

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY
Thursday, July 28, 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. David Vitovich

A. Kevin Pile, Vice Chairman, called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 28, 2022 to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Hall was absent.

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:

RDM – Johnstown, LLC

Michael Kerr (via video); Brian Hohman, Michael Kukura

Also present via video were Denny Shadron, Nancy Miller and David Sutor

Greater Johnstown Water Authority

William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor (via video)

Accountant

James P. Deter, CPA

Gibson Thomas

Chris Wharton

EADS Group

Brandon Palmer

Recording Secretary

Lori A. Behe

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ed and Fran Pozun, Luzerne Street Extension, Johnstown, presented before the Authority for discussion of his sewer lateral, which was video camera compliant a year ago. After his home was put on the market for sale, he received a letter stating that his video compliance would not be accepted. He stated, after calling 38 contractors, one quote received was in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Pozun stated the camera found no infiltration, but an intact system. He referred to the agreement between DEP and the Borough of Westmont dated December 9, 2014 regarding the matter for further discussion of a paragraph relating to compliance. Mr. Pozun offered a suggestion as resolution to the matter.

Mr. Barbin explained that a resolution on the agenda would allow for the deposit of \$10,000 in escrow but the work must be completed within six months. Authority members would need to have further discussion regarding the matter.

Sue Lease, 1133 Club Drive, Westmont, resident and realtor, presented for further discussion regarding the sale of the Pozun home. She stated emails were received noting that DEP does not allow CCTV testing, and in her opinion, DEP does not care how flows are checked.

Mr. Barbin explained that the GJWA is required to have testing on resale, which is written into the consent order. He read paragraph six of the consent order into the record as follows: The consent order says in addition to complying with the requirements of paragraphs four and five above, within 90 days of execution of the date of this consent order and agreement, Westmont shall adopt and enforce an ordinance requiring pressure testing or televising of private sewer laterals to the sewer system upon the sale or transfer of any interest in real property within the municipality. He noted that televising is acceptable but televising per the DEP appears to be something different than televising as was laid out previously. He deferred to the engineer for further information regarding the matter.

Mr. Palmer added that there is verbiage in Westmont's rules and regulations that states that if Westmont does not meeting the required flow rates from DEP, at the end of all the work, these places that were CCTV'd would be required to do pressure testing.

Rose Sarcone, 962 Sunnehanna Drive, Westmont, inquired if money paid for prior testing and work could be used towards the pressure testing. This would be discussed further at a committee meeting after more information is obtained.

Della Csehoski suggested that Bill Lease be invited to attend the upcoming committee meeting.

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, commented that as a taxpayer it's very frustrating that there are no answers with regard to pressure and video testing. He

inquired why the matter was not discussed prior to the agreement with the City of Johnstown.
Brian Carter was emailed a copy of the consent order.

Alex Marquis had no comments but was hoping for some answers to the issues.

E. NOTIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

None.

F. MINUTES OF MEETING

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the July 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

The motion passed. Mr. Cernic abstained from voting on the motion as he was absent.

G. BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022

GJWA - PENNVEST FUNDS

THE EADS GROUP

51-22-PVSEW

Invoice #234596-PV#71435Kernville-Service Connection
Coordination for April - June 2022 \$1,040.60

THE EADS GROUP

52-22-PVSEW

Invoice #234597-PV#71442 Fairfield Ave. - Admin for February
- May 2022 \$149.95

Invoice#234598-PV#71442 Fairfield Ave - Construct Inspection
- June 2022 \$3,078.70

Invoice#234599-PV# 71442 Fairfield Ave - Serv Connect Coord.
- June 2022 \$1,062.01

TERRA WORKS, INC.

53-22-PVSEW

Payment No. 19 - PV#71442 Fairfield Ave. \$24,939.50

THE EADS GROUP

54-22-PVSEW

Invoice #234592-PV#75374 CBD-Basic Design Service June 2022 \$3,575.49

Invoice#234593-PV#75374 CBD-Admin June 2022 \$1,064.60

Invoice#234594-PV#75374 CBD-Construction Inspec June 2022 \$27,532.26

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Invoice#234595-PV#75374 CBD-Service Connect. Coord June 2022	\$3,186.01
Invoice #234255-PV#75374 CBDBasic Design Service May 2022	\$3,940.06
Invoice#234256-PV#75374 CBD Right of Ways May 2022	\$1,526.63
Invoice#234257-PV#75374 CBD Admin May 2022	\$1,064.69
Invoice #234258-PV#75374 CBD Construction Inspec May 2022	\$29,717.04
Invoice #234259-PV#75374 CBD-Service Connect. Coord May 2022	\$2,522.26

SNYDER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

55-22 PVSEW

Payment No. 16-PV#75374 Central Business District	\$249,027.57
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THE EADS GROUP

38-22-PVSEW

Invoice #234602-PV#75382 Misc Proj. Basic Serv-June2022	\$10,348.80
Invoice #234603-PV#75382 Misc Proj.-Admin-June 2022	\$1,099.65
Invoice #234604-PV#75382 Misc Proj.Construction Inspec-June 2022	\$21,931.53
Invoice #234605-PV#75382 Misc Proj.-Serv Connec Coord-June 2022	\$4,320.00
Invoice #234262-PV#75382 Misc Proj. Basic Serv-May 2022	\$8,799.00
Invoice#234263-PV#753782Misc Proj. Admin-May 2022	\$1,075.74
Invoice #234264-PV#753782Misc Proj.-Construction Inspec-May 2022	\$17,766.09
Invoice #234265-PV#753782Misc Proj.-Serv Connect Coord - May 2022	\$4,863.30
Invoice #23266-PV#753782 Misc Proj.Right of Ways May 2022	\$428.26

SNYDER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

57-22-PVSEW

Payment No. 03-PV#75382 Misc Project	\$231,835.89
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58-22-PVSEW

Reimbursement for payment of fee for design change on PV#75374 CBD	\$10.00
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HACH COMPANY

59-22-PVSEW

Invoice No. 13080198 - 5 flow meters for PV#75382 Misc Proj.	\$100,091.48
Invoice No. 12984092 - Shipping	\$2,607.10

AMOUNT **\$758,604.30**

GJWA - REVENUE FUNDS

THE EADS GROUP

60-22-PVSEW

Invoice #234600 - Westmont Sanitary Sewer Proj.Phase 1-

Construction Engineering Consultation and Resident Project Representative for June 2022	\$1,743.08
Invoice#234260-Westmont Sanitary Sewer Proj Phase 1	
Construction Engineering Consultation and Resident Project Representative for May 2022	\$2,859.83

THE EADS GROUP

61-22-PVSEW

Invoice#234601 - Westmont Sanitary Sewer Prof Phase 2- Construction Engineering Consultation and Resident Project Representative for June 2022	\$1,743.08
Invoice#234261 - Westmont Sanitary Sewer Proj Phase 2- Construction Engineering Consultation	\$326.25

SNYDER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

62-22-PVSEW

Invoice for material and labor at Murphy's	\$17,436.70
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AMOUNT	\$24,108.94
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SEWER REVENUE FUND

BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 2022

Checking Account - FNB	\$919,343.71	
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>(\$104,515.18)</u>	
	\$814,828.53	\$814,828.53

RECEIPTS

Sewer Service	\$667,457.01	
Pressure Testing Inspection	\$1,162.50	
Temporary Certificates for Deed Transfers	\$150.00	
Sewer Tap Fee	--	
Intermunicipal Agreement for Vac Truck	--	
Misc Income	\$880.00	
Fee for use of Dump Site	\$33,150.00	
Penn Vest disbursements to Ohio St. PV#71429	--	
PennVest disbursements to Kernville PV# 71435	\$1,016.13	
PennVest disbursements to OCB PV#71441	\$8,221.15	
PennVest disbursements to Fairfield PV#71442	\$1,534.00	
PennVest disbursements to CBD PV# 75374	\$537,485.48	
PennVest disbursements to Misc Proj PV#75382	<u>\$182,512.35</u>	<u>\$1,433,568.62</u>
		\$2,248,397.15

