

**EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2024 - 6:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The EAWA Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Dale Treese, Chairman. Members present: Keith Murphy, Rich Sheidy, and John O'Connell. Also present were: Del Becker, Authority Manager; George Alspach, Solicitor; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Jason Bock, Operations Manager and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Not present: Jeff McCloud, Chuck Brewer and Rick Erb, Board Members; Michele Powl, Business Manager; Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. REPORTS:

a. Manager's Report:

- i. **Act 205 Pension Contribution** – 2023 actuarial valuation received from Conrad Siegel. \$46,000 was budgeted for this contribution.

Action: "That the Board approves the contribution of \$39,733.59 for FY2023 for the Act 205 Employees Pension Plan."

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** J O'Connell **Approved**

- ii. **GHD Representative and Project Manager:** Mr. Michael Krieger, PE, will be assuming duties previously assigned to Cindy Zarowtuk. Resume provided. An Agreement for General Services for 2024 has been provided.

Item 8 in Terms and Conditions of agreement was modified for mutual termination agreement upon notice.

Action: "That the Board approves the General Services Agreement for 2024 with GHD."

Motion: J O'Connell **Second:** R Sheidy **Approved**

- iii. **Amended Water Treatment Plant Design Services:** Since initiation of this project in 2021, additional Authority priorities have been added and the scope adjusted. Additional items include providing a third raw water treatment train in the area designated for expansion in the original construction; replacement of the membranes on the two existing treatment trains; a new distribution pump and updating of the reservoir mixing system.

Action: "That the Board approves the Amended Water Treatment Plant Design Services with GHD with a not to exceed fee of \$269,000.00."

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** J O'Connell **Approved**

- iv. **Wells 6 & 7 Improvements Proposal:** Design services for needed upgrades to the Rheems wells and treatment facilities.

Discussion on issues with purposed building to house electric equipment, question if electrical service upgrade needed, and question on the waste take away pipe of the force main.

No action was taken. Discussion on the Wells 6 & 7 Improvements Proposal was tabled until the next Work Session meeting March 6, 2024.

- v. **Phase 1 Professional Services for Cast Iron Water Main Replacement Project:** first of a multi-phase project for replacement of the cast iron distribution piping.

Action: "That the Board approves Professional Services Agreement for Phase 1 of the Water Main Replacement Project with HRG with an estimated fee of \$390,400.00."

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** R Sheidy **Approved**

- vi. **PENNVEST Application Services for Cast Iron Water Main Replacement Project:** Services required for submission of PENNVEST funding application.

Action: "That the Board approves Professional Services Agreement for PENNVEST Application Services with HRG with an estimate fee of \$61,800.00."

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** J O'Connell **Approved**

- vii. **Boat Sale:** Received bid through MunicBid and the winning bid for \$3715 was from Donald Burke, Brick NJ.

Action: "That the Board approves the sale of the boat to Donald Burke for \$3715.

Motion: R Sheidy **Second:** K Murphy **Approved**

- viii. **Call from Bruce Conrad at Cornwall:** Contad asked to meet with the board to discuss a different approach to the Quarry. The consensus of the Board was that Becker will respond asking Conrad to send a letter detailing what he is proposing in order for the Board to give it some thought prior to a meeting.

- b. **Operations Manager's Report:** Jason Bock presented report. He noted there were 2 water main repairs on E Orange St. The 2 water main repairs on N Locust St stemmed from UGI damage to service line. He is also working on preparations for upcoming EPA inspection.

Sheidy asked about the rust stain on water tanks. Tank maintenance was delayed waiting for applications for grant money. With grant application rejected, now will bid that job out.

- c. **Engineer's Report:** Michael Krieger reported there were no issues with Chlorination project start up 1/31/24. For the Poplar St water main replacement project, an approved plan was received back, and they are ready to bid that project. A proposal will be submitted next month for the water main replacement project for W High St. Becker noted that the W High St project is not a part of the PENNVEST project due to permitting requirements.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS:

Murphy asked if contractor will pay for the Market St water main break last year. Becker said we need to have further discussion with PennDOT regarding the cause of the break. Murphy asked if we had any bids for mowing. Becker stated mowing bid closes 2/9/24.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

8. ADJOURN: 7:47 PM

Action: "That the Board adjourns the regular meeting."

Motion: K Murphy

Second: J O'Connell

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

D. Becker, PE, Authority Manager

Approved at 3 /11 /2024 Meeting