

## GREATER POTTSVILLE AREA SEWER AUTHORITY

### REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority was held on the Third Floor City Hall on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Barry S. Dewitt, II, Chairman with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### PRESENT

Dr. Barry S. Dewitt, II	,	Chairman
Charles M. Dries	,	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman
James T. Muldowney	,	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman
Ronald C. Zimmerman	,	Treasurer
Henry J. Minnig	,	Assistant Treasurer
John G. Botto	,	Secretary
Joseph F. Spotts, III	,	Acting Executive Director
John R. Poff, P.E.	,	Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.
Christina M. Q. Herndon	,	Authority Secretary

#### GUESTS

Brian Dries	,	President - Borough of Palo Alto
Jean Towle	,	Executive Director of Pottsville Library
James W. Quinn	,	G.P.A.S.A. Office Manager

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 30, 2024, were presented for approval.

On motion of Charles M. Dries, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved the October 30, 2024 meeting minutes.

The Statement of Disbursements and Outstanding Bills due the month of October 2024 were presented and distributed for approval.

On motion of Henry J. Minnig, and seconded by Charles M. Dries, the Board unanimously approved the Statement of Disbursements and Outstanding Bills for October 2024.

Dr. Barry Dewitt, II, Chairman presented Requisition No. 700 for expenses incurred the month of November 2024 from the REVENUE FUND at MID PENN BANK, Trustee, as authorized under Section 6.02 of the Trust Indenture.

REQUISITION NO. 700

Payee	-	Greater Pottsville Area Sewer Authority Mid Penn Bank A/C #56-185-1
Amount	-	\$ 113,000.00
Dated	-	November 20, 2024

On motion of James T. Muldowney, and seconded by Ronald C. Zimmerman, the Board unanimously approved Requisition No. 700 for November 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session began at 5:02 pm and reconvened at 5:36 p.m.

Chairman, Dr. Barry Dewitt, II, stated the personnel committee agreed to hire William Orlowsky as Project Manager at a salary of \$100,000.00 a year.

Henry J. Minnig stated Mr. Orlowsky is also an Engineer.

On motion of James T. Muldowney, and seconded by John G. Botto, the Board unanimously approved to hire William Orlowsky as Project Manager at a salary of \$100,000.00 a year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director's report for November 2024 presented by Joseph F. Spotts, III:

1. Presented for the Board's information the Office Renovation will begin on December 2, 2024.

Discussion followed.

2. Presented for the Board's information coordinating with Copy Cat on the Office renovations.

3. Presented for the Board's information working with the Street Crew on the Coal Street, Port Carbon project.

On motion of Charles M. Dries, and seconded by James T. Muldowney the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director's Report for November 2024.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Due to absence, there is no Solicitor's Report for November 2024 Board Meeting.

### CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. John Poff, P. E. presented his report in written form. Refer to the attached report from Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. for November 2024.

1. Mr. John R. Poff, P.E. presented for the Board's update on the Port Carbon man hole inspections. Mobile Dredging was working in Port Carbon on November 14<sup>th</sup> but the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority shut down this project due to the severe drought issue. This project was shut down immediately and Chairman, Joseph F. Spotts, III is working on other water resources to complete this project.

Discussion followed.

2. Mr. John R. Poff, P. E. presented for the Board's information Thomas Schreffler, P.E. is working on the updating of the pretreatment ordinances. Thomas Schreffler, P.E. and the Authority's Pretreatment Coordinator, Lynn Strausser, met with the Honeywell Environmental Coordinator to discuss future Pretreatment requirements that will be coming with the new Pretreatment Ordinance.

Discussion followed.

3. Mr. John R. Poff, P.E. presented for the Board's update on the downtown flooding project working with Mobile Dredging and Video Piping Service to televise the lines at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Norwegian Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mahantongo Street to verify the storm water flows and to get a solution for the downtown flooding. The numbers will be available at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Board approval and the televising shall begin in January 2025.

Discussion followed.

4. Mr. John Poff, P.E. presented for the Board's information an update on the Corrective Action Plan/ Act 537 Plan, working with Solicitor, Edward M. Brennan and the City of Pottsville.

5. Mr. John Poff, P. E. presented for the Board's information an update on the Market Street Sewer Separation Project was not approved because we are still waiting on the City of Pottsville to see what their plans are for Storm Water Separation Project.

Discussion followed.

Charles M. Dries asked Mr. Poff if the City of Pottsville is actively after this separation.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Poff suggested the Authority apply for a twenty-year loan with PennVest at a 1% interest for this project.

Ronald C. Zimmerman stated there are Grants available.

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Chairman, Dr. Barry Dewitt, II stated we should discuss Grants and look into this and maybe when the new Project Manager, Mr. Orlowsky starts, we can assign this Grant research project to him.

Mr. Zimmerman stated he manages Grants for the County and he does know when Grants are available and he does also have a consulting firm that does Grant Writing and he is sure they would do work for the Authority.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Poff state Department of Community and Economic Development has a H20 Grant program for small projects in the amount of a half million or a million dollars or less.

Executive Director, Joseph F. Spotts, III stated when the Authority gets numbers for the Arch Repair or Replacement, he will reach out to D.C.E.D.

Discussion followed.

Chairman, Dr. Barry Dewitt, II stated if the Board agrees Mr. Spotts should research this and report information at the December 2024 Meeting.

Discussion followed.

6. Mr. John Poff, P.E. presented for the Board's information an update on Progress Avenue Arch Collapse we will be meeting with a survey crew in the next couple of weeks to get the survey completed.

On motion of Henry J. Minnig, and seconded by James T. Muldowney, the Board unanimously approved the Engineer's Report for November 2024.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. on motion of Charles M. Dries, and seconded by James T. Muldowney

  
JOHN G. BOTTO, SECRETARY