

# *Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority*

## *Board Meeting Minutes ~ June 24, 2019*

The Board Directors of Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority held their monthly meeting on Monday June 24, 2019 at the Authority's Administration Building located at 7811 New Falls Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania 19055.

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Glasson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Glasson asked everyone to take a moment to remember all the men and women that keep us safe every day and also for Colleen Dunn who's Aunt passed away recently.

### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Dunn took roll call as follows:

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

#### PRESENT

Michael Sidoti  
Cindy Murphy  
Joseph Glasson  
James Chase  
Bobbie DePalo  
John Monahan

#### ALSO PRESENT

Vijay Rajput, Ph.D., P.E., Managing Director  
Colleen Dunn, Finance Manager  
Nancy Burnell, Meter Department Supervisor  
Fred Walcott, Superintendent, Water Treatment Plant  
Mike Hoelzle, Assistant Superintendent, Water Treatment Plant  
Phil Smythe, Field Technician, Lift Station Supervisor  
James A. Downey, III, Solicitor

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fraioli of 101 Oak Tree Drive and Mrs. Victoria Dzierza of 105 Oak Tree Drive spoke to the Board of Directors concerning the easement program. They had concerns about trees that the Authority had marked during an easement inspection. Mr. and Mrs. Fraioli's main concern was their umbrella tree, which was marked as being on the sewer easement along with a plum tree. They stated that the umbrella tree is a dwarf and that their roots do not grow deeply and shouldn't have to remove this tree.

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Mrs. Dzieza also had several trees and a shed that needed to be removed from the sewer easement and was concerned over the expense and the ability to have the shed and trees removed. The Board of Directors told Mr. and Mrs. Fraioli and Mrs. Dzieza they would allow an extension of time to work out the details of removing the trees from the sewer easement. The Board of Directors also mentioned that the Authority does offer interest free loans to have tree removal done.

Ms. Kitzmiller from Robin Kemmerer Realtors was asking the Board of Directors to consider another person to help with easement inspection. She feels that there is a long period of time before you are given results of the inspection.

### APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2019 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD DIRECTORS.

#### MOTION

Mr. Sidoti made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chase, approving the June 2019 Accounts Payable as presented.

#### ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION

Mr. Sidoti	Aye
Mrs. Murphy	Aye
Mr. Glasson	Aye
Mr. Chase	Aye
Mrs. DePalo	Aye
Mr. Monahan	Aye

Motion carried unanimously

### APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2019

#### MOTION

Mr. Chase made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DePalo, approving the Board Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2019 as presented.

#### ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION

Mr. Sidoti	Aye
Mrs. Murphy	Aye
Mr. Glasson	Aye
Mr. Chase	Aye
Mrs. DePalo	Aye
Mr. Monahan	Aye

Motion carried unanimously

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### SOLAR SYSTEM FEASIBILITY STUDY

Dr. Rajput presented a proposal to the Board for approval of a Solar System Feasibility study for the Administration Office and the Water Treatment Plant. Cost not to exceed \$8,500.00.

### MOTION

Mrs. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chase, authorizing Dr. Rajput to engage the services of Nova for a feasibility study not to exceed \$8,500.00.

### ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION

Mr. Glasson Aye

Mr. Chase Aye

Mrs. Murphy Aye

Mrs. DePalo Aye

Mr. Monahan Aye

Mr. Sidoti Aye

Motion carried unanimously

### NEW TRUCK FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Dr. Rajput presented information to the Board on a 2019 Ford F150 2019 truck and requested the Board for its consideration to purchase this truck from Fred Bean dealership, Langhorne under Costar 25 Contract Number 24-315 with a price not to exceed \$30,500 with a \$5,000.00 trade in on the existing 2010 Operator's truck which has 64,000 miles and has an oil leak.

