

# *Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority*

## *Board Meeting Minutes ~ October 19, 2021*

The Board Directors of Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at the Authority's Administration Building located at 7811 New Falls Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania 19055.

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Glasson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Glasson asked everyone to take a moment for all those who keep us safe every day.

### **Roll Call**

Mrs. Burnell took roll call as follows:

**Present:** Michele Hammar  
Joseph Glasson  
James Chase  
John Monahan  
Cynthia Murphy  
Michael Sidoti

### **Absent:**

**Also Present:** Vijay S. Rajput, Ph.D., P.E., Managing Director/Director of Operations  
Phil Smythe, Field Technician/LS Supervisor  
Mike Andrews, WWTP Manager/ Engineering Assistant  
Nancy Burnell, Meter Department Supervisor  
Colleen Dunn, Finance Manager  
James A. Downey, III, Esquire, Solicitor

### **Public Participation**

There wasn't any public participation.

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### **Approval of the October's 2021 Accounts Payable**

**Motion:** Mr. Sidoti made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chase to approve October's 2021 Accounts Payables as presented to the Board Directors.

#### Roll Call on the Motion

Mr. Monahan	Aye
Mrs. Murphy	Aye
Mr. Chase	Aye
Mr. Glasson	Aye
Mrs. Hammar	Aye
Mr. Sidoti	Aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

\* Mr. Glasson abstained from any invoices to McIntyre Plumbing, Benjamin Franklin Plumbing & Glasson Enterprises for the year 2021.

### **Approval of the September's 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Mrs. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, to approve September 23, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes.

#### Roll Call on the Motion

Mr. Monahan	Aye
Mr. Chase	Aye
Mrs. Murphy	Aye
Mr. Glasson	Aye
Mrs. Hammar	Aye
Mr. Sidoti	Aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Managing Directors Report**

Dr. Rajput stated that Bids were received on October 14, 2021, for the Contract No. WWTP-428: Disposal of Dewatered Sludge from the Authority's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Dr. Rajput stated that as per the bid opening results, Waste Management was the only bidder for this contract. This is a unit bid price contract. After review of the bid documents and bidder's qualification statements, we recommend awarding **Contract WWTP 428: Disposal of Dewatered Sludge from the Authority's Wastewater Treatment Plant to Waste Management located at 107 Silvia Street, Ewing, NJ 08628 in their unit bid amount of \$138.39 per ton.** The duration of this contract is three (3) years. The current contract price is \$98.20/ton, an increase of \$40.19/ton.

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**Motion:** Mrs. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chase, to approve Contract WWTP 428: Disposal of Dewatered Sludge from the Authority's Wastewater Treatment Plant to Waste Management located at 107 Silvia Street, Ewing, NJ 08628 in their unit bid amount of \$138.39 per ton.

### Roll Call on the Motion

Mr. Monahan	Aye
Mr. Chase	Aye
Mrs. Murphy	Aye
Mr. Glasson	Aye
Mrs. Hammar	Aye
Mr. Sidoti	Aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Dr. Rajput stated that Bids were received on October 14, 2021, for the Contract No. WTP 429: Disposal of Dewatered Sludge from the Authority's Water Treatment Plant. This contract is for the Disposal of Dewatered Sludge from the Authority's Water Treatment Plant. Dr. Rajput stated that based on the bids that were received, Waste Management was the lowest responsible bidder. This is a unit bid price contract. After review of the bid documents and bidder's qualification statement we recommend awarding **Contract WTP-429: Disposal of Dewatered Sludge from the Authority's Water Treatment Plant to Waste Management located at 107 Silvia Street, Ewing, NJ 08628 in their unit bid amount of \$138.39 per ton.** The duration of this contract is three (3) years. The current contract price is \$98.20/ton, an increase of \$40.19/ton.

**Motion:** Mr. Chase made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Murphy, to approve Contract WTP-429: Disposal of Dewatered Sludge from the Authority's Water Treatment Plant to Waste Management located at 107 Silvia Street, Ewing, NJ 08628 in their unit bid amount of \$138.39 per ton. The duration of this contract is three (3) years. The current contract price is \$98.20/ton, an increase of \$40.19/ton.

### Roll Call on the Motion

Mr. Monahan	Aye
Mr. Chase	Aye
Mrs. Murphy	Aye
Mr. Glasson	Aye
Mrs. Hammar	Aye
Mr. Sidoti	Aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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Dr. Rajput stated that bids were received and opened on October 14, 2021, for the Contract No. WWTP-430 involving furnish and supply new Kennedy Fire hydrants, Valves, and Pipe. Dr. Rajput stated that this is a unit bid price contract. As per the bid opening results, Hajoca Corporation located in Lansdale, Pennsylvania was the only bidder on this contract. Hajoca Corporation is the current contractor supplying the items listed in the attached Tabulation sheet. Their services have been very satisfactory. Dr. Rajput stated that based on our review of the bid proposals, qualifications, and technical specifications, we recommend awarding **Contract No. WWTP-430 to Hajoca Corporation located in Lansdale, Pennsylvania** for the unit base bid prices presented in the bid tabulation. The duration of this Contract is two (2) years.

**Motion:** Mr. Chase made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Murphy, to approve Contract No. WWTP-430 to Hajoca Corporation located in Lansdale, Pennsylvania for the unit base bid prices presented in the bid tabulation. The duration of this Contract is two (2) years.

### Roll Call on the Motion

Mr. Monahan	Aye
Mr. Chase	Aye
Mrs. Murphy	Aye
Mr. Glasson	Aye
Mrs. Hammar	Aye
Mr. Sidoti	Aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Dr. Rajput stated that bids were received and opened on October 14, 2021, for the Contract No. WTP - 431 involving furnish and supply of Ferric Chloride (technical grade) for the Water Treatment Plant. Dr. Rajput stated that Ferric Chloride is used as a coagulant in the coagulation/flocculation process which is one of the main water treatment unit processes at the plant. The estimated yearly consumption of ferric chloride is approximately 500,000 pounds on dry weight basis.

Dr. Rajput stated that as per the bid opening results, Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. was the only bidder for this contract. Dr. Rajput stated that this is a unit bid price contract. Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. is the Authority's current supplier of Ferric Chloride and their services have been very satisfactory. Based on review of the bid proposal and qualifications, we recommend awarding **Contract No. WTP-431: Furnish and Supply Ferric Chloride to the Water Treatment Plant to Kemira Water Solution, Inc., located at 3211 Clinton Parkway Center, Suite 1, Lawrence, KS with a unit price of \$39.30 per CWT dry or \$0.393 per dry pound of Ferric Chloride delivered.** The duration of this contract is two (2) years. The current contract unit price is \$31.20/CWT or \$0.312 per dry pound of ferric chloride delivered, an increase of \$8.10/CWT dry or an increase of \$0.081/per dry pound.

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**Motion:** Mr. Sidoti made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Murphy, to approve Contract No. WTP-431: Furnish and Supply Ferric Chloride to the Water Treatment Plant to Kemira Water Solution, Inc., located at 3211 Clinton Parkway Center, Suite 1, Lawrence, KS with a unit price of \$39.30 per CWT dry or \$0.393 per dry pound of Ferric Chloride delivered. The duration of this contract is two (2) years.

### Roll Call on the Motion

Mr. Monahan	Aye
Mr. Chase	Aye
Mrs. Murphy	Aye
Mr. Glasson	Aye
Mrs. Hammar	Aye
Mr. Sidoti	Aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Dr. Rajput stated that the following items of his report are for the Board information and updates:**

#### BULK SEWER AGREEMENT WITH BUCKS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY:

Dr. Rajput stated that based on a review of the existing bulk sewer agreements with Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCWSA) and advice of Mr. James A. Downey, III, Esquire, we have sent a written notice to terminate all the existing bulk sewer agreements through a letter dated October 8, 2021. We had notified BCWSA through a letter dated September 21, 2021, that LBCJMA (the Authority) has installed bulk sewer meters to begin billing BCWSA based on metered sewer flow. BCWSA raised opposition to the actual metered sewer flow-based billing referring to the existing bulk sewer agreements that the Authority had with Middletown Township.

#### TRACER STUDY AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Dr. Rajput stated that we have completed the review of the draft report on the Tracer Study conducted at the Water Treatment Plant on July 27<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>, prepared by GHD, (Peter Lusardi, P.E., and his staff). The report is being finalized for submission to PADEP along with PADEP required completed Request of Designation of Treatment Segments for Calculation of 1.0-Log Giardia Inactivation based on this Tracer Study data.

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### WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: REHABILITATION / REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING WATER MAINS – PHASE 6:

Dr. Rajput stated that Replacement of approximately five (5) 6 inch valves and associated fittings on Daffodil Lane in Dogwood is complete. We will be scheduling replacement of a portion of water main at Main Street and Cheston Street in Tullytown as soon as we receive delivery of pipes.

### INSTALLATION OF PREFABRICATED METAL BUILDING/SHELTER FOR CHLORINE CYLINDER STORAGE AREA AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Dr. Rajput reported that the installation of the metal building/shelter for chlorine cylinder storage is completed and currently working on installing the required door, chlorine sensor, alarm, and exhaust fan as per the requirements of USEPA.

### CONTRACT WWTP-419: REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ODOR CONTROL WET CHEMICAL SCRUBBER WITH NEUTRALOX® PHOTOIONIZATION SYSTEM AT KENWOOD WASTEWATER PUMP STATION:

Dr. Rajput reported that they are continuing working on installing the required piping and electrical conduit/wiring. The delay in installation of the piping is mainly due to long lead times on some material including pipe. Our anticipated date of installation completion is October 28, 2021. Once all installation work is completed, we will schedule startup of Photoionization system with the supplier of the system.

### CONTRACT WTP-418: REPLACEMENT OF FILTER MEDIA AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT :

Dr. Rajput said they are continuing to work on compiling the required information for preparation of technical specifications and contract documents for the replacement of existing media of the existing four high-rate dual media filters for bidding process.

### COVID-19:

We are continuing to implement and practice all required precautionary and preventive measures and maintaining the required operations of our water and wastewater systems.

### WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS:

The average daily drinking water supplied for the month of September was approximately 5.99 MGD. This is of lowest monthly average water demand we have observed. The monthly average effluent flow from the wastewater treatment plant for the month of September was approximately 8.62 MGD.

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

There was an executive session from 6:00 pm. to 7:10 pm. at which time personnel and litigation matters were discussed. As the Board is aware of the ongoing ethics investigation regarding the Authority, I have a letter dated February 28, 2013, written to the then Finance Director in which I find "S2A Technologies Inc." presented no conflict of interest nor any appearance of impropriety with that group providing classes for personnel for this Authority. Mr. Downey ask for a motion so that the letter of February 28, 2013, can be made a part of the records and part of minutes of this Board.

**Motion:** Mr. Chase made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Murphy, to make the letter of February 28, 2013, part of the records and part of minutes of this Board.

### **Roll Call on the Motion**

Mr. Monahan	Aye
Mr. Chase	Aye
Mrs. Murphy	Aye
Mr. Glasson	Aye
Mrs. Hammar	Aye
Mr. Sidoti	Aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Finance Manager's Report**

Mrs. Dunn reported the Authority is doing well and submitted her financial report to the Board of Directors for informational purposes. Mrs. Dunn stated the Authority will be upgrading the security at the front door. This was decided after having a person barged through the front door while a secretary was speaking with a delivery person. This person went through the vestibule area and into the main office area. This person than refused to leave the premises until they spoke with Dr. Rajput. Although the individual was known to Mrs. Dunn & Dr. Rajput; the threat he imposed was real and caused panic among the front office employees; for they did not know who he was.

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business brought before the Board.

### **New Business**

There was no New Business brought before the Board.

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## **Adjournment**

Mr. Chase made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Murphy, to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Cynthia Murphy  
Secretary



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**Re: S2A Technologies, Inc. – Water/Wastewater Training Classes**

Dear Ms. Koszarek,

Following up on your e-mail request on the morning of February 27, I address this letter to your attention with regard to the above-noted organization. As we are both aware, this is the company of Vijay S. Rajput, Ph.D., P.E. that provides classes and training classes for the water/wastewater treatment employees of the Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority. Those classes are necessary not only for education of the employees, but to comply with certain requirements of the federal and state agencies that oversee the Authority's operation.

There is no conflict of interest nor any appearance of impropriety in that entity providing those classes.

Should you wish additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

James A. Downey, III

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