CHECK# DISBURSEMENTS

Direct	Principal and Interest for PennVEST loans	\$268,230.35	
Direct	Pacific Pride Fuel	\$1,790.41	
Direct	FNB Line of Credit - interest payment	\$63.98	
Direct	Money Trf to Westmont Boro for PennVEST P&I Payments	\$72,214.45	
06/09/22	Check Register A	\$158,414.25	
06/23/22	Check Register B	\$91,255.15	
06/29/22	Check Register C	\$500.00	
06/17/22	Check Register D	\$8,221.15	
06/17/22	Check Register E	\$1,016.13	
06/17/22	Check Register F	\$1,534.00	
06/17/22	Check Register G	\$536,844.18	
06/09/22	Check Register H	<u>\$182,270.96</u>	<u>\$1,322,354.21</u>

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

Checking Account - FNB	\$1,012,516.28	
Less: Outstanding checks	<u>(\$86,473.34)</u>	
	\$926,042.94	\$926,042.94

SEWER CAPITAL FUND - JULY 2022

SEWER ACCOUNT - CAPITAL FUND

First National Bank CD	08/11/2022	.32%	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
	TOTAL		\$500,000.00

BALANCE AS OF June 30, 2022

Checking-First National Bank - Sewer Revenue	\$926,042.94
MM-First National Bank - GJWA Sewer Capital Fund	\$108,594.64

BILLS TO BE PAID

SEWER REVENUE FUND BILLS

Paid after June 2022 meeting - Sewer	\$1,444,154.95
To be paid at July 28, 2022 meeting - Sewer	<u>\$103,648.96</u>
TOTAL	\$1,547,803.91

GJWA - PENNVEST FUNDS \$758,604.30

GJWA - REVENUE FUND \$24,108.94

Mr. Cernic made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Authority plan for a \$500,000 principal payment by the end of the year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Ms. Miller noted that the Authority is paying \$16,000 per month towards interest with additional monies going to principal on the credit line starting with the June 1 payment.

Mr. Cernic made a motion to amend his last motion to only include approval of the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

The motion passed unanimously.

H. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor, reported that the resolution on the agenda related to escrow in lieu of immediate testing on sale of property did not change the policy, but provided for a deposit of \$10,000 in escrow to provide a temporary certificate of compliance. The work must be completed within six months or the escrow deposit would be lost. There was further discussion.

Mr. Cernic made a motion to table the resolution pending further information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caputo.

The motion passed. Mr. McCall opposed the motion.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

I. ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

William Deter reported he had attended the monthly meeting, reviewed receipts and expenditures as reported, completed work on the 2021 financial statement and prepared quarterly budget comparison.

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

EADS Group

Brandon Palmer, EADs, referred to his report for further discussion.

He reported that the Fairfield Avenue Project had been completed and paved. Mr. Palmer will look into why the manholes were not taken care of properly before final completion. It was noted that JRA did the manholes, and PennDOT had also done work at that intersection.

The Central Business District, Snyder is approximately 81 percent complete with the main line rehab and has been moving along with the line on Main Street. He presented videos of the area for members to view.

Mr. Palmer noted that the Westmont System was broken into two phases with Snyder working on punch list items in both. Two final pay apps will be submitted to PennVEST for reimbursement.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Gibson Thomas Engineering

Chris Wharton, Gibson-Thomas, noted that based upon Authority approval at the last meeting, Moody and Associates will tentatively commence the dewatering plan and installation of wells August 22 at the North Fork Dam and plans on being completed by September 19. A report will be generated and sent to DEP.

James Excavating will start the reservoir waterline in August.

K. MANAGER'S REPORT

Michael Kukura reported that pressure testing continues with 68 completed thus far for a total of 365 for the year, 22,000 feet of line has been jetted, and 12,500 feet of line has been camera'd with one overflow on McKee Avenue in the West End. Mr. Kerr indicated that only about 50 percent of the structures in that part of town have been pressure tested and the infiltration is from the private laterals. Mr. Vitovich commented there might be a problem with that line from Marbury down onto McKee.

There was further discussion regarding the pressure testing percentage.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

L. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Pile suggested that a sewer committee meeting be held in the near future.

M. NEW BUSINESS

None.

N. COMMENTS

None.

O. NEXT MEETING DATE: AUGUST 11, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.

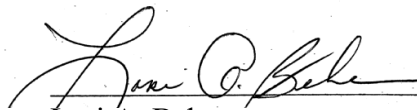
P. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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