North Wales Water Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of 06/19/2024

Call to order:

A regular business meeting of the NWWA Board of Directors was held at the NWWA business office on June 19, 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.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	<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	Present
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 by Video
Michael P Clarke Esq.	Rudolph Clarke	Authority Solicitor	Absent
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.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board next considered approval of the Minutes of 05/15/2024. Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Neiderhiser, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

Public Comment: None present.

Resolutions: None this meeting

Bids and Contracts:

Mr. Bodley presented the Recommendation for Award of Bid Contract 530-21-10 for the Sumneytown Pike Main Replacement Project to Pact One LLC, in the amount of \$1,693,950.00.

Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member Mengel, the Contract was awarded as presented.

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

Solicitors Report:

Ms. Feight reported that the tentative agenda item from Hallmark Homes was not received from the applicant, so there is not any action to take place at this time.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Bodley presented Payment Application #35 for Approval for CBI Storage Solutions Inc in the amount \$50,114.26 for Bid Contract 521-19-01A Montgomery Tank 3 Project for work completed to date. Upon a motion of member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the payment was approved.

Vote Record					
x Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tabled Failed	Ms. Nagel	X			f
	Mr. Tenney	X			
	Ms. Mengel	X			
	Ms. Neiderhiser	X			(
	Mr. McDevitt	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. He reported that there were no main breaks in May, and that the following projects are still under way: Commerce Drive water main in Upper Dublin Twp and Route 309 PennDOT project in Montgomery Twp.

The Operations facilities in Bucks is almost complete and we are waiting for final inspections to be done before occupancy approval. Upper Dublin Twp held a zoning hearing for the PFAS treatment building for wells 31 &34 and we will be returning to the next meeting of June 24, to continue discussions.

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

- a) Payment Application #7 to A. N. Lynch Co Inc in the amount \$24,792.86 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 #8 to Integrity Mechanical in the amount \$810.00 for Bid Contract 573-22-01-M. Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Neiderhiser, the payment was approved as presented.
- c) Payment Application #9 Retainage Reduction to Integrity Mechanical in the amount \$5,410.00 for Bid Contract 573-22-01-M. Upon a motion of member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the reduction was approved as presented.
- d) Payment Application #12 to Walter A Brucker & Co Inc in the amount \$209,194.30 for Bid Contract 573-22-01-G. Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member Mengel, the payment was approved as presented.
- e) Payment Application #7 to Hirschberg Mechanical Inc in the amount \$22,943.93 for Bid Contract 573-22-01-P. Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Mengel, the payment was approved as presented.

Bills & Requisitions Approval:

Ms. Lezoche reported that she should have the final audit document within the week and 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, ACH payments and to requisition funds, as presented.

- a. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 05/17/2024
- b. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 05/23/2024
- c. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 05/30/2024
- d. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 06/07/2024
- e. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 06/14/2024

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

Approved			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tabled Failed	Ms. Nagel		X			
	Mr. Tenney	Seconded	X			
	Ms. Mengel	Initiated	X			
	Ms. Neiderhiser		Х		100	
	Mr. McDevitt		Χ			

Executive Directors Report:

Mr. Bender acknowledged our engineers for their work and the report on the PennDOT / New Britain Twp issues with the Ferry Rd paving.

Mr. Bender requested the scheduling of a work session to discuss long term planning, budgeting, and financing of capital projects. The Board agreed on July 24^{th} at 4:00 pm – This meeting will be advertised and for the purpose of receiving information with no formal Board actions scheduled.

Mr. Bender noted that both he and Mr. Bellitto have signed letters to Congress members Fitzpatrick and Dean regarding monetary assistance needed for PFAS improvements at Forest Park.

Mr. Bender updated the Board on the 3M and DuPont case and said that we should be able to add other NWWA wells located outside of Warrington Twp as well as Forest Park Forest Park as part of our Phase II claim. He said that we will ask NPWA to join in the Forest Park claim. The Board concurred.

Mr. Bender reported that he has been advised that representatives from the Navy have contacted some Lower Gwynedd Township residents advising them of PFAS contamination in their private wells, further advising them to contact the NWWA to obtain public water. He advised that to date no one from the Navy has contacted the NWWA or responded to our inquiries on the matter. He advised the Board that we would not proceed with any actions to provide water, until and unless we obtain firm commitments for reimbursement from the NAVY, or other responsible parties.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board; upon motion by member McDevitt seconded by member Neiderhiser, the business meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Mengel, Secretary

All members present voted in favor.

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