

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Thursday, February 24, 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

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**A. Don C. Hall, II, Chairman, called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 24, 2022 to order at 3:00 p.m.**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**C. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Mr. Pile, Mr. Rambish and Mr. McCall were absent.

**OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:**

RDM – Johnstown, LLC

Michael Kerr, Melissa Radovanic. Nancy Miller

Greater Johnstown Water Authority

Myron Markovitz, Esquire, on behalf of William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor

Gibson Thomas

Ed Schmitt

EADS Group

Brandon Palmer

Recording Secretary

Lori A. Behe

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**E. NOTIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**F. BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022**

Mr. Follansbee noted payments for approval include the Kernville pressure valve, expenses with regard to the Old Conemaugh Borough, Fairfield Avenue and Central Business District totaling \$366,536.53.

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

**There was further discussion.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**G. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Gibson Thomas Engineering**

Ed Schmitt, Gibson-Thomas, noted a resolution on the agenda for an application for the Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant from the Commonwealth Financial Authority (CFA) for the Kernville Pump Station.

**Resolution No. 2022.01**

**Mr. Cernic made a motion to approve the resolution for the CFA grant for the Kernville Pump Station. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Schmitt also reported that bids have recently been opened for the waterline and tank for Westmont, the low bidder being Petrinkas in the amount of \$579,215 way over the \$300,000 estimate. A single bidder for the tank in the amount of \$1,233,125 was also over the \$850,000 estimate. Total bid for both projects was \$1,812,340 and the original estimate was \$1,150,000, approximately \$650,000 over. There would be further discussion regarding the matter.

**EADS Group Report**

Brandon Palmer, EADS Group, referred to his report for discussion of the Fairfield Avenue storm project. He stated Terra Works would start installation of pipe in March and have agreed to use the GJWA dump site for the price of \$42,500. Mr. Palmer

referred to a contract for the Clean Fill Disposal Site, which has already been reviewed by the Solicitor.

**Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the contract between Terra Works and the GJWA for use of the Clean Fill Dump site based on the Solicitor's approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Palmer stated that areas of Old Conemaugh Borough that are in bad shape and need paving redone were narrowed down and he hoped Liberoni would be willing to return to take care of those problem areas along with punch list items.

He recommended that the Authority approve the substantial completion paperwork. Retainers are being held to cover all punch list items not addressed and any paving remaining.

**Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve both Engineers' Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **H. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Kerr referred members to discussion on the recent backup at 342 Highland Avenue for discussion of the bills associated with the project. He noted the total of the bills received thus far total \$7,227, for installation of a new tap and payment of the Roto Rooter bill. A bill from Serv Pro has not yet been received.

Mr. Cernic made a motion to pay the bill for the 342 Highland Avenue project and proceed after refunding from the engineer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

There was further discussion. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Kerr reported the lines at the GJWA building did not pass the pressure test. He suggested that the Authority obtain quotes regarding the matter. There was further discussion.

Mr. Kerr stated the Conservation District asked that some minor issues be addressed at the dump site before opening. He noted two contracts will be using the dump site in the near future. He will provide an amendment at the next meeting for RDM to offer the dump site and run the dozer for the Authority. Mr. Cernic suggested discussion about saving some of the dump site area for the Authority. Mr. Kerr also suggested that there be calculations of the Authority's in-house use of the site. There was further

discussion about other sites that could be used in the future. Mr. Vitovich suggested a tour of the reservoirs and the dump site in the spring.

**I. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**K. COMMENTS**

None.

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

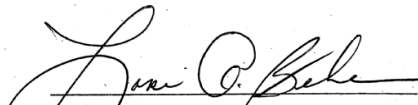
**M. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Behe

Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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MOTIONS**

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1	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.
2	BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY	Motion to approve payment of the bills out of PennVEST account (Passed unanimously.)
2	ENGINEER'S REPORT (GIBSON-THOMAS)	Motion to approve the resolution for the CFA grant for the Kernville Pump Station (Passed unanimously.)
3	(EADS GROUP)	Motion to approve the contract between Terra Works and the GJWA for use of the Clean Fill Dump Site (Passed unanimously.)
3	ENGINEERS' REPORTS	Motion to approve both Engineer's Reports (Passed unanimously.)
4	ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.