

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY
Thursday, January 13, 2022
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Mr. Don C. Hall, II, Chairman; Mr. Kevin Pile, Vice Chairman; Mr. Anthony Caputo, Secretary; Mr. Charles Arnone, Assistant Secretary; Mr. Richard Rambish, Treasurer; Mr. John H. Follansbee, III, Assistant Treasurer; Mr. Ed Cernic, Jr.; Marc McCall; James McDonnell; William Trevorow; David Vitovich

A. CALL TO ORDER

Don C. Hall, II, Chairman, called the Greater Johnstown Water Authority Reorganization Meeting of January 13, 2022 to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

C. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Caputo noted the following correspondence:

Westmont Borough regarding their interest in a mutual and beneficial dialogue to discuss the ownership of Westmont Borough sanitary sewer lines.

Letter from the City of Johnstown regarding the appointment of Dave Vitovich to a five-year term on the GJWA.

Letter from Southmont Borough regarding the appointment of Bill Trevorow to a five-year term on the GJWA.

Letter from Westmont Borough regarding the appointment of Marc McCall to the GJWA.

D. BOARD ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Mr. Rambish and Mr. Trevorow were absent.

E. APPOINTMENT STATUS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Anthony Caputo-term expires December 31, 2022 (City of Johnstown)
Mr. Edward Cernic - term expires December 31, 2024 (City of Johnstown)
Mr. John H. Follansbee - term expires December 31, 2023 (At Large)
Mr. David Vitovich - term expires December 31, 2026 (City of Johnstown)
Mr. Don Hall, II - term expires December 31, 2022 (Westmont)

Mr. James McDonnell - term expires December 31, 2024 (Southmont)
Mr. Kevin Pile - term expires December 31, 2025 (Southmont)
Mr. Chuck Arnone - term expires December 31, 2023 (At Large)
Mr. Richard Rambish - term expires December 31, 2024 (Westmont)
Mr. Marc McCall - term expires December 31, 2026 (Westmont)
Mr. William Trevorrow - term expires December 31, 2025 (Southmont)

F. SELECTION OF A TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Mr. Hall made a motion to have John H. Follansbee assume the Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pile.

G. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Arnone made a motion to retain all current officers. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

The motion passed unanimously.

H. SEATING OFFICERS

I. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1. Consulting Engineer:

Gibson-Thomas: Required to attend a minimum of 15 meetings per year.
Attendance beyond the required is at a rate of:

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
\$130/hr.	\$130/hr.

Retainer fee is as follows:

Article I Part (1)	\$7,500	\$7,500
Article I Part (2)	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
	\$12,500/yr.	\$12,500/yr.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to retain Gibson-Thomas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Mr. Cernic reminded members that fees from all professionals were to be provided for comparison.

Mr. Cernic made a motion to table all professional appointments pending further information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caputo.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Caputo, Mr. Cernic, Mr. Vitovich (3)
**Nays: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Follansbee, Mr. Hall, Mr. McCall,
Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Pile (6)**

The motion to retain Gibson-Thomas as consulting engineers at the proposed rates as submitted and included in the packets was passed by the following roll call vote:

**Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Follansbee, Mr. Hall, Mr. McCall,
Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Pile (6)**
Nays: Mr. Caputo, Mr. Cernic, Mr. Vitovich (3).

The EADS Group: Contractual work for sewer PennVEST contracts

Attendance beyond the required is at a rate of:

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
\$130/hr.	\$130/hr.

Mr. McDonnell made a motion to retain The EADS Group. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pile and passed by the following roll call vote:

**Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Caputo, Mr. Follansbee, Mr. Hall,
Mr. McCall, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Pile (7)**
Nays: Mr. Cernic, Mr. Vitovich (2).

2. Accountant: Required to attend regular monthly meetings

CPA Services:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	\$15,000 Water	\$15,750 Water
	<u>\$ 8,000 Sewer</u>	<u>\$ 8,400 Water</u>
	\$23,000 annual	\$24,150 annual

Mr. Arnone made a motion to retain James P. Deter, CPA. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pile and passed by the following roll call vote:

**Yeas: Mr. Pile, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. McCall, Mr. Hall,
Mr. Follansbee, Mr. Arnone (6)**
Nays: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Cernic, Mr. Caputo (3).

