

**North Wales Water Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Minutes of 04/17/2024

Call to order:

A regular business meeting of the NWWA Board of Directors was held at the NWWA business office on April 17, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m., and called to order by Board Chair Nagel.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Nagel led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken and recorded as follows.

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
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	Absent
Robert C. Bender	NWWA	Executive Director	Present
Joseph E Murphy	NWWA	Director of Operations	Present
Christine Lezoche	NWWA	Director of Finance	Present
Nicole Feight Esq.	Rudolph Clarke	Authority Solicitor	Present
Michael P Clarke Esq.	Rudolph Clarke	Authority Solicitor	Present By Video
Lane Bodley P.E.	Carroll Engineering	Authority Engineer	Present
Allen Mason P.E.	Carroll Engineering	Authority Engineer	Present

Becca Suskin was present to provide ASL services for Mr. McDevitt.

Mrs. Neiderhiser was excused from the meeting due to a family emergency.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board next considered approval of the Minutes of 03/20/2024. Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member McDevitt, the minutes were approved as presented.

<u>Vote Record</u>						
			<u>Yes/Aye</u>	<u>No/Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
x	Approved					
	Tabled					
	Failed					
		Ms. Nagel	x			
		Mr. Tenney	Initiator	x		
		Ms. Mengel		x		
		Ms. Neiderhiser				x
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x		

Public Comment: None.

Resolutions: None this meeting

Bids and Contracts: None this meeting

Solicitors Report:

Ms. Feight asked for approval for the following:

Contract for Professional Services for E1101 Commerce Pursuit Capital, L.P., (Luxor Fort Washington). Upon a motion of member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the contract was approved as presented.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vote Record				Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
x	Approved						
	Tabled	Ms. Nagel		x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney		x			
		Ms. Mengel	Initiator	x			
		Ms. Neiderhiser					x
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x			

Ms. Feight then presented the revised and updated NWWA Leak Adjustment Policy for approval. This new policy codifies the methods that have been being used when a customer contacts the Authority for a water/sewer bill adjustment due to a leak. Mr. Bender noted at the next meeting the previous Resolution outlining the methods used will be scheduled for repeal at the next business meeting. Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Mengel, the policy was approved as presented.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vote Record				Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
x	Approved						
	Tabled	Ms. Nagel		x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney		x			
		Ms. Mengel		x			
		Ms. Neiderhiser					x
		Mr. McDevitt		x			

Engineers Report:

Mr. Bodley presented the following for approval:

Payment Application #8 for Bid Contract 530-20-11 from Joao & Bradley in the amount of \$72,103.09. Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Tenney, the payment was approved as presented.

Mr. Bender asked if we are still holding retainage for the project. Mr. Bodley noted that they are until several other parts of the projects have been completed.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vote Record				Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
x	Approved						
	Tabled	Ms. Nagel		x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Seconded	x			

	Ms. Mengel		x			
	Ms. Neiderhiser					x
	Mr. McDevitt	Initiator	x			

Operations Report:

Mr. Murphy reviewed the monthly operations report noting that while remaining busy, nothing was out of the ordinary as to water flows and system maintenance.

Mr. Murphy presented the following Payment Applications for work at 1553 Easton Rd Ops Garage for approval:

- a) Payment Application #5 from A. N. Lynch Co., Inc, in the amount \$39,211.87 under Bid Contract 573-22-01-E. Upon a motion of member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the payment was approved as presented.
- b) Payment Application #6 from Integrity Mechanical in the amount \$10,080.00 under Bid Contract 573-22-01-M. Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Mengel, the payment was approved as presented.
- c) Payment Application #10 from Walter A. Brucker & Co., Inc, in the amount \$190,392.35 under Bid Contract 573-22-01-G. Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member Mengel, the payment was approved as presented.
- d) Payment Application #5 from Hirschberg Mechanical Inc., in the amount \$13,891.70 under Bid Contract 573-22-01-P. Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Mengel, the payment was approved as presented.

Mr. Bender noted that the new security and fire alarm systems are being worked on now at the new Operations facility in Warrington, and we anticipate the buildings to be ready for a June or July 2024 open house.

Bills & Requisitions Approval:

Mrs. Lezoche reported that there were no payments or 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.

- a. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 03/21/2024.
- b. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 04/03/2024.
- c. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 04/12/2024.

Payment of the bills was then approved by the Board in accordance with the following roll call vote.

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

Executive Directors Report:

Mr. Bender reported upon the recently released National Drinking Water Standard establishing new limits for PFAS contaminants, just released by the EPA. He noted that this new regulation could impact the design of the future expansion of Forest Park. He also noted that on Thursday representatives from MIRIA will be given a tour of Forest Park along with some of our newer staff.

Mr. Bender reported that he and Mr. Murphy had met with the director of Montgomery Township Municipal Sewer Authority (MTMSA) to discuss an arrangement providing for obtaining assistance and services from the MTMSA as needed for the NWWA sanitary sewer collection system. He explained that these services will be on a trial basis and will be billed at Time and Materials basis. Noting the recent retirement of the former NWWA Wastewater Plant operator, and the decommissioning of the treatment plant several years ago, he opined that our need for full-time wastewater staffing has been reduced. He reported that as MTMSA has the operational manpower and equipment needed should an emergency arise we anticipate a reduction in costs and an improvement in emergency services, noting that NWWA staff would continue to handle all customer and day to day services. Mr. Bender said that he intended to use the arrangement with the MTMSA on a trial basis, and if successful, to consider an intermunicipal contract for operations work, possibly commencing in 2025.

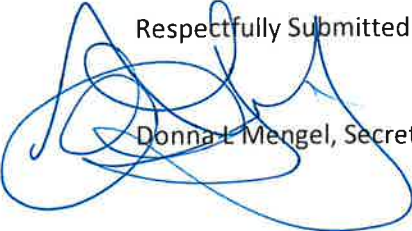
Mr. Bender reported that we are currently working on filtration improvements at Upper Dublin Township well sites, which will require zoning variances. We will be coordinating our efforts with appointed engineers and solicitors to prepare and present our position at an upcoming Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

He next reported that we have received the report from US Pipe on the gaskets used at the Park Avenue/Ferry Road project. These results will be reviewed with the NWWA Engineer and Solicitor prior to making a recommendation to the Board for appropriate action.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board; upon motion by member McDevitt, seconded by member Mengel, the business meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

All members present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna L. Mengel, Secretary