

BCWSA



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 7, 2022

PRESENT: John Cordisco, Dennis Cowley, Bryan Allen and George Hutt

Benjamin W. Jones, CEO; Jason Hillaert, CFO; Randall C. Flager, Esquire; Scott Holbert, Esquire; Russell Dunlevy, P.E.; Steven Hartman, P.E.CEC; Nathaniel Rafalski, CTO and Anne M. O'Toole, Executive Assistant

VIA ZOOM: Patricia Poprik

VISITORS: David Huppert, BCWSA

CALL TO ORDER:

BCWSA's Chairman, John Cordisco called the Regular Meeting of the BCWSA to order at 9:30 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Those present, pledged allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Ms. Poprik moved, Mr. Cowley seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Minutes of the BCWSA Regular Meeting held February 28, 2022. (Minutes are attached to the Minute Book)

REPORT OF THE CEO: Benjamin W. Jones

-Bid Award-

Mr. Allen moved, Mr. Cowley seconded the motion unanimously awarding the Road Materials Contract to all vendors on the bid tabulation (attached) based upon the supply point, or quarry to the job site. The bid is in conjunction with the Bucks County Consortium of Municipalities. (memo from BWJ and bid tabulation are attached to the Minute Book)



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-Authorization to Advertise-

Mr. Cowley moved, Mr. Hutt seconded the motion unanimously authorizing permission to advertise the contract associated with paving services required for emergency sewer main, sewer lateral and water main repairs for a two (2) year period. (memo from BWJ is attached to the Minute Book)

Mr. Cowley asked if the project fell under the Responsible Contractors Resolution. Mr. Jones replied yes.

-Reservation of Capacity (ROC) Agreement; Doylestown Township-

Mr. Allen moved, Mr. Hutt seconded the motion that unanimously approved the ROC Agreement between BCWSA and Souderton Associates related to the proposed construction of a new assisted living facility at the corner of York Road and Swamp Road in Doylestown Township. (memo from BWJ and Agreement is attached to the Minute Book)

-Reservation of Capacity (ROC) Agreement; Middletown Township-

Mr. Cowley moved, Mr. Allen seconded the motion that unanimously approved the ROC Agreement between BCWSA and Neshaminy School District associated with the proposed construction of a new multi-story elementary school requiring the purchase of 18 EDUs in Middletown Township. (memo from BWJ and Agreement are attached to the Minute Book)

ENGINEERS REPORT *Gilmore & Associates*

Russell Dunlevy P.E., reviewed the Engineer's Report with the Board of Directors.

-Oxford Valley Tank Demolition-

Mr. Cowley moved, Ms. Poprik seconded the motion unanimously authorizing permission to advertise for bids associated with the demolition of the Oxford Valley Water Tank (aka Sesame Tank) in Middletown Township, Bucks County.

Consulting Engineer: *Steven Hartman, CEC*

Steven Hartman, P.E., reviewed the Consulting Engineer's Report with the Board of Directors dated March 30, 2022.

NESHAMINY AND POQUESSING SEWER SYSTEM

-Neshaminy Interceptor Lining- (Contract S-46 A)

Mr. Cowley moved, Ms. Poprik seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 13 for Contract S-46A in the amount of \$680,073.44 be paid to Spiniello Companies, as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.



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Mr. Cowley inquired what is left in order to complete this project. Mr. Hartman stated there is an additional 2,000 ft. of lining left to do.

-Totem Road Drywell Pipe Painting and Improvements- (Contract S-110)

Mr. Cowley moved, Ms. Poprik seconded the motion that unanimously approved Application and Certificate for Payment No. 4 for (Contract S-110) in the amount of \$9,631.50 be paid to J.P. Smith Contractors, as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.

-Castle Valley Diversion Booster Station- (Contract CB-75)

Mr. Allen moved, Mr. Hutt seconded the motion unanimously authorizing permission to advertise the project associated with the Castle Valley Diversion Booster Station for the Doylestown Walk Development located in Doylestown Township, as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.

Mr. Cowley asked if the project fell under the Responsible Contractors Resolution. Mr. Hartman replied yes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Randall C. Flager, Esquire

-Executive Session-

Randall Flager, Esquire stated that the Board met in Executive Session for approximately thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the Regular Meeting to discuss two (2) separate matters associated with real estate. One action will be taken on the Bristol Borough Asset Purchase Agreement under New Business.

Jeffrey P. Garton, Esq.

-Sewer Service Agreement; Middletown Township-

Mr. Cowley moved, Mr. Hutt seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Sewer Service Agreement between BCWSA and Pennswood Village associated with the proposed addition to an existing health care building and two (2) independent living apartment buildings at the Pennswood Village Retirement community located at 1382 Newtown Langhorne Road in Middletown Township. (Agreement is attached to the Minute Book)

REPORT OF THE CFO/CONTROLLER

-Bills for Payment-

Jason Hillaert, CFO presented a List of Bills and Requisitions that were prepared by in-house staff and he recommended Board approval.



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Mr. Cowley moved, Ms. Poprik seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Bills for Payment and Requisitions dated April 7, 2022. (bills are attached to the Minute Book)

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

-No Shut Off Policy-

Mr. Cowley moved, Mr. Hutt seconded the motion that unanimously approved to terminate the No-Shut Off Policy implemented on March 23, 2020 due to the Covid outbreak.

Mr. Allen asked if customers are offered a payment plan. Mr. Jones stated that yes, our business practice is to offer a payment plan and waive all interest and penalties. If the customer defaults we allow a second payment plan with more money due upfront. (memo from dated 04/07/22 from BWJ is attached to the Minute Book)

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

-Sanitary Sewer Asset Purchase Agreements-

Mr. Allen moved, Mr. Cowley seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Sanitary Sewer Asset Purchase Agreement between the Borough of Bristol and BCWSA for the sale of the Bristol Borough Wastewater System subject to the solicitor's approval and the receipt of the exhibits. The payment was \$50 Million Dollars which includes the excess capacity, a customer base of 4200 and a rate freeze for three (3) years. Mr. Flager stated as part of the acquisition we will gain three (3) Bristol Borough employees currently working at the plant. Allen W. Toadvine, Esquire from Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP will be representing Bristol Borough. The closing will take place after July 31st contingent upon financing.

Ms. Poprik asked if there was an assigned underwriter. Mr. Jones said not at this time.

-BCWSA Charity Golf Outing-

Mr. Jones asked the Board to consider the charity outing this year to take place at Makefield Highlands on September 1, 2022. The Board of Directors agreed to the date and place of the outing.

-Bensalem Township Flood & BCRDA Neighborhood Flood Assistance Grant-

Mr. Jones asked that the Board consider approval of a funding assistance program for the Bensalem Township residents that were affected by the once in 100-year flood that damaged homes in the township. The flood occurred on July 12, 2021 and all homeowners who applied were denied insurance coverage, as it was considered an act of God storm. Funding was provided through the Redevelopment Authority and grants are being finalized. Fifteen (15) people remain with significant damage. Mr. Jones recommended that the Board consider contributing up to an additional \$75,000 with a \$5,000 cap to each homeowner with damage according to the loss.



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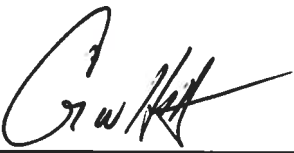
Mr. Cordisco stated he agreed with the contribution of the additional \$75,000.00 to assist the customers because it was the right thing to do.

Ms. Poprik moved Mr. Allen seconded the motion that unanimously approved the contribution of an additional \$75,000.00 of funding for the homeowners affected by the flash flood that took place on July 12, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be presented to the Board, Ms. Poprik moved, Mr. Cowley seconded the motion that unanimously adjourned the meeting.

4-27-2022
DATE


SECRETARY

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: APRIL 27, 2022 9:30 AM



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