# LOWER BUCKS COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 23, 2010

The Board Directors of Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority held their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at the Authority's Administration office located at 7811 New Falls Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania, 19055.

#### Call to Order

Mr. Chase, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

#### Roll Call

Mrs. DeRosier, Secretary, took roll call as follows:

Board Members Present: Susan DeRosier

James Chase Anthony Verduci John Monahan Edward Czyzyk

Absent: Edmund Armstrong

Also Present: Vijay Rajput, Managing Director

Pat Koszarek, Finance Director

Nancy Burnell, Supervisor, Meter Department

Gary Tosti, Plant Manager Phil Smythe, Field Technician

Vince Capaldi, Superintendent, WTP

James A. Downey III, Esquire

#### **Public Participation**

There was no public participation at this time.

## <u>Approval - Payment of September 2010 Accounts Payable as Presented to the Board of Directors</u>

#### Motion

Mr. Monahan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeRosier, to approve the payment of the September 2010 accounts payable as presented to the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

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## Ratification and Approval of the July 2010 Accounts Payable as Presented to the Board of Directors

#### Motion

Mr. Monahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk, to approve the July 2010 Accounts Payable as presented to the Board Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

## Ratification and Approval of the August 2010 Accounts Payable as Presented to the Board of Directors

#### Motion

Mr. Monahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Czyzyk, to approve the August 2010 Accounts Payable as presented to the Board Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

## Approval of the June 24, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes as Presented to the Board of Directors with corrections

Mr. Czyzyk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, to approve the June 24, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes with corrections.

Motion carried unanimously.

## Approval of the August 5, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes as Presented to the Board of Directors

#### Motion

Mr. Monahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Verduci, to approve the August 5, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes as Presented to the Board of Directors.

#### Roll Call on the Motion

Mr. Czyzyk Abstain – absent from meeting

Mr. Chase Aye
Mr. Verduci Aye
Mr. Monahan Aye

Mrs. DeRosier Abstain – absent from meeting

3 Aye votes – 2 Abstention – motion did not pass. This will be brought up at the October 28, 2010 Board Meeting.

#### **Pretreatment Variances**

There were no Pretreatment Variances brought before the Board of Directors.

#### Managing Director's Report

Dr. Rajput reported on the following items:

## Contract WWTP 308: Furnish and Deliver Rock Salt (Sodium Chloride) for the 2010/2011 Season (Bucks County Consortium Salt Bid)

Bids were opened on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, by the Bucks County Consortium for the above contract. The results of the bids, along with supporting documents, were forwarded to the Authority for review and award consideration. The results are listed below.

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	
	Delivered Price Per Ton	Undelivered Price Per Ton
International Salt Company, LLC	\$50.83	\$50.00
Cargill, IncDeicing Technology Business Unit	\$54.22	\$52.00
Oceanport, LLC	\$56.22	\$59.00
American Rock Salt Co., LLC	\$61.20	\$58.00
Eastern Salt Company, Inc	\$62.85	\$62.85

As can be seen from the above bid results International Salt Company, LLC, 655 Northern Blvd, Clarks Summit, PA, submitted their bid proposal with the lowest unit bid price of \$50.83 per ton delivered. This bid price is lower than that of last year's bid price of \$57.85 per ton delivered. It is recommended awarding Contract WWTP 308 Furnish and Deliver Rock Salt (Sodium Chloride) for the 2010/2011 Season, as per the specifications and general conditions contained in the bid documents, to International Salt Company, LLC, 655 Northern Blvd, Clarks Summit, PA with their unit bid price of \$50.83 per ton delivered.

#### **Motion**

Mr. Verduci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, to award Contract WWTP-308 Furnish and Deliver Rock Salt (Sodium Chloride) for the 2010/2011 Season to International Salt Company, LLC, 655 Northern Blvd, Clarks Summit, PA with their unit bid price of \$50.83 per ton delivered.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Contract WTP 295: Demolition of Vermilion Hills Elevated Water Storage Tank

This contract involves demolition of the existing one million gallon elevated water storage tank located in the Vermilion Hills section of Levittown (Falls Township). After reviewing several available options, it was determined that it would not be cost effective to rehabilitate the tank, therefore, it is recommended to demolish the tank.

