

COPLAY WHITEHALL SEWER AUTHORITY

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Coplay-Whitehall Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman James Hahn at 7:00 p.m. on the 21st day of March 2024.

BOARD MEMBERS present were:

**Paul F. Geissinger
James Hahn
Dennis Wehr, Jr**

**Paul D. Boyle
Joseph J. Marx**

**Joseph Bonshak
James Roth**

MANAGER: Matthew Harleman

BUSINESS MANAGER: Anita Smith

AUTHORITY SOLICITOR: Andrew Schantz, Davison & McCarthy P C

ENGINEER:

LIAISONS: Ken Snyder, Whitehall Commissioner

PRESS: Jim Weber, Times News

CITIZENS present: Mike Melosky, Operations Manager

CHAIRMAN: James Hahn called the meeting to order.

Mr. Hahn called for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Hahn said there was an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss litigation issues.

Mr. Hahn called for the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2024.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ROTH, SECOND BY MR. WEHR, APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2024 WITH ANY AND ALL ADDITIONS /DELETIONS AS NOTED, DISPENSING WITH READING OF SAME. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Hahn asked if anyone would like to address the board. No one stepped forward.

1. Written –

MOTION MADE BY MR. BOYLE, SECOND BY MR. MARX, TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 2024 MANAGER'S FIELD REPORT AS PRESENTED AND TO MAKE THE WRITTEN REPORT PART OF THE OFFICIAL MINUTES. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Verbal-

Mr. Matthew Harleman said that he had a few items. He said that the Board should pay special attention to the KISS items that he put into the correspondence this month. He also said Chairman Hahn, Mike Melosky and myself all attended the PWRA Conference at State College this week.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - Monthly Financial Report presented for Board review after general review:

MOTION MADE BY MR. WEHR, SECOND BY MR. BONSHAK, TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

See attached listings for the invoices listed to be paid.

MOTION MADE BY MR. WEHR, SECOND BY MR. BONSHAK, TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2024 INVOICES FROM THE 1ST NORTHERN BANK ACCOUNT AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

C. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS DATA

1. *Kline's Island Signatory Meeting agenda & notes 3/7/24*
2. *Kline's Island Signatory Meeting March 2024 In-person at LCA & teams*

Chairman Hahn (temporarily) adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM to address a health issue.

Chairman Hahn reconvened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Operations Committee – *Mr. Roth reported normal operations*

Mr. Melosky said that there were 3 quotes from Envirep placed at each board members seat. A VFD frequency fault at the Eberhart pump station occurred this week and these are the quotes to address this problem. The first quote #5550 for \$23,683.66 is for the replacement of a new VFD and components. The second quote #5560 for \$8,372.63 is to remove, repair and reinstall the current VFD. The third quote #5551 FOR \$4,458.00 is for Gormann-Rupp to come and do an analytic study of the motor control center to see if the problem is a voltage, amp problem or air quality issue.

The Operations Committee has discussed the issue and would recommend we allow Gormann-Rupp to do the study on quote #5551 for \$4,458.00 and then do the new replacement of the VFD and the components on quote #5550 for \$23,683.66.

MOTION MADE BY MR. ROTH, SECOND BY MR. BOYLE, TO AUTHORIZE QUOTE #5551 FOR \$4,458.00 TO HAVE GORMANN-RUPP DO AN STUDY OF THE MOTOR CONTROL CENTER TO SEE WHAT CAUSED THE VFD FREQUENCY FAULT PROBLEM. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY MR. ROTH, SECOND BY MR. BOYLE, TO AUTHORIZE QUOTE #5550 FOR \$23,683.66 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A NEW VFD AND THE COMPONENTS. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Administrative Committee – *Mr. Marx reported normal operations.*

Financial Committee-- *Mr. Wehr reported normal operations.*

Clear Water Committee—*Mr. Geissinger reported normal operations.*

Safety Committee—*Mr. Bonshak reported normal operations.*

OLD BUSINESS –

Mr. Weber from the Times News asked about the progress on the Northampton/Cementon Bridge. He said he has not heard about this project in a while.

Mr. Harleman said that PennDOT is doing the construction on the project. We have incorporated the sewer line relocation and betterment into their project. There will not be

any news until the time they have scheduled the sewer construction to begin during their overall project.

Mr. Weber said he has not heard anything lately about the KISS upgrade since CWSA was concerned about the cost of upgrades/etc. a couple of meetings ago.

Mr. Hahn said this is certainly a work in progress. Mr. Harleman is attending many meetings regarding the KISS upgrades, etc. every month. There is no new news to report since it is still on-going.

Mr. Weber said I was just curious.

NEW BUSINESS--

Mr. Geissinger said he was concerned about the Riverside Drive Project and the construction expense. Hopefully we could get a grant to help on the relocation or the interceptor. Last meeting they had a number but now the project has been scaled back. We should authorize T & M Associates to work on getting a quote on a firmer number on how much the project would cost.

MOTION MADE BY MR. GEISSINGER, SECOND BY MR. WEHR, TO AUTHORIZE OUR ENGINEERING FIRM, T & M ASSOCIATES TO WORK ON GETTING A QUOTE ON A FIRMER NUMBER ON HOW MUCH THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROJECT WOULD COST. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Hahn said with the earlier interruption in the meeting an item was missed. There are additional invoices to be paid for T & M Associates Invoice #457796 for \$7,094.00 and Invoice #455741 for \$139.00. Together both invoices total \$7,233.00.

MOTION MADE BY MR. ROTH, SECOND BY MR. BONSHAK, TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL INVOICES FOR T & M ASSOCIATES INVOICE #457796 FOR \$7,094.00 AND INVOICE #455741 FOR \$139.00. TOTAL TO BE PAID IS \$7,233.00. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT -

MOTION MADE BY MR. MARX, SECOND BY MR. BONSHAK, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. 7 AYES, 0 NAYES, 0 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.



Respectfully submitted,
Paul Geissinger, Secretary