

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY
Thursday, January 27, 2022
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 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.; Mr. Marc McCall; Mr. James McDonnell; Mr. William Trevorrow; Mr. David Vitovich

A. Kevin Pile, Vice Chairman, called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 27, 2022 to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Trevorrow was absent.

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:

RDM – Johnstown, LLC
Michael Kerr

Greater Johnstown Water Authority
William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor

Gibson Thomas
Ed Schmitt

EADS Group
Brandon Palmer

Recording Secretary
Michael George Sargent, CVR

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

E. NOTIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. Crespo's Wildlife Solutions Contract.

Michael Kerr stated this is a renewal of a contract that the GJWA has had the last several years with Crespo's to treat goose eggs nests on the North Fork. He explained that Crespo's puts a type of oil on the eggs to prevent them from hatching. The contract is \$4,000 a year for a three-year period to extend the contract.

Mr. Cernic made a motion to renew the contract with Crespo's Wildlife Solutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

The motion passed unanimously.

F. BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022

Mr. Rambish noted two bills that would need paid out of the PennVEST account, including Snyder Environmental in the amount of \$1,282.73 and A. Liberoni in the amount of \$184,869.70.

Mr. Kerr noted Liberoni's restoration paving is not included in this bill. There was further discussion regarding the work that the bills included.

Mr. McDonnell made a motion to approve payment of two bills out of the PennVEST account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

The motion passed unanimously.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

William Gleason Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor, referred to two items for action, including an Amendment to GJWA Sewer Rules and the Robindale Lease Notice to Default.

He requested a motion to approve an exception from surcharge for customers having view ports yet to be installed. It was noted that the Main Street properties without view ports would be eligible and would include 40 percent of the places downtown and all of the structures that will have service through the miscellaneous project. There was further discussion.

Mr. Cernic made a motion to approve the exception from surcharge for customers having view ports yet to be installed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caputo.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barbin requested a motion to send Robindale Mining a Notice of Default under their coal lease. He explained Robindale had not been paying the annual fee due within 30 days. There was further discussion.

Mr. McDonnell made a motion to send Robindale Mining a Notice of Default. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.

The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the Farben-Shady Lane Tank painting case. Mr. Barbin will provide further information in the future concerning the matter.

H. ENGINEER'S REPORT

EADS Group Report

Brandon Palmer, EADS Group, referred to his report for discussion of three items that required action. The first was Central Business District Change Order #2 regarding Snyder's installation of the CUES lock system. He provided further information regarding the total cost of the system, which is estimated to be \$186,100. It was noted that a time extension of 304 days was also requested. There was further discussion.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve Change Order #2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Mr. Kerr commented that Snyder would be here doing the miscellaneous project and is flexible to shutting the worksite down and starting back up to accommodate whatever is going on downtown.

The motion passed. Mr. Cernic opposed the motion.

The next item of action discussed was the purchase of a rain gauge that corresponds with the five Hach flow meters currently throughout the system. The quote provided by Hach was a little over \$10,500. Mr. Kerr explained that DEP accepts readings only from Hach.

Mr. McDonnell made a motion to approve the purchase of rain gauges from Hach. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cernic.

There was discussion regarding whether municipalities would be able to obtain data from the gauges. Mr. Kerr indicated that information would be provided upon request.

The motion passed unanimously.

The last item of action was a resolution to sign the Miscellaneous Project HOP Bond.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the HOP Bond. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caputo made a motion to approve the EADS Group Engineer Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Follansbee.

The motion passed unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Kerr indicated a draft copy of the lease agreement from AES was received for the lease of property at Saltlick for installation of solar panels. Mr. Barbin reviewed and provided a markup of this first agreement, which he would submit to AES for review.

Mr. Vitovich suggested a tour of all the reservoirs. RDM will schedule the tour in the spring. He also suggested that Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Kerr visit DEP.

Mr. Barbin had the deed from the City in his possession, which he soon would record for the Clean Fill Site.

J. NEW BUSINESS

None.

K. COMMENTS

None.

L. NEXT MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Follansbee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Sargent, CVR

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Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.