3. Auditor

Professional Audit Services fee:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	\$18,500 Water	\$19,000 Water

<u>\$19,500 Sewer</u>	<u>\$15,000 Sewer</u>
\$38,000 annual	\$34,000 annual

Mr. Pile made a motion to retain the auditor. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and passed by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Caputo, Mr. Cernic, Mr. Follansbee, Mr. Hall, Mr. McCall, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Pile, Mr. Vitovich (9)
Nays: None (0).

4. Solicitor: Required to attend 24 meetings per year.

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Annual Retainer	\$7,000/yr.	\$7,000/yr.
Attendance beyond the required are paid at:	\$125/hr.	\$150/hr.
Additional services are paid at:	\$125/hr.	\$150/hr.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to retain William Barbin, Esquire, as Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pile.

Mr. Cernic commented that Mr. Barbin does a great job but he opposed the 20 percent increase in one year.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Follansbee, Mr. Hall, Mr. McCall, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Pile, Mr. Arnone (6).
Nays: Mr. Caputo, Mr. Cernic, Mr. Vitovich (3).

5. Manager: Required to attend regular monthly meetings.

Billing rates to GJWA for work outside of contract. Rate information was included in the Board packet.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to retain RDM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pile.

Mr. Kerr noted the rates had not been changed for 10 years.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Caputo, Mr. Cernic, Mr. Follansbee, Mr. Hall, Mr. McCall, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Pile, Mr. Vitovich (7).
Nays: None (0).

6. Recording Secretary: Attends 12 meetings per year.

Recording of Minutes per meeting	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	\$100/mtg.	\$100/mtg.

Mr. McDonnell made a motion to retain the current recording secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pile.

Mr. McDonnell noted attendance should be at 24 meetings per year.

Mr. McDonnell made a motion to retain the attendance of the recording secretary at 24 meetings per year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pile.

Mr. McDonnell made a motion to retain the current recording secretary at \$100 per meeting for whatever amount of meetings there are. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pile.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Depository Bank: First National Bank

Mr. Cernic made a motion to retain First National Bank as depository bank. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.

The motion passed unanimously.

J. APPROVAL OF 2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings begin at 3:00 p.m. in the GJWA Board room, 640 Franklin Street

January 13 (2nd Thursday)	July 14 (2nd Thursday)
January 27 (4th Thursday)	July 28 (4th Thursday)
February 10 (2nd Thursday)	August 11 (2nd Thursday)
February 24 (4th Thursday)	August 25 (4th Thursday)
March 10 (2nd Thursday)	September 15 (3rd Thursday)
March 24 (4th Thursday)	September 29 (5th Thursday)
April 14 (2nd Thursday)	October 13 (2nd Thursday)
April 28 (4th Thursday)	October 27 (4th Thursday)
May 12 (2nd Thursday)	November 10 (2nd Thursday)
May 26 (4th Thursday)	November 22 (4th Thursday)
June 16 (3rd Thursday)	December 15 (3rd Thursday)
June 30 (5th Thursday)	December 29 (5th Thursday)

There was discussion with regard to conducting a Storage Water Protection Meeting to renew the plan at one of the Committee of the Whole meetings.

Mr. Pile made a motion to approve the 2022 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cernic.

Mr. Schmitt suggested that the bid to open the Westmont Tank Project at the February 24th meeting should be opened ahead of that meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Hall commented that bi-monthly meetings are different than what was done in the past. He explained that the goal is that the second meeting of every month will be a Committee of the Whole meeting, that any issue that would ordinarily be addressed by a specific committee would be addressed by the entire Board.

Mr. Pile amended his motion to approve a 2:30 p.m. meeting start on February 24. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cernic.

The motion passed unanimously.

K. COMMENTS

None.

L. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

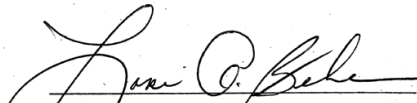
M. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Arnone made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Behe
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