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Bids were received and opened on September 16, 2010, for the above project. The bid results are presented below.

Contractor Name	Bid Amount
All Industrial Services, Youngstown, OH	\$59,278
Preferred Tank & Tower, Evansville, IN	\$60,000
Iseler Demolition, Inc., Remo, MI	\$70,500
Associated Paving Contractors, Inc., Warminster, PA	\$84,750
Geppert Bros., Inc., Colmar, PA	\$121,500
RE Pierson Construction, Pilesgrove, NJ	\$159,230
Kosinski Demo, Port Austin, MI	Incomplete Bid Submission

As can be seen from the bid results, Kosinski Demolition, Inc., Company submitted an incomplete bid. All Industrial Services, Inc. submitted the lowest total base bid in the amount of \$59,278. Review of their bid package shows that the bid submittal is complete and was found to have the required qualifications for this project. It is recommended awarding the above contract to All Industrial Services, Inc., 6996 Ronjoy Place, Youngstown, Ohio with their total base bid amount of \$59,278.

#### **Motion**

Mr. Verduci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, to award Contract WTP 295 Demolition of Vermilion Hills Elevated Water Storage Tank to All Industrial Services Inc., 6996 Ronjoy Place, Youngstown, Ohio with their total base bid amount of \$59,278. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Contract WWTP 294: Rehabilitation of Kenwood Sewage Pump Station

The Kenwood Pump Station was placed back in service September 13, 2010. The contractor is in the process of completing the few remaining items. The Authority is also in the process of placing the scrubber back in service. The Authority received a letter from PADEP regarding a civil penalty for an overflow of waste that occurred at the Pump Station June 21, 2010 resulting from a break in the bypass pipe. It is the responsibility of the contractor to install, operate and maintain the bypass system. The contractor is responsible for the incurred fines which total \$3,015. The PADEP issued a consent order which the Authority needs to sign. The Authority has received payment from the contractor. Mr. Downey feels that the fine is very reasonable.

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#### Motion

Mr. Verduci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, to approve and sign the consent decree as presented by Dr. Rajput.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Personnel - Voluntary Resignation

The Authority received a voluntary resignation of employment from one employee through a letter dated August 23, 2010.

#### **Motion**

Mrs. DeRosier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Verduci, to accept the voluntary resignation of employment from one employee through a letter dated August 23, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

#### <u>High Service Pump #4 – Transformer Project</u>

The transformer for High Service Pump #4 was delivered. The Authority's insurance company has completed its investigation and has determined the claim that was filed for the loss due to damage is a covered loss and approved the estimated cost of \$63,600 for replacement of the transformer minus the \$5,000 deductable.

## Contract WWTP 279: Installation of Cured In-Place Sanitary Sewer Lining in Various Sections along Millcreek under ITI Costar Contract No. 016017

Work began for this project on September 21, 2010. The majority of the green belt area is not accessible to vehicles due to tree obstructions, therefore, it is not accessible to the contractor for the cleaning, inspection and lining work. In order to access the sewer mains and interceptors for the above contract, Bustleton Tree Services, Inc., who is the Authority's current contractor for tree removal, has cleared a 20 ft. wide vehicle access way along the green belts. In the process, a sanitary manhole was discovered with a missing lid. This manhole is located on a 24 inch interceptor next to the creek and is a direct source of inflow during storm events. It is evident that this part of the sewer collection system has not been inspected for more than 20 years or since the lines were installed. We should notice a significant reduction in Inflow/Infiltration to our Wastewater collection system.

#### Pennsylvania Turnpike Project - Relocation of 8 Inch Water Main

There is an existing 8 inch water main which crosses Mill Creek between Plumbridge Drive and Mill Creek Drive. Presently, a part of the water main crossing is exposed as a result of creek and embankment erosions. This line is in conflict with the PENNA Turnpike Commissions proposed I-276/I-95 interchange project PENNA Turnpike, they will relocate the lies at no cost to the Authority.

