

BCWSA



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 22, 2023

PRESENT: Benjamin W. Jones, CEO; Jason Hillaert, CFO; Scott Holbert, Esquire; Steven Hartman, P.E; Anne M. O'Toole, Executive Assistant and Sarah Schaffer, Administrative Assistant

NOT PRESENT: Patricia Poprik

VIA ZOOM: John Cordisco, Bryan Allen, Michael Schwartz and Raymond Richardson

VISITORS: Brian Thierrin, Toll Brothers
Brian McKenzie, Westrum Homes

CALL TO ORDER:

The BCWSA's Vice Chairman, Bryan Allen, called the Regular Meeting of BCWSA to order at 9:30 A.M.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE:

Those present, pledged allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Thierrin with Toll Brothers addressed the Board of Directors and stated he was there to discuss the Doylestown Walk Community. There needs to be an upgrade completed to the Castle Valley Pump Station and the original date of completion was mid-2022. They have had conversations with the engineers and DEP. The Authority submitted a plan that DEP denied. He understands that the upgrade was to be completed in mid-2024. They will need to renew the pump and haul agreement, and would like to see if the Authority would be cooperative in seeing if there are alternate places for the sludge.



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Mr. Jones advised that this is in Doylestown Township and there are improvements that are required to the Castle Valley Interceptor. This is the main interceptor that feeds this area that is treated at the Kings Plaza Sewage Treatment Plant. DEP has made it difficult with regard to what they were going to allow in there, and that a Pump and Haul Agreement is something that happens for an interim period of time. The agreement must be approved by Doylestown Township as well as DEP. BCWSA is the last to approve. The Township and DEP need to renew this Mr. Hartman said he would also be willing to look for different locations for the tanks as long as they were in a good location out of the flood plain. Mr. Jones stated if that was acceptable to the Board, he will have Mr. Hartman work with Toll Brothers to have Toll Brothers submit what they would like to do and see if they can be accommodated.

Brian McKenzie with Westrum Development Company, addressed the Board of Directors and stated he was present to possibly receive an update on a property located at, 525 Virginia Drive in Ft. Washington, Upper Dublin Township. This property is going through planning approval. They are looking for certification from the Authority as the current plant is very little capacity .and would like an update on that to see what the capacity currently available to flow through the Ambler plant. The developer is looking to replicate the pump and haul scenario and start the planning process, if that is an option. They have been in contact with the DEP, they have agreed to the gallons per day for the project; 225 multi-family apartment complex. Since this is a year process, he was looking on how to get started.

Mr. Jones stated that this project is located in Upper Dublin Township in Montgomery County and BCWSA owns the treatment plant. The treatment plant capacity was nearing the fully committed, there has been numerous discussions with Upper Dublin Township over the years regarding capacity and how to accommodate the flow. The Authority suggested diversion and the elimination of the Upper Dublin Treatment plant, and the Authority looked at diverting the flow to the Ambler plant. We are the primary user of that treatment facility and would be a less costly treatment process, safer and cheaper long term. The intent would be to put in water proof pump station in the location where the existing station is and put in a force main to pump it to Ambler. The process has been on going with Upper Dublin Township. Ambler has been working very hard upgrading the treatment facility and of had a number of meetings with DEP.

We have asked Upper Dublin to help with assistance in this area. With regard to the actual pump and haul, BCWSA is agreeable to it, however this is something Upper Dublin Township would need to agree to in the interim and we do not believe DEP would not have an issue regarding the agreement.



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Mr. Dunlevy, P.E., stated that the force main needs some right of way acquisitions. The treatment plant upgrades are designed. The pump station is designed and nearly ready to go out to bid so the time frame is similar to the pump and haul agreement. The 537 - plan process, is almost complete he is not aware of any delays. Mr. Jones stated the Ambler treatment plant is a jointure, with multiple municipalities flowing into it, so adjustments in terms of capacity requires a unanimous vote within the jointure. We have met with the local municipalities, and we can assist you with trying to get the pump and haul, and seeing whether or not the township would be agreeable.

Mr. McKenzie said if they have their preference, they will use the pump and haul scenario to start the plan, knowing they will never pump and haul. Mr. Dunlevy stated generally DEP is not against pump and haul, but they are intended for a sixth month period where the receiving sewer and capacity will be available within a year. Mr. McKenzie inquired about the process for certifying capacity. They are looking at 68 EDUs that are required. Mr. Jones stated at this time he does not have that information in front of him but we can certainly get that information for him and we will have the engineer look into that.

