

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY**

November 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, Thursday, November 21, 2019 with Chairman Jeff Kern presiding.

PRESENT

Board Members: Chairman Jeff Kern, Bernard Hoffnar; Jason Grottini, Emory Enscoe, Gary Petersen, Solicitor, Robert Mix; Engineer, Mark Glenn; Treasurer, Dennis Hampton; State College Borough Liaison, Deborah Hoag; Centre Region Planning Commission, Cory Rilk, College Township Liaison, Richard Harris; Ferguson Township Liaison, Wes Glebe; Harris Township Liaison, Charles Grham; Executive Director, Brian Heiser; Assistant Executive Director, Katie McCaulley; Staff Financial Assistant, Stacey Smith; Communications and Projects Coordinator, Julia Shaffer.

Also, in attendance were C-Net personnel. An audience attendance list is available upon request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Enscoe, seconded by Petersen that the minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Dorothy Blair, President of Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition, asked if the water sample results for the Toll Brothers site could be given to her if they were available yet. Executive Director Heiser stated the results are not back yet but can let her know once they are received.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

It was moved by Grottini, seconded by Hoffnar that bill payments in the amount of \$805,702.41 be ratified as presented. Mr. Hoffnar asked for clarification on a few payments. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD RESERVE FUND REQUISITIONS

It was moved by Hoffnar, seconded by Enscoe that the Board Reserve Fund requisitions in the amount of \$64,531.79 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER CONNECTIONS

Executive Director Heiser reported that there are eight new water connection applications for approval this month. The applications are as follows:

Jonathan Ashley & Lyndsey Hylbert	Lot 307, 225 Derek Drive	Harris	1"
Singular Construction LLC	Lot 50, 1479 Chestnut Ridge	Ferguson	1"
Singular Construction LLC	Lot 3, 2457 Sleepy Hollow Dr	Ferguson	1"
S & A Homes	Lot 38, 126 Amicus Dr	Patton	1"
S & A Homes	Lot 34, 118 Amicus Dr	Patton	1"
S & A Homes	Lot 35, 120 Amicus Dr	Patton	1"
S & A Homes	Lot 36, 122 Amicus Dr	Patton	1"
S & A Homes	Lot 37, 124 Amicus Dr	Patton	1"

It was moved by Grottini, seconded by Enscoe that these connections be approved subject to the Authority's Rules & Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

INTENT TO AWARD CONTRACT 10-2019 AND 11-2019

Executive Director Heiser explained Contract 10-2019 is for the General Contract for the Nixon Kocher water treatment facility. The bids were opened last week, Lobar, Inc. Of Dillsburg PA was the low bidder with a bid of \$17,935,000. The bid was under the engineers estimate and Gwin Dobson and Foreman recommends Lobar as the low bidder and as the contractor to do the work. Gwin Dobson and Foreman have reviewed the submissions and at this point are satisfied to request that the board moves with the intent to award the bid. The bid will be final awarded once all specifications have been reviewed. Executive Director Heiser explained Contract 11-2019 is for the Electrical Contract. Lobar, Inc. Of Dillsburg PA was the apparent low bidder at \$2,298,900 which was slightly over the engineers estimate. However with the two bids together, they were under the estimate for the entire project. Executive Director also recommended the intent to award to Lobar, Inc for the electrical bid as well.

Mr. Kern asked Mark Glenn with Gwin Dobson and Foreman if they had worked with this company before. Mr. Glenn explained Lobar has done work with them in the past and is comfortable with the bid submitted.

It was moved by Hoffnar, seconded by Enscoe that Contract 10-2019 and Contract 11-2019 be approved with the intent to award to Lobar, Inc in the amount of \$20,233,900.00. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PADOT REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTIONS

Executive Director Heiser explained there is two resolutions for approval. The first one is for Phase III of the Atherton Street reconstruction. The resolution is to provide for seventy five percent reimbursement for all facilities that are in conflict with the project. Along with the resolution is a cost sharing request letter that needs to be approved as well to cost share on the design with PennDOT’s engineers. These were both approved earlier in the year but the dates in the documents for deadlines has changed so it needs reapproved. The second resolution is for the reconstruction of state route 26 and 45 intersection in Ferguson Township. It is for the reimbursement for any facilities that are in conflict with the project.

It was moved by Hoffnar, seconded by Enscoe that the PennDOT reimbursement resolutions and cost share agreement be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVING WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Executive Director Heiser reported there is one main extension for approval this month. The main will be constructed to the Authority’s specifications and will be inspected by Authority personnel during construction. The applications are as follows:

Gray’s Woods Partnership	Phase 6 Section a Gray’s Woods Subdivision	Wood Thrush Way Amicus Way Jack Pine Way Caymus Way	380' of 12" DI Water Main 900' of 8" DI Water Main 240' of 8" DI Water Main 60' of 8" DI Water Main
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Moved by Grottini, seconded by Petersen that the main extension be accepted subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 BUDGET

Chairman Kern presented the proposed 2020 SCBWA budget. The budget has been approved by the finance committee and stressed the Board should study the proposed budget over the next month for approval at the December meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – No report.

Facilities, Operating and Planning Committee – No report.

Appeals – No Report.

Public Relations – No Report.

Source Water Protection – No report.

HR Evaluation Committee – No report.

Fluoride (AD HOC) – No report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 21:27

DISTRIBUTION – Two leaks have been repaired in the last month, one service line and one main line. Fire Hydrant flushing is complete for the year and maintenance will continue as long as weather permits. Pavement work is complete for the year. The waterline taps for the high rise going in on the corner of Garner Street and Beaver Avenue were made this week. Work continues in the stockyard which includes making the storage area larger to prepare for a future building and fence replacement.

PRODUCTION- Quarterly samples are complete for the year. A comprehensive monitoring plan had to be submitted in August of this year. Notification from DEP was received that parts of the plan will need to be modified based in their review. Additional proof must be submitted that all of the wells in a well field are connected. Dave Yoxtheimer, Hydrogeologist, is working to prove they are connected. If it is not proven additional samples may need to be collected. Well 57 pump and motor failed and need to be replaced. The current pump and motor were installed in 2005. Cost is estimated around \$30,000 and will probably be installed in January.

METER SHOP/BILLING/ ADMINISTRATION – Participating in Toys for Tots again this year, new unwrapped toys or non-perishable foods will be collected at the office until December 12th. Interviews have begun for a position in the production department. The next phase of the private waterline in Nittany Glen subdivision has begun in Benner Township.

MAJOR PROJECTS – Ishler Street main waterline replacement is done for the winter with about 2/3rds complete and will resume in the spring. Received notice from DEP in regards to the Nixon/Kocher filter plant that the permit for the septic holding tank was rejected. The work to get this corrected will take place next week with the Sewage Enforcement Office of Ferguson Township to be able to reapply for the permit. The second Flexnet collection tower is tentatively scheduled for installation for the first week of December.

OTHER- The final accepted Phase II of the One Water Plan is at each of the board members seats. The report was accepted by the Commission last evening. The next step is to develop a cost estimate for administration and implementation of a phase III report which would eventually become the One Water Plan. The challenge will be to get “buy in” from participating Municipalities. Five Authority members attended a Black Sky table top exercise. Discussed the system resiliency in the event of a large scale power outage. The Authority is in good shape but have work to do to get prepared which is all part of the emergency plan updates that are required.

LIAISON'S REPORT

State College Borough Staff Liaison – Ms. Hoag reported the Borough is also in the budget process and hope to have things finalized on the 16th of December with the public hearing on December 2nd.

Benner Township Water Authority Liaison – Not present

Centre Regional Planning Commission – Mr. Rilk reported the Meeks Lane TAR has been approved by DEP.

College Township Water Authority – Mr. Harris reported on the test results of the well in Oak Hall Park. All of the tests came back satisfactory. The pump test was 1,250 gallon a minute which is what is being asked to be permitted and if permitted the system demand will be about 15% of total capacity. Generator test was done today and it was successful and have to work on a long term fuel

capacity. For the first time ever College Township has onsite generator for the system. The budget meeting will be December 11th.

Ferguson Township Liaison Authority Liaison– No report.

Harris Township Liaison – Mr. Graham thanked the Authority for the satisfactory answer to why a fire hydrant costs so much for the board. Harris Township is trying to figure out how to distribute that expense. Mr. Graham asked how the Authority measures fluoride. Mr. Heiser explained it is measured in parts per million and the fluoride residual when it leaves the entry point of the facilities it is a constant level. It is fed in the range of 0.6 ppm- 0.8 ppm.

Patton Township Liaison – Not present.

University Area Joint Authority Liaison – Mr. Dempsey reported the denitrification filters are on line and less nitrogen is being put into the stream. Also installed a passive step aeration down stream with there being enough elevation to do so. UAJA is also considering a new study on phosphoreus going down stream from UAJA. The last study was done in 1985 and was not as in depth as what is being considered now. Mr. Dempsey stated UAJA is still dealing with DEP over the NPDES permit for the discharge at Kissinger meadows but is looking good and real time flow and temperature modeling monitoring is being installed. The line going through Harris Township to the old Elks Club is on track.

CONSULTANTS REPORT

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – No report.

Treasurer – No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:42 P.M. Chairman Kern called for the suspension of the regular Authority meeting to go to Executive Session.

At 5:03 P.M. the Board returned to its regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:08 P.M., it was moved by Hoffnar that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.