#### Contract WWTP-286: Sludge Cake Loading Area Modifications

The Contractor is working on obtaining the required building permit from License and Inspection Department of Bristol Township. The permit cost is approximately \$6,500. Dr. Rajput has tried to, but was not successful in obtaining a waiver from Bristol Township for the building permit. The Authority will pay this fee directly to Bristol Township since the cost of this permit was not covered under the contract. Dr. Rajput thanked John Monahan for his effort in trying to obtain the waiver for the above contract.

### Bulk Water Purchase by Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority through the Existing Interconnection

Dr. Rajput stated that the Authority needs the ordinance from Tullytown Borough and Bristol Township extending the Authority's charter in or to move forward with this project. Dr. Rajput met with Ben Jones, Chief Executive Officer of Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority to address items such as minimum water that will need to be purchased, water quality requirements and supply of water during high demand. Mr. Downey will revise the agreements to reflect the above revisions. Mr. Downey advised that since the Authority does not have a Charter Renewal for 25 years, the Board cannot sign the agreement.

Mrs. DeRosier informed the Board that she spoke with Mr. Pluta, Bristol Township Council President, and he indicated that Bristol Township did vote to extend the Charter. Mr. Downey spoke to Mr. Sellers, Solicitor for Tullytown Borough, and was informed that Tullytown Borough will be voting on the Charter shortly.

BCWSA stated that they would appreciate the Authority approving the agreement with revisions as soon as possible in order for them to begin the required upgrade of their Pump Station.

The remainder of Dr. Rajput's report is for the Board's information.

#### Solicitor's Report - James A. Downey III, Esquire

#### **Executive Session**

At 7:35 P.M. Mr. Downey requested an executive session. The regular Board meeting reconvened at 8:17 P.M. Mr. Downey stated that during the executive session, personnel matters were discussed.

#### **Finance Director's Report**

Ms. Koszarek's report is for the Board's review.

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#### **Old Business**

#### Workshop/Garage - Meter Reading Department

Mrs. DeRosier asked Dr. Rajput for the status of the Meter Department Workshop/Garage. Dr. Rajput replied that they are looking into other options, such as a prefabricated, reinforced building. Mr. Chase asked if Dr. Rajput is working on the report for the Board indicating what the plans were for the future of the Meter Department. Dr. Rajput replied that he would have something for the Board for the October meeting.

#### **New Business**

#### **Pension**

Mrs. DeRosier stated that in the newspaper it gave a report of local Municipalities being distressed regarding Pension Plans and how they are rated. The Authority is rated at moderate. Has this changed? Dr. Rajput replied that he and Ms. Koszarek are looking into this and will report back to the Board once they have some information.

#### **Disposal of Unused Prescription Medication**

Mrs. DeRosier stated that at last month's meeting she spoke about the Disposal of unused prescription medication. She informed the Board that Bristol Township is having something Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>; there was a list in the paper of other drop off sites. Bristol Township is hoping to hold a drop off for the disposal of unused prescription medication yearly.

#### **Marcellus Shale**

Mrs. DeRosier stated that there was a documentary on HBO called Gasland. She feels that it might be a good movie for the Board to view. This is affecting the Delaware Basin which in time will flow down to our water source and we should be prepared for what could come down our water ways. Mr. Monahan informed the Board that this will be discussed this week in Harrisburg.

#### <u>Savings</u>

Mrs. DeRosier informed the Board that it was suggested that instead of giving the Board paper to write on with their packets each month to put a tablet on the table. If anyone needs to write something down they can just take a piece of paper from the tablet. This could result in a savings on paper.

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#### **Public Participation**

There was no public participation at this time.

#### **Adjournment of Board Meeting**

Ad by N Mr. Czyzyk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Verduci, to adjourn the Board meeting

Respectfully Submitted by: Susa Susan DeRosier, Secretary