# North Wales Water Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2021

# Call to order:

A regular business meeting of the NWWA Board of Directors was held on September 15, 2021, at the NWWA Business office, 200 West Walnut Street, North Wales, PA. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Nagel at 5:00 pm.

# Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Nagel led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

# Roll Call:

Roll call was taken and recorded as follows;

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status
Joan H. Nagel	NWWA	Chair	Present
Albert S. Tenney	NWWA	Vice-Chair	Present
Donna L. Mengel	NWWA	Secretary	Present
Neil J. McDevitt	NWWA	Treasurer	Present
Sally Neiderhiser	NWWA	Asst./Sec Treasurer	Present
Robert C. Bender	NWWA	Executive Director	Present
Brad S. Fisher, P.E.	NWWA	Director of Eng. / Ops.	Present
Christine Lezoche	NWWA	Director of Finance	Present
Michael P Clarke, Esq.	Rudolph Clarke	Authority Solicitor	Absent
Barbara Merlie, Esq.	Rudolph Clarke	Authority Solicitor	Present
Lane Bodley P.E.	Carroll Engineering	Authority Engineer	Present
Allen Mason P.E.	Carroll Engineering	Authority Engineer	Present

Becca Suskin was present by video as the ASL interpreter for Mr. McDevitt.

Allen Mason was present by video.

Board members Mengel and McDevitt participated in the meeting by virtual media connection.

# Approval of Minutes:

The Board next considered approval of the Minutes of the 08/18/2021 meeting. Upon motion of member Mengel, seconded by member Tenney the minutes were approved.

Vote Record						
x Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tabled Failed	Mrs. Nagel		x			
	Mr. Tenney	Seconded	x			
	Ms. Mengel	Initiated	х			
	Mrs. Neiderhiser		x			
	Mr. McDevitt		x			

<u>Public Comment:</u> Mayor D'Angelo was present and commented on Hurricane Ida and the good work by the Authority throughout the event.

Resolutions:

None this meeting

**Bids and Contracts:** 

None this meeting

# **Solicitors Report:**

Mrs. Merlie presented a Contract for Professional Services for NWWA Project E-1072 with Prospect Acquisitions LP/ Wheatley Walk at 779-783 Sumneytown Pike, Upper Gwynedd Twp. This project includes a 17 unit townhome development. Upon a motion by member Tenney, seconded by member Neiderhiser the agreement was approved.

2 V	ote Record						
х	Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tabled	Mrs. Nagel		х				
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Initiated	х			
		Ms. Mengel		х			
		Mrs. Neiderhiser	Seconded	x			
		Mr. McDevitt		x			

Mrs. Merlie also informed the Board that the development agreements for 1553 Easton Road project were received this afternoon from Mr. Gundlach's office. She requested Board approval for the Chair and/or the Executive Director to sign the documents subject to final review by the Solicitor.

Upon a motion by member Mengel, seconded by member Neiderhiser the agreements were approved.

Vote Record						
x Approved Tabled Failed			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Mrs. Nagel		х			
	Mr. Tenney	Seconded	x			
	Ms. Mengel	Initiated	x			
	Mrs. Neiderhiser		x			
	Mr. McDevitt		x			

#### **Engineers Report:**

Mr. Lane Bodley presented Payment Application # 10 for Bid Contract 521-19-01A, payable to CBI Tank Storage Solutions, in the amount of \$358,513.12 for work completed at the Montgomery 3 Tank Site. Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member Neiderhiser, the payment was approved.

V	ote Record						
x Approved Tabled	Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Mrs. Nagel		x				
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Initiated	X			
		Ms. Mengel		x			
		Mrs. Neiderhiser	Seconded	x			
		Mr. McDevitt		х			

Mr. McDevitt inquired about the retainage for the job. Mr. Bodley explained that the vendors reporting system states the incorrect percentage, but that the dollars presented are the correct percentage. Ms. Mengel inquired about the project progress. Mr. Bodley replied that the project is half way through construction, and that estimated completion is September 2022.

# **Operations Report:**

Mr. Fisher reviewed the monthly operations report and noted that due to Hurricane Ida there was significant tree damage at our Bell Lane facilities in Upper Dublin Township requiring emergency removal, and that we had floor damage at our West Montgomery Avenue location. The tree damage was such that it was blocking a drainage stream, requiring a tree removal company for emergency removal at a cost of approximately \$35,000.00. The Solicitor noted that as the storm event has been declared a public emergency, the emergency expenditure did not require bidding.

The Board authorized the emergency tree removal upon motion of member Tenney, seconded by member Mengel.

2 V	ote Record						
х	Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tabled	Mrs. Nagel		x				
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Initiated	x			
		Ms. Mengel	Seconded	x			
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x			
		Mr. McDevitt		х			

Mr. Fisher then presented the following payment applications for approval, noting that they will be reimbursed by the ANG as part of the PFAS/PFOA projects:

Payment Application #3 for Bid Contract 520-20-13A General Construction at Warrington PFAS Wells 3 & 9, in the amount of \$131,125.50 payable to Pact Two, LLC. Upon a motion by member McDevitt, seconded by member Mengel the payment was approved.

x Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tabled Failed	Mrs. Nagel		х			
	Mr. Tenney		х			
	Ms. Mengel	Seconded	х			
	Mrs. Neiderhiser		х			
	Mr. McDevitt	Initiated	х			

Payment Application #3 for Bid Contract 520-20-13B for Electrical work completed at Warrington wells 3 & 9, in the amount of \$42,210.00 payable to GS Developers.

Upon a motion by member Tenney, seconded by member Neiderhiser the payment was approved.

Vote Record						
x Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tabled Failed	Mrs. Nagel		х			
	Mr. Tenney	Initiated	х			
	Ms. Mengel		х			
	Mrs. Neiderhiser	Seconded	х			
	Mr. McDevitt		х			

Payment Application #1 for Bid Contract 520-20-12 for work completed at Water Main Improvements at Upper & Lower Barness Rd, in the amount of \$196,254.54 payable to Shainline Excavating. This project was part of the purchase agreement with Warrington Twp and will reimburse through a grant. Upon a motion by member Neiderhiser, seconded by member Tenney the payment was approved.

Vote Record						
x Approved Tabled Failed			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Mrs. Nagel		x			
	Mr. Tenney	Seconded	x			
	Ms. Mengel		x			
	Mrs. Neiderhiser	Initiated	x			
	Mr. McDevitt		x			

# Bills & Requisitions Approval:

Mrs. Lezoche then noted that there were no payments or fiscal activities out of the ordinary on the bill listings, recommending and requesting approval to pay and process all invoices, refunds, transfers, and to requisition funds, as presented within the following lists:

- a. Ratification of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 08/19/2021
- b. Ratification of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 08/26/2021
- c. Ratification of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 09/02/2021
- d. Ratification of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 09/09/2021

Payment of the bills presented was approved by the Board in accordance with the following roll call vote:

Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tabled Failed	Mrs. Nagel		x			
	Mr. Tenney		x			
	Ms. Mengel		x			
	Mrs. Neiderhiser	Initiated	x			
	Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	х			

Mr. Tenney abstained from voting on his PMAA Training Conference reimbursement included Bills list D.

#### **Executive Directors Report:**

Mr. Bender reported that we did not have any loss of water during the Hurricane IDA. All customers were served and we provided assistance to other utilities that needed water. Our only damage was the trees in Upper Dublin, the flooring at the West Montgomery Ave locations and some minor flooding in our main office basement. He also reported that NWWA representatives will be meeting with Borough officials about a possible joint venture to address an ongoing drainage issue along Swartley Street, which impacts the recurrent I&I problems experienced by the Authority. The intent is to incorporate this work into the upcoming Elm Avenue I&I sanitary sewer project.

# Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, upon motion by member Neiderhiser, seconded by member McDevitt, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm.

All present voted in favor.

Respectfully Subnitted

Donna L Mengel, Secretary