

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

**Minutes of 09/11/2024**

**Call to order:**

A regular business meeting of the NWWA Board of Directors was held at the NWWA business office on September 11, 2024, beginning at 5:10 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	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	Absent
Michael P Clarke 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 to provide ASL services for Mr. McDevitt.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Board next considered approval of the Minutes of 08/21/2024 Regular Meeting. Upon a motion of member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

**Public Comment:** None were present

**Resolutions:** None this meeting

**Bids and Contracts:** None this meeting

**Solicitors Report:**

Mr. Clarke did not have any action items this meeting

**Engineers Report:**

Mr. Bodley presented the following for approval:

Payment Application # 9 for Bid Contract 530-20-11 Park Ave & Ferry Rd Project in the amount \$459,730.61 to Joao & Bradley Construction Co. Inc. Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member McDevitt, the payment was approved as presented.

**Vote Record**

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

Close Out Change Order #4 Bid Contract 521-19-01B Montgomery Tank 3 Project, for MJF Electrical Contracting Inc. This is a true up for Work Change Directives 1 & 2 having to do with the antenna for Montgomery Township, for which the NWWA will be reimbursed. Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Mengel, the change order approved as presented.

**Vote Record**

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

Proposal for all work relating to Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation in North Wales Borough. There are approx. 30-100 manholes that will be done as part of a grant project. Mr. Bender noted that we will need to keep the North Wales Borough up to date on what streets we are working on and a project timeline. Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member McDevitt, the proposal was approved as presented.

**Vote Record**

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

**Operations Report:**

Mr. Murphy reviewed the monthly operations report noting the peak flow was 18.5 MGD and the average day was 15 MGD. He reported that there was 1 main break in August in Warrington and that the following projects are still under way:

- Commerce Drive water main in Upper Dublin Twp continues with a few services left to renew.
- Operations facilities in Warrington has been completed with the final paving remaining

He next reported that the 10-year-old plotter in GIS engineering department has failed and cannot be repaired at a cost lower than a replacement unit. He said that Mr. Bender has authorized an emergency replacement, and we are now working through the PA Co-Stars cooperative purchasing program for a replacement unit, with a cost estimated to be about \$12,000.00

He requested Board approval of Certificate of Completion certificates and payments for the following projects:

- E-1079 Westrum Development in Montgomery Township

Upon a motion by member McDevitt, seconded by member Neiderhiser, the certificate was approved

**Vote Record**

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

- E-1075 Roosevelt Court Upper Gwynedd Township

Upon a motion by member Mengel, seconded by member Tenney the certificate was approved

**Vote Record**

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

- Final Payment Application #8 for Bid Contract 573-22-01-P in the amount \$10,730.09 to Hirschberg Mechanical LLC

Upon a motion of member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the payment was approved as presented.

**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			

- Final Payment Application #13 for Bid Contract 573-22-01-G in the amount \$70,904.45 to Walter Brucker & Co.

Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member McDevitt, the payment was approved as presented.

**☑ Vote Record**

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

- Final Payment Application #9 for Bid Contract 573-22-01-E in the amount \$35,800.87 to A N Lynch Co.

Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Neiderhiser, the payment was approved as presented.

**☑ Vote Record**

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

- Final Payment Application #11 for Bid Contract 573-22-01-M in the amount \$5,472.50 to Integrity Mechanical Inc.

Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member McDevitt, the payment was approved as presented.

**☑ Vote Record**

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

**Bills & Requisitions Approval:**

Mrs. Lezoche noted that the draft budget should be distributed late next week and then reported 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, ACH payments and to requisition funds, as presented.

- a. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 08/22/2024
- b. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 08/29/2024
- c. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 09/05/2024

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

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

**Executive Directors Report:**

Mr. Bender reported that we are working on 2025 grant applications for funding needed to commence interconnecting our independent water systems in Solebury, and that we continue investigations into the Durham Village water quality.

Mr. Bender reported that we have recently submitted over 2000 pages of data as part of our first-round claims for the 3M/DuPont court case over PFAS groundwater contamination. We have filed for \$38 million for damages to our main system, however the Attorneys said that as the claims overwhelm the available settlement funds approved by the court, our actual award may be reduced to \$5-8 million dollars.

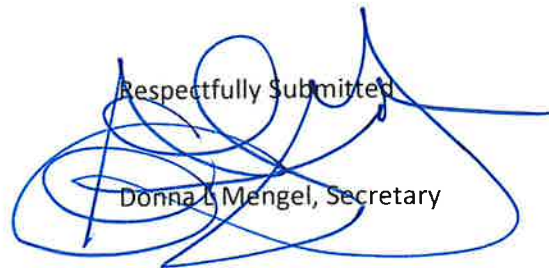
He reported that the second round of claims involving the satellite water systems will occur in 2025-2026 as those systems were not tested until after the 2023 deadline for Phase One litigation.

He reminded the Board that the open house for the new operations center will be held on Friday commencing at 1:30 p.m., at 1553 Easton Rd- Shuttle service will be available from the Customer Service office at 1560 Easton Rd, and the nearby St Annes Church.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board; upon motion by member Neiderhiser, seconded by member McDevitt, the business meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

All members present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted  
  
 Donna L. Mengel, Secretary