### MOTION

Mr. Chase made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, authorizing the purchase of the 2019 Ford F150 truck for the price not to exceed \$30,500 from Fred Bean dealership under Costar Contract Number 24-315 with \$5,000 trade-in on the existing Operator's truck

### ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION

Mr. Glasson Aye

Mr. Chase Aye

Mrs. Murphy Aye

Mrs. DePalo Aye

Mr. Monahan Aye

Mr. Sidoti Aye

Motion carried unanimously

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### HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

#### MOTION

Mr. Chase made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, giving the authority to Dr. Rajput to hire professional services as needed.

#### ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION

Mr. Glasson     Aye

Mr. Chase       Aye

Mrs. Murphy    Aye

Mrs. DePalo     Aye

Mr. Monahan    Aye

Mr. Sidoti       Aye

Motion carried unanimously

### MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. CONTRACT WTP-400: DISPOSAL OF LIQUID SLUDGE FROM LOWER BUCKS COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT, TULLYTOWN, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

We have started preparing specifications and contract documents for invitation of bid proposals for the disposal of liquid sludge from the Water Treatment Plant. Generally, we need to dispose of liquid sludge once or twice a year when we clean the flocculation and sedimentation tanks.

2. CONTRACT WWTP-401: REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CHLORINATION SYSTEM WITH ULTRAVIOLET (UV) DISINFECTION SYSTEM AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT)

We are continuing our evaluation on feasibility and application of different available UV Disinfection Systems for the replacement of the existing Chlorine Disinfection System for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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### **3. CONTRACT WWTP-403: FURNISH AND DELIVER ROCK SALT (SODIUM CHLORIDE) FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON THROUGH THE BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM-SALT BID**

We have completed and submitted the required information for the participation in the Joint Salt Bid through the Bucks County Consortium for the 2019-2020 season. Our estimated use for the 2019-2020 season is approximately 80 tons.

### **4. DO PARTNERSHIP FOR THE DELAWARE ESTUARY**

We attended a meeting on DO Partnership for the Delaware Estuary held on June 18, 2019. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss science and technology pertaining to DO in the Estuary as it relates to Ammonia Nitrogen discharge from the Wastewater Treatment Plants.

### **5. CONTRACT WWTP-392: INSTALLATION OF CURED-IN-PLACE SANITARY SEWER LINING IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS - PHASE VI**

The Contractor is continuing to make progress. The Contractor has completed cleaning/lining of approximately 28,000 linear feet of sewer mains.

### **6. CONTRACT WWTP-384: REPLACEMENT OF ROOFING SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED WORK ON VARIOUS BUILDINGS AT THE WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, LOWER BUCKS COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

The Contractor is currently working on additional authorized work under the allowances section of the contract involving the rehabilitation of the Low Duty Pump Station Roof at the Water Treatment Plant and the Mechanics Building Roof at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### **7. CONTRACT NO. WWTP-396: FURNISH AND SUPPLY STONE DURING 2019-2020 (PARTICIPATION IN THE 2019-2020 BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM HIGHWAY MATERIALS JOINT BID)**

We have issued Notice to Proceed to the Contractor for the above stated Contract

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### **8. PROJECT WWTP-190: WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE**

We are continuing our required ongoing upgrade/retrofit of the existing PLCs and SCADA System at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### **9. PROJECT WTP 140: WATER TREATMENT PLANT SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE**

We are continuing our required ongoing upgrade/retrofit of the existing PLCs and SCADA System at the Water Treatment Plant.

### **10. WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS**

The average daily drinking water supplied for the month of May 2019 was approximately 8.86 MGD. The monthly average effluent flow from the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the month of April 2019 was approximately 7.65 MGD.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JAMES A. DOWNEY, III, ESQUIRE**

Mr. Downey noted that an Executive Session was held from 6:30 P.M. to approximately 6:55 P.M. during which time personnel matters and litigation were discussed. The following suits were discussed:

Litigation Pending	Court of Common Pleas Bucks County
Case #18-4885	Case #2016-2056

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business brought before the Board at this time

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Chase made a motion, seconded by Mr. Glasson, