

BCWSA



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 27, 2022

PRESENT: John Cordisco, Dennis Cowley, Bryan Allen and George Hutt
Benjamin W. Jones, CEO; Jason Hillaert, CFO; Scott Holbert, Esquire; Russell
Dunlevy, P.E.; Steven Hartman, P.E. CEC; Nathaniel Rafalski, CTO and Anne M.
O'Toole, Executive Assistant

NOT PRESENT: Patricia Poprik

VISITORS: Paul Scheb, Local 835
Keith Lehman, Local 835
Rob Neilson, AFSCME
Tom Tosti, AFSCME
Denise Luna, AFSCME
Andrew Maykuth, Phila Inquirer
Peg Quann, Bucks County Courier Times
Tom Sofield, Levittown Now
Mike Sullivan, WTWSA/PMAA
Larry Ceisler, Ceisler Media
Brian Dries, Ceisler Media

CALL TO ORDER:

BCWSA's Chairman, John Cordisco called the Regular Meeting of the BCWSA to order at 9:50 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Those present, pledged allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Tom Tosti, Director of AFSCME Counsel 88 and also a customer residing in Middletown Township addressed the Board of Directors and questioned if the meeting today was advertised. The meeting was advertised in the Bucks County Intelligencer and going forward, an advertisement will be published in the Bucks County Courier Times as well.

Mr. Tosti stated that since his last appearance before the Board of Directors in November regarding the potential sale of the water and sewer authority, he had gone out to township meetings and has spoken to customers throughout the county and no one was aware of any discussion regarding a potential sale of BCWSA.



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He is concerned about transparency. He stated that the President of Council of Bristol Borough (BCWSA had just purchased the facilities) had no idea of the discussions surrounding a potential sale. Discussions also took place at the PSATS convention. (Pennsylvania State Associations of Townships)

He continued, that BCWSA Customers are concerned about privatization with a potential of rate increases by approximately 59%. He also stated that BCWSA employees are concerned about their PMRS Pensions. He again asked the Board of Directors for transparency throughout this process.

Mr. Paul Scheb asked the Board of Directors if there had been discussion about a potential sale of the BCWSA.

Mr. Cordisco, Chairman stated that the Board of Directors received an offer with respect to the potential sale of the Authority and a determination was done. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility and a duty to review and take appropriate action. The last few months have been spent doing an evaluation. According to a reporter, Mr. Tosti received information from a prior Board Member that we were going to sell to Aqua. Mr. Cordisco had to explain to the press that it was just rumors. Our priority is the employees and the ratepayers and if we decide to move forward, there will be hearings open to the public. This is the beginning of the process and up to this point there has been no decision. He has not broken his word and was adamant that no one has contacted any board members or staff. We have hired professionals to respond on our behalf. There is nothing substantial to report and he has had no conversations with the union. He assured the audience that there will be no backroom deals, our priority is to be transparent through this whole process. There is nothing to address at this time because there is nothing to report. All information must remain confidential.

MINUTES:

Mr. Cowley moved, Mr. Hutt seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Minutes of the BCWSA Regular Meeting held April 7, 2022. (Minutes are attached to the Minute Book)

REPORT OF THE CEO: Benjamin W. Jones

Mr. Jones had nothing to report to the Board of Directors.

ENGINEERS REPORT *Gilmore & Associates*

Russell Dunlevy P.E., stated that he had nothing that requires Board action.

Consulting Engineer: *Steven Hartman, CEC*

Steven Hartman, P.E., reviewed the Consulting Engineer's Report with the Board of Directors dated April 22, 2022.



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NESHAMINY AND POQUESSING SEWER SYSTEM

2020 CIPP Contract

Mr. Allen moved, Mr. Cowley seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 2 for the CIPP Contract in the amount of \$182,572.76 be paid to Michels Corporation, as recommended by the Engineer.

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

Mr. Cowley moved, Mr. Allen seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Application and Certificate for Payment No. 14 for Contract S-46A in the amount of \$1,332,013.09 be paid to Spiniello Companies, as recommended by the Engineer.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Scott Holbert, Esquire

-Executive Session-

Mr. Scott Holbert, Esquire stated that the Board met in Executive Session for approximately thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the Regular Meeting to discuss Authority Real Estate property. No action was taken by the Board of Directors.

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.

Mr. Cowley moved, Mr. Hutt seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Bills for Payment and Requisitions dated April 27, 2022. (bills are attached to the Minute Book)

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Cowley asked that the Solicitor review the Home Serve Plan Contract regarding additional services offered under the name of BCWSA.

Mr. Allen moved, Mr. Hutt seconded the motion unanimously authorizing the solicitor to review the Contract with Home Serve.



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ADJOURNMENT:

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

5-24-2022
DATE

P. J. Popush
SECRETARY

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: May 18, 2022 9:30 AM



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