

LATROBE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Tuesday July 21, 2020

Latrobe Pennsylvania

The regular meeting of the Latrobe Municipal Authority was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Keefe. Members in attendance were Mrs. Ellen Keefe, Mr. Carl Bollinger, Mr. Neal Fenton, and Mr. Bruce Jones. Mr. Charles Dominick, Mrs. Ann Amatucci and Dr. John Fournier participated via telecommunications.

Others in attendance were Mrs. Terri Hauser, Manager; Mr. Christopher Bova, Environmental Control Supervisor; Mr. Lee Demosky, Solicitor; Mr. Mark Gera, Consulting Engineer; and, Mr. Nick Revitsky, Distribution Supervisor.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2020 was entered by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Jones. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Customer Comments

Mr. Zack Damico from the Latrobe Bulletin was present for the meeting as well as Mr. Michael Pecher of 1214 Waverly Drive in Unity Township.

Mr. Pecher addressed the board stating that a recent water line break ruined his clothing and the iron out product provided by the Authority did not remove the stains and he ultimately discarded his clothing. He also requested direction and information as to how he could become a Board member as he has much information to offer the Board. He was directed by Mrs. Keefe to submit a letter to the Unity Township Supervisors stating his interest in becoming a Board Member. When a vacancy would occur, the supervisors could send a recommendation to the Latrobe City Council as they have the ultimate decision in appointments.

Mr. Pecher also requested that the LMA road crew investigate 1206 Waverly Drive, Post Drive and the corner of Post and Waverly to check on the status of permanent repairs to the existing patch surfaces caused by recent water line breaks.

He also requested that his telephone number, 724.989.5000, be documented so that he would receive any notifications of water line breaks by the robo call system.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Consulting Engineer's Report

Mr. Gera noted that Jet Jack is working through the final "punch list" items for the Signal Project and that the 16" water line replacement project has basically been completed by Ligonier Construction. There is some re-seeding to be addressed when the weather is appropriate.

Manager's Report

Solicitors Report

Mr. Demosky requested an executive session following regular session to discuss imminent litigation for two (2) items.

Committee Reports

New Business

A motion to approve the Water Department Construction Fund Requisition No. 2016-44 for Contractors, Suppliers and Engineers in the amount of \$772.00 was entered by Mr. Bollinger. A second by Mr. Jones and seven (7) affirmative votes carried the motion. {Invoices in the amount of \$444.00 and \$328.00 from Gibson-Thomas Engineering pertained to the 16" Transmission Line project and the Chlorine Residual Design respectively.}

A motion to approve the Water Department PennVest Requisition No. 9 for Contractors, Suppliers and Engineers in the amount of \$16,088.55 was entered by Mr. Bollinger. A second by Dr. Fournier and seven (7) affirmative votes carried the motion. {This includes the payment of \$13,778.55 to Jet Jack Inc for the SIG Intersection Waterline Replacement Project and an invoice from Gibson-Thomas Engineering in the amount of \$2,310.00 also for the SIG Intersection Waterline Replacement Project}.

Unfinished Business

Correspondence and Invoices

Mr. Bollinger entered a motion to approve the Disbursement List for the month of June. A second by Mr. Dominick and seven (7) affirmative votes carried the motion.

Investments

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Consulting Engineer's Report.

Mr. Gera noted that the contractor for the Nine Mile Run project, Glenn Johnston, Inc., is setting in the man-hole and will be completed except for final restoration. Even with the **increase** change order, the project is still below the contract total.

Mr. Gera also noted that Mele & Mele & Sons is currently dealing with West Penn Power and their requests for underground electrical lines for the EQ Tank project and they are still under the bid amount with their **increase** change order.

Mr. Gera noted that he would like the board to approve him obtaining proposals for the cleaning of the 27" line as well as the line at the high-rise building downtown. Mr. Bollinger entered a motion to authorize the engineer to obtain the proposals. Mr. Jones provided a second which met with a unanimous vote.

Dr. Fournier entered a motion to approve the engineer to start the process for the Brewery Bridge Line Reconstruction. A second by Mr. Jones and seven (7) affirmative votes carried the motion.

Chairman Keefe asked Mr. Gera to provide the status of the LMA's standing with the DEP. Mr. Gera stated that his staff has been in continuous contact with the DEP throughout the construction of the projects mandated by the Consent Order. The DEP has adjusted the deadlines for the completion of the construction work to match the dates that the DEP issued permits to allow the projects to start. Neither the LMA nor Gibson Thomas Engineering have been notified by the PA DEP that fines have been issued which is consistent with the fact that the LMA is meeting the requirements of the construction schedule.

Manager's Report

Mrs. Hauser noted that Kukurin Contracting is encountering delays in material delivery due to the COVID pandemic for the Bar Screen and Grit Screw Replacement Project the current start date is slated for August 10.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Demosky requested an executive session following regular session to discuss imminent litigation for three (3) separate items.

Committee Reports

New Business

A motion to approve Capital Additions Fund Req No. 151 for Contractors, Suppliers, and Engineering in the amount of \$228,000.00 was entered by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Dr. Fournier. There being none opposed, the motion carried. {This requisition is for Kukurin Contracting for the Mechanical Bar Screen Replacement.}

A motion to approve Construction Fund Requisition No. 13 for Contractors, Suppliers and Engineering in the amount of \$1,069,599.79 was entered by Mr. Jones. A second by Mr. Bollinger and seven (7) affirmative votes carried the motion. {This Requisition includes the recommended payments to Mele & Mele & Sons in the amount of \$382,685.45; Gibson-Thomas Engineering in the amount of \$26,794.00; and, Core & Main in the amount of \$880.41 for the EQ Tank; Glenn Johnston, Inc. in the amount of \$641,784.52, as well as Gibson-Thomas Engineering in the amount of \$15,871.75 for the Nine Mile Run Reconstruction; and Meyer Darragh in the amount of \$1,583.66 for legal fees.}

A motion to approve Change Order #3 for Mele & Mele & Sons in the **increase** amount of \$96,318.25 was entered by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Dr. Fournier. There being none opposed, the motion carried. This change order is due to the installation of the conduit underground.

A motion to approve Change Order #3 for Glenn Johnston in the **increase** amount of \$57,301.31 was entered by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Dominick. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. This change order is due to the rerouting of the Derry Township line.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Bollinger stated that he would address unfinished business during the executive session.

Correspondence and Invoices

A motion to approve two (2) invoices in the amounts of \$2,716.86 and \$565.37 from Lee R. Demosky was entered by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mrs. Amatucci. There being none opposed, the motion carried. {The total amount of the invoices was \$3,282.23}.

Investments

A motion to enter into executive session at 5:35 PM to discuss imminent litigation was entered by Mr. Bollinger, seconded by Dr. Fournier and carried with seven (7) affirmative votes.

A motion to leave executive session and return to regular session was entered by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Jones. There being none opposed, the executive session ended at 6:45 PM with no action being taken.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was entered by Mr. Bollinger. A second by Mr. Jones followed by seven (7) affirmative votes adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM.

The next **regular** meeting will be **August 18, 2020 @ 5:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Amatucci", written in a cursive style.

Mrs. Ann Amatucci
Secretary