MINUTES:

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Minutes of the BCWSA's Regular Board Meeting held on October 25, 2023. (Minutes are attached to the Minute Book)

REPORT OF THE CEO: Benjamin W. Jones

Bid Award

-Manhole Frames, Covers & Riser Rings, 2023-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion that unanimously approved awarding the Contract for the purchase of manhole frames, covers and riser rings to the lowest responsive bidders, EJ USA, Inc. for manhole frames and covers and JM&MP Enterprises, for manhole riser rings. (memo from BWJ dated 11/22/23 is attached to the Minute Book)

Authorization to Advertise



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-Water & Wastewater Treatment Chemicals 2024-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion unanimously authorizing permission to advertise the Contract associated with the purchase of Water & Wastewater Treatment Chemicals that is up for renewal, using the Pennbid Program. (memo from BWJ dated 11/22/23 is attached to the Minute Book)

-Grit Chamber Cleaning, Liquid Sludge Hauling and Disposal 2024-

Mr. Cordisco moved, Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion unanimously authorizing permission to advertise the Contract associated with Grit Chamber Cleaning, Liquid Sludge Hauling and Disposal that is up for renewal using the Pennbid Program. (memo from BWJ dated 11/22/23 is attached to the Minute Book)

-Installation of Sanitary Sewer; Doylestown Township-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Agreement associated with the Design & Installation of Sanitary Sewer facilities at 1776 S. Easton Road in Doylestown Township. (memo from BWJ dated 11/22/23 and agreement are attached to the Minute Book)

-Sewer Service Agreement; Borough of Ambler-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Sewer Service Agreement between BCWSA & the Borough of Ambler and approved the request for a waiver of the fees associated with three (3) EDUs for the purpose of constructing and connecting an addition for PFAS treatment at their Amber Borough WWTP. (memo from BWJ dated 11/22/23 and agreement are attached to the Minute Book)

-Deed of Dedication; Warrington Township-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion that unanimously approved the dedication of the sanitary sewer lines and appurtenant facilities at the Enclave at Warrington Development (a.k.a. Sandstone Subdivision) on Street Road and Phillips Avenue in Warrington Township. (memo from BWJ dated 11/22/23 and agreement are attached to the Minute Book)



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- Resolution No. 2023-08 PennDOT-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion unanimously adopting BCWSA Resolution No. 2023-08 associated with the Cost Sharing Agreement and authorize the signatories on the Utility Reimbursement Agreement on BCWSA's behalf. (letter from BWJ dated 11/22/23 and Resolution are attached to the Minute Book)

ENGINEERS REPORT

Gilmore & Associates

Mr. Dunlevy reviewed the Engineer's report dated 11/22/2023 (copy is attached to the Minute Book)

-Horizon Boulevard Sewer Replacement-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Allen seconded the motion that unanimously approved payment of Invoice No. 1 associated with the Horizon Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$378,675.00 be paid to Almeida & Hudak Contractors, as recommended by the Engineer.

-Duke Root Control CCTV & Cleaning-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion that unanimously approved invoices submitted for payment for sanitary sewer CCTV inspection cleaning in the amount of \$1,303,929.74 be paid to Duke's Root Control, Inc. as recommended by the Engineer.

Carroll Engineering Corporation

Steven Hartman, P.E., reviewed the Consulting Engineer's Report dated 11/15/23 (copy is attached to the Minute Book)



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Neshaminy & Poquessing Sewer System

-Totem Road Pump Station Pump No. 3 Replacement-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion that unanimously approved the invoice for final payment in the amount of \$90,633.70 for the Totem Road Pump Station Pump No. 3 replacement be paid to by Municipal Maintenance Co. as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.

-Neshaminy Interceptor Lining (Contract S-45A)-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion that unanimously approved the application and Certificate for Payment No. 25 for Contract S-46A in the amount of \$663,816.87 be paid to Spiniello Companies, as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.

-Upper Dublin Diversion Force Main-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion that unanimously approved Invoice No. 2 for work completed by the contractor for a portion of the Upper Dublin Force Main Diversion in the amount of \$397,394.00, as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Scott Holbert, Esquire

Mr. Holbert stated he had no items for the Board of Directors and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

REPORT OF THE CFO/CONTROLLER

-Bills for Payment-

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

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion that unanimously approved the Bills for Payment dated 11/22/23. (list of bills is attached to the Minute Book)

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to Report



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NEW BUSINESS:


-BCWSA Regular Board Meeting-

Mr. Schwartz moved, Mr. Cordisco seconded the motion approving the change of the BCWSA Regular Board Meeting scheduled for December 27, 2023 to December 20, 2023. (memo from BWJ dated 11/22/23 is attached to the Minute Book)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

12/20/23
DATE


ASST. SECRETARY/TREASURER

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING; DECEMBER 20, 2023 9:30 AM



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