.23; PECO - \$3,835.98; Thomas Peoples (Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project easement) - \$2,821.37; Quality Control Inc. - \$1,739.00; J. H. Shanahan Inc. - \$6,685.00; State Workers Insurance Fund - \$1,266.00; Technical Devices Inc. - \$3,207.60; and a \$80,000.00 payroll transfer.

5. Resolution No. 2009-978 – Destruction of Records

A motion (Bleich-Bass) adopting Resolution No. 2009-978 authorizing the destruction of certain Authority records as outlined therein and in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act as amended passed with 4 ayes.

6. Resolution No. 2009-979 – Revising “Fee Schedule”

A motion (Long-Bleich) adopting Resolution No. 2009-979 revising the Fee Schedule attached to the Authority’s Rates, Rules, and Regulations as Exhibit “A” to reflect the increase in lien fees as outlined therein passed with 4 ayes.

7. Authorizing to Advertise for Bids – Contract No. 3-A-09 – Dump Truck

A motion (Bleich-Bass) adopting a resolution authorizing the advertisement of bids under Contract No. 3-A-09 for a 2009 dump truck passed with 4 ayes.

8. Resolution No. 2009-980 – Revising Public Water and Sanitary Sewer Specifications

A motion (Long-Bleich) adopting Resolution No. 2009-980 revising the public water and sanitary sewer specifications attached to the Authority’s Rates, Rules, and Regulations as Exhibits “E” and “F” passed with 4 ayes.

Supplemental Agenda Item “A” – Permission to Advertise for Bids and prepare Bid Documents – Contract No. 1-S-A-09 – Smoke Testing

A motion (Bleich- Long) adopting a resolution to authorize Pennoni Associates to prepare the bid documents and the Authority staff to advertise for bids under Contract No. 1-S-A-09 for smoke testing passed with 4 ayes.

Supplemental Agenda Item “B” – Permission to Advertise for Bids and prepare Bid Documents – Contract No. 2-S-A-09 – Manhole Rehabilitation/Lining Project

A motion (Long-Bleich) adopting a resolution to authorize Pennoni Associates to prepare the bid documents and the Authority staff to advertise for bids under Contract No. 2-S-A-09 for manhole rehabilitation/lining passed with 4 ayes.

Supplemental Agenda Item “C” – Harvest Acres Sanitary Sewer Extension - Contract No. 3-S-08

A motion (Bass-Bleich) adopting a resolution declaring April 23, 2009 as the final date for completion of the Harvest Acres Sanitary Sewer Extension and instruct Joao & Bradley Construction Company of Bethlehem, PA to complete all paving and lawn restoration in accordance with Contract No. 3-S-08 passed with 4 ayes.

9. Grinder Pump Management Plan

Mr. Zeuner stated that we have developed a grinder pump management plan for our service area. A management plan is required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection. The management plan defines the responsibilities of the Authority and individual property owners, consumer education, and service requirements. Since Phase II of the Western End Sewer Extension Project will be submitted in April, a management plan must be adopted.

A motion (Long-Bass) adopting a resolution to adopt the Grinder Pump Management Plan as presented dated March 13, 2009 with no revisions passed with 3 ayes and 1 abstention by Mrs. Bleich at the advice of counsel.

The residents who addressed the Board were: Mr. Bruce Hentschel – 47 S. Traymore Avenue; Mrs. Jean Warfield of 167 N. Traymore Avenue; Mr. Mark Brendlinger – 46 Neshaminy Drive; and Mr. Rodger Bushnell – 91 Hunt Drive.

MR. JIM, VICE CHAIRMAN, ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:40 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1, 2009.