

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY
Thursday, May 12, 2022
REGULAR 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 Trevorrow; David Vitovich

A. Kevin Pile, Vice Chairman, called the Greater Johnstown Water Authority Meeting of May 12, 2022 to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Don C. Hall, II, Chairman, was present via video. Marc McCall was absent.

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:

RDM – Johnstown, LLC

Michael Kerr, Melissa Radovanic, Tom Brown, Nancy Miller
Present via video: Michael Kukura, Victoria Kniss and Brian Hohman

Greater Johnstown Water Authority
William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor

Accountant
James P. Deter, CPA

Gibson Thomas
Ed Schmitt, Chris Wharton

EADS Group
Brandon Palmer

Recording Secretary
Lori A. Behe

Also Present Via Video
Sue Konvolinka

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

E. NOTIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

None.

F. MINUTES OF MEETING

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

The motion passed unanimously.

G. TREASURER'S REPORT - BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022

WATER REVENUE FUND

The following financial information was presented:

BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2022

Checking Account - FNB	\$1,731,043.93	
Checking Account - FNB Sweep Account	--	
Less Outstanding Checks	(\$471,449.94)	
	\$1,259,593.99	\$1,259,593.99

RECEIPTS:

Water Service	\$969,815.27
Account Confirmation	\$1,665.00
FNB - Interest on Sweep Account	--
FNB - Interest on MM Account	\$16.56
Wells Fargo - Distribution of Income	\$3,084.97
RDM-Caretaker Rent - April 2022	\$300.00
Equitran-Qtrly Storage Pymt.	\$789.60
Westmont Borough-Inv#1852 Meter Reads	\$555.75
GJWA Sewer-Interest on Mack Truck	\$1,136.36
RDM Sheetz-April 2022	\$9,925.35
RDM May Rent 2022	\$6,216.78

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Conemaugh Twshp-Meter Readings-In#1858	\$69.75	
Wells Fargo - Pay Req #20-22-08CAP-2nd material transfer	<u>\$49,662.64</u>	<u>\$1,043,238.03</u>
		\$2,302,832.02

DISBURSEMENTS

DIRECT PennVEST Loan #12597	\$34,082.17	
DIRECT PennVEST Loan #12719	\$28,022.97	
DIRECT Sheetz-Wex Inc. Fleet	\$9,925.35	
04/07/22 Check Register - A	\$1,925.31	
04/14/22 Check Register - B	\$273,600.89	
04/21/22 Check Register -C	<u>\$590,893.71</u>	
		\$938,450.40

BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 2022

Checking Account - FNB	\$1,835,433.82	
Checking Account - FNB Sweep Account	--	
Less: Outstanding checks	<u>(\$471,052.20)</u>	
	\$1,364,381.62	<u>\$1,364,381.62</u>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND REDEMPTION FUND- MAY 2022

GR JOHNSTOWN WATER SER 08 CAP & RED #3976

Ameriserv Financial CD	11/03/22	.30%	\$2,176,311.69
Ameriserv Financial CD	04/09/22	.30%	\$338,689.13
First National Bank	08/11/22	.32%	\$800,000.00
First National Bank	11/17/23	.40%	\$250,000.00
First National Bank	03/01/23	1.05%	\$240,000.00
Ameriserv Financial CD	10/10/22	.30%	\$250,000.00
PLGIT		.45%	\$240,096.68
Blackrock FDS Treas TR#62		.33%	<u>\$486,048.91</u>
			\$4,781,146.41

GR JOHNSTOWN WATER 2015 NORTH FORK RESERVOIR FUND

First National Bank	03/01/23	1.05%	\$348,475.50
First National Bank	05/05/22	1.47%	\$250,000.00
Ameriserv Bank CD	04/09/22	.30%	\$463,738.50
Slovenian Savings	04/16//22	.375%	\$250,000.00
First National Bank	08/11/22	.32%	\$1,300,000.00

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First National Bank	11/05/22	.30%	\$500,000.00
Ameriserv Bank CD	11/18/22	.35%	\$450,000.00
First National Bank	11/17/23	.40%	\$500,000.00
PLGIT		.45%	\$323,567.88
Blackrock FDS Treas TR#62		.33%	<u>\$298,913.56</u>
			\$4,684,695.44

GR JTWN WATER PURCHASE ACT #1915

First National Bank	11/17/23	.40%	\$1,005,943.62
1st Summit Bank CD	05/21/22	.31%	\$438,178.33
1st Summit Bank CD	10/19/22	.40%	\$250,000.00
BlackrockFDS Treas TR#62		.33%	<u>\$39,403.83</u>
			\$1,733,525.78

ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF CAPITAL FUNDS:

Cap Imp & Red Acct #3976	\$4,781,146.41
2015 North Fork Reservoir Fund	\$4,684,695.44
Water Purchase Account	<u>\$1,733,525.78</u>
TOTAL	\$11,199,367.63

BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 2022

Checking -First National Bank-Water Revenue	\$1,364,381.62
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BILLS TO BE PAID

WATER REVENUE FUND BILLS

Paid after April 2022 meeting - Water	\$595,335.27
To be paid at May 12, 2022 meeting-Water	<u>\$197,854.27</u>
TOTAL	\$793,189.54

GJWA 08 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BILLS	\$1,854.25
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GJWA 2008 CAP IMPROVEMENT FUND

W.C.WEIL COMPANY

22-22-08CAP

Invoice #7589-Lot convert kit for existing CLA-VAL model 60-83 pump control valve with stock for PS upgrades #2022-02	\$1,456.25
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CHEMTRAC

23-22-08CAP

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Invoice #31655-Cuvette Quartz 1x1 and UV lamp for Saltlick
2022-03 \$398.00

AMOUNT \$1,854.25

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

There was further discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

H. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

William Gleason Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor, referred to his report for discussion of information items including the Westmont Water Tank, Kernville Waterline, Shady Lane Tank Claim, North Fork Consent Order and RDM Invoices. He noted no changes except with regard to the Farben lawsuit, stating the court disagreed with the Authority's interpretation of the contract language. A pre-trial conference was held and the court scheduled a mediation for July 13, 2022, in front of Judge Kiniry. There would be further discussion during Executive Session.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Solicitor's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

The motion passed unanimously.

I. ACCOUNTANT'S REPORTS - James P. Deter, CPA

Mr. Deter referred members to his April 2022 report which included attendance at the monthly meeting, a reconciliation of monthly trustee reports, a summary of Capital Expenditures, preparation of a Revenue Fund Cash Flow Analysis and Capital Improvement and Redemption Fund Cash Flow Projections, reviewed receipts and expenditures as reported and began work on the 2021 Financial Statements.

Mr. Cernic suggested that revenue and expenditure numbers regarding the Westmont matter should be compared.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Accountant's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

The motion passed unanimously.

J. ENGINEERS' REPORTS– Gibson-Thomas Engineers

Ed Schmitt referred Authority members to his report for further discussion.

Mr. Schmitt reported an additional meeting with DEP will be scheduled, hopefully a telephone call, regarding three items that still needed to be resolved regarding the North Fork Dam application. He stated DEP requested a dewatering plan and provided a drawing of the cross section of the lower end of the dam looking through the ceiling basin. Mr. Schmitt noted a plan would be put together as requested.

The second item is review of the rock cores with respect to the quality of the rock. Mr. Schmitt commented that the numbers were revised, and DEP requested a weaker lens should be considered in the stability models.

The third item indicates that a dam stability report must accompany all permit applications which Mr. Schmitt stated DEP had already received.

Mr. Schmitt noted the fifth item had been previously discussed with Mr. Brown. He further noted that the remaining items just needed to be clarified. There was further discussion.

Mr. Schmitt indicated the contractor was ready to move on the intake replacement project. An operating platform for the divers is in place.

He referred members to his report for a list of apparent low bidders for the Reservoir Park Waterline Replacement and Westmont Tank Project, including James Excavating for the waterline replacement, Charles Merlo for the demolition, and Mid Atlantic will supply and install the tank. He requested action by the Board to award the contracts to these bidders.

Mr. Cernic made a motion to award the bids to the low bidders as requested by the Engineer and the Engineer coordinate the timeline for the contractors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Follansbee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schmitt noted a draft copy of the annual report for water was included in his report. He indicated another annual report for sewers would be due by October 1st, 2022, under the new indenture for the sanitary sewers. Mr. Schmitt offered an additional explanation of the reports noting there were two different items, the project under PennVEST and the consent order, which they have been in charge of and working through. EADS is responsible for anything having to do with the consent order. With regard to the general operation of the Authority relative to budget, trust indentures, certifications, Gibson-Thomas is responsible for as the consulting engineer for the Authority, both water and sewer.

EADS Group

Brandon Palmer, EADS Group, had no report.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Engineer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rambish.

The motion passed unanimously.

K. MANAGER'S REPORT – Resource Development & Management, LLC

Michael Kerr referred Authority members to the monthly Manager's Report for May of 2022 for discussion.

Mr. Kerr referred to the Mutual Aid Agreement for discussion of PaWARN, a statewide group that provides mutual aid and assistance for emergencies that the Authority would be eligible to receive if it were a member. He requested a motion to approve the annual membership cost of \$400.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve membership in PA WARN at a cost of \$400 annually. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caputo.

There was further discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kerr reported that 88 lead services have been replaced, and there are two active projects to renew services. Work is being coordinated with PennDOT on Hershberger Road and Terra Works on Fairfield Avenue. Another 30 renewals are anticipated to be completed in May.

He reported the daily production for the Millcreek system is 2.7 million gallons per day after extensive leak detection in the Millcreek portion of the distribution system and repair of a major leak on the 16-inch main leaving Riverside.

New filter media will be installed in Filter 2 at Riverside and the rest of the filters will be topped off with new media after which all filters will be online and operating.

Mr. Kerr noted the results of the hold study performed on the effects of poly-aluminum chloride have been very promising. Proper feed rates and redesign of the chemical feed system are being examined to determine the best way to permit and begin feeding the chemical to help with reduction of disinfection byproducts at Saltlick.

Work has commenced on the sluice gate at the North Fork. Members were invited to visit the North Fork Dam to see what the divers are doing and to get a better understanding of the work being done. After discussion members agreed to meet June 16, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at the dam.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the Manager's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Follansbee.

The motion passed unanimously.

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Kerr commented the Authority is budgeting between \$2 and \$2.5 million a year for capital projects. There was discussion regarding funds allocated for the Westmont sewer system. It was suggested that Mr. Rambish have figures available at the next meeting with regard to funding of the project.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to use the line of credit initially to complete the transaction, and upon further review at the end of the next meeting move forward to either change it, pay it off or move it in another direction. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barbin provided an update regarding the agreement between Southmont and Westmont in that Westmont, now the GJWA, will continue to bill Westmont residents and Southmont will continue to bill the Southmont residents. Members had additional discussion regarding the matter. Agreement language will be reviewed.

M. NEW BUSINESS

None.

N. COMMENTS

None.

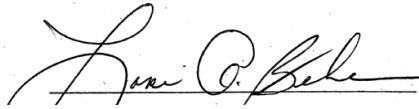
O. NEXT MEETING DATE: MAY 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

P. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lori A. Behe", written over a horizontal line.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Behe
Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.