

Cecil Township Municipal Authority
Monthly Meeting
August 16th, 2022

The Cecil Township Municipal Authority held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 16th, 2022. Chairman Donald V. Gennuso called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with, Eron Barnes, Rosanne Rodgers, and Darlene Barni in attendance. Also present were Attorney Romel Nicholas of Gaitens, Tucceri, and Nicholas; Kevin Brett of Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineers (LSSE); Shana Durig, Business Manager, and Michael J. Zrenchak, Authority Manager. Member Craig Roach was absent.

An audio tape of this meeting is available on the Cecil Township web site.

APPROVAL OF July 19th, 2022, MINUTES

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Darlene Barni, and seconded by Eron Barnes, approved the meeting minutes.

MOTION TO RATIFY PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WALTER OSHINSKI FOR HIS CAREER WITH THE CECIL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Rosanne Rodgers, and seconded by Eron Barnes, ratified the proclamation recognizing Walter O'Shinski for career with the Cecil Township Municipal Authority.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE WIRE TRANSFER SUBMISSIONS FOR ONLINE BANKING WITH CFS BANK

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Eron Barnes, and seconded by Rosanne Rodgers, approved wire transfer submissions for online banking with CFS Bank.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE CECIL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Darlene Barni, and seconded by Eron Barnes approved the renewal of the insurance policy for the Cecil Township Municipal Authority.

Mr. Gennuso called to take the agenda out of order and move to comments from the floor.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Resident David Cancilla addressed the Board regarding his unpaid sewage balance. He received notice in December 2021 about unpaid bill but was on assignment with the military from 2013 to 2017 and gave a follow up address but never received a bill. Questioned charges on bill. He said he called to office and spoke to a gentleman about this issue but did not hear back. He called the office again and spoke to a lady that told him the bill needs paid or a lien on the property would be filed. Now the property is liened, and he has been recalled to the military, and he is concerned this lien is going to show up on his background check. The chairman advised him to either make an appointment or call the office and speak to the staff to discuss the bill and explain his case. Business Manager provided him with business card, and the Authority Manager explained that once he comes in or calls, the billing and payment history will be reviewed. A recommendation will be made to the Board.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Kevin Brett updated the Board on the status of the Lawrence Project. The bids for the Lawrence Project were opened on August 11th, 2022 and have recommendations regarding the bids. The first bid opened was for the Treatment Plant and Lift Station Construction portion of the project. Seven bidders requested bid documents for the project but only received one bid. Some of the bidders dropped out due to other work pending or work awarded to them. The one bid received for the Treatment Plant and Lift Station Construction was from the following contractor:

Mele and Mele and Sons, Inc. - \$17,674,272.00

That amount is almost double the projected cost estimate, which was \$9,000,000.00 to \$10,000,000.00. In reviewing the bid numbers closer, the site preparation work numbers were extremely high for a small area. Factors contributing these costs also included the following:

- Shoring costs for the over excavation were high – only received one quote for shoring
- Unable to get piping prices for stainless steel and specialty piping needed for project, so they had to estimate possible costs.
- Possibly knew that they were the only bidder on the project.

Based on this information, LSSE recommends rejecting the bid and authorizing the Treatment Plant and Lift Station Construction to be rebid. LSSE is also recommending after talking with the Geotech, there were concerns on the shoring, do they have addition alternatives for the foundations to give the contractors some other options and rectify some of the construction concerns. Another ongoing issue is the grant award from Senator Casey's office toward the project. The EPA has not released the language for the WBE/MBE and Buy America requirements. The suppliers are aware of this and are concerned how to comply.

The second bid opened was for the Village of Lawrence Sanitary Sewers Construction portion of the project. Four bids were received for the Village of Lawrence Sanitary Sewers Construction from the following contractors:

Jet Jack, Inc. - \$6,497,997.00
D & M Contracting, Inc. - \$7,060,000.00
Mele and Mele and Sons, Inc. - \$8,841,785.00
W.A. Petrakis Contracting, LLC. - \$12,130,845.50

Based on this information, LSSE recommends tabling the award of this contract until the bid on the Treatment Plant and Lift Station Construction is awarded. The Board has 90 to 120 days to award the contact to the low bidder.

MOTION TO REJECT THE BID FOR TREATMENT PLANT AND LIFT STATION CONSTRUCTION

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Rosanne Rodgers, and seconded by Eron Barnes, approved the rejection of the bid for the Treatment Plant and Lift Station Construction.

MOTION TO TABLE AWARDING THE BID FOR VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Eron Barnes and seconded by Rosanne Rodgers approved the tabling of awarding the bid for the Village of Lawrence Sanitary Sewer Construction.

MOTION TO ALLOW ACKENHEIL ENGINEERS, INC. TO DO ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOUNDATIONS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$3000.00

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Rosanne Rodgers, and seconded by Eron Barnes approved allow Ackenheil Engineers, Inc. to do additional recommendations on the foundations not to exceed the amount of \$3000.00.

Solicitor Nicholas stated that the last motion was not included on the agenda, so in order to take official action on this item, a motion to amend the agenda to include the addition of the motion to the agenda to include having Ackenheil Engineers, Inc. perform de minimis work for additional recommendations on foundations. Next make a motion to have Ackenheil Engineers, Inc. perform de minimis work for additional recommendations on the foundations.

Mrs. Barni had a question regarding the construction of the Village of Lawrence Sanitary Sewers. She asked if we are going to ask the Village of Lawrence Sanitary Sewers bidders to rebid the project also since we are rebidding the Treatment Plant and Lift Station Construction, or do the bids received stand. Mr. Brett explained that they are separate contracts, so they will stand as bid. Chairman Gennuso explained that we have 90 to 120 days to award or reject the contract which is why we tabled awarding it until the results of the rebidding of the other contract are opened and reviewed.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE MOTION TO ALLOW ACKENHEIL ENGINEERS, INC. TO DO ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOUNDATIONS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$3000.00

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Eron Barnes, and seconded by Rosanne Rodgers, approved the motion to amend the agenda to include the motion to allow Ackenheil Engineers, Inc. to do additional recommendations on the foundations not to exceed the amount of \$3000.00.

MOTION TO REDO THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ACKENHEIL ENGINEERS, INC. TO DO ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOUNDATIONS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$3000.00

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Rosanne Rodgers, and seconded by Eron Barnes, approved allowing Ackenheil Engineers, Inc. to do additional recommendations on the foundations not to exceed the amount of \$3000.00.

Mr. Brett stated that during the bidding, supply chain issues arose, and an addendum had to be added to the specification for the treatment plant construction as the package plant lead time was 9 months, so the initial construction time of 1 year was extended to 18 months.

Last item regarding the Lawrence project is that a Street Opening Permit was submitted to Cecil Township for review. During a previous site visit, some of the streets were recently paved, so clarification on the street restoration is needed once the project would be completed. Penn Vest only permits trench patching as part of the contract, not complete street paving. Once we get the review of the street opening permit back and see what the Township restoration requirements, a separate paving contract may be necessary but would not be needed until all line works is completed.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE MCCONNELL TRAILS PHASE 3A BOND REDUCTION No. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,665.76

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Darlene Barni, and seconded by Eron Barnes, approved the McConnell Trails Phase 3A Bond Reduction.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Nicholas stated that in regard to the Lawrence matter, two areas were condemned, the primary area where the plant will sit and the ingress and egress to and from the plant. We have been working with the attorneys for those groups to resolve the outstanding matters. He stated he will be meeting with the attorney from the primary plant site tomorrow to discuss the ongoing correspondence between the two offices.

Update on the CHJA litigation. There were two experts engaged several years ago for this litigation, an engineering expert, and a pension expert. The pension expert, Randy Rhodes, had submitted a 2-part bill, but the second part of the bill was not relevant to this case, so he was asked to eliminate it. No action is needed at the present time.

A meeting took place on July 21st, 2022, under the umbrella of the CHJA, that was requested Pennsylvania American Water (PAWC) to include the Chairpersons and Managers of each of the municipal entities, to inform them that PAWC is interested in the possibility of purchasing CHJA. The purchase could have an impact on our existing litigation in a positive manner.

There was a court conference today in regard to the CHJA matter to wrap up the motions filed. The judge is going to allow one more round of motions on the part of CHJA/Houston/Canonsburg.

BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

Financial Reports – June 2022

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments on the monthly correspondence.

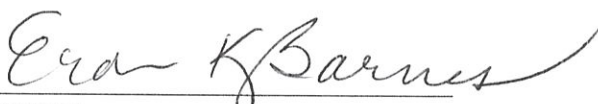
PAYMENT OF EXPENSES/TRANSFER OF FUNDS ETC.

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Eron Barnes, and seconded by Darlene Barni, authorized payment of expenses, reports and transfers as follows:

- Payment of Expenses/Invoices etc.
- Employee Payroll; 941 Tax Deposit; Employee State Tax Payment

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Board unanimously voted on a motion by Darlene Barni, and seconded by Eron Barnes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, September 20th, 2022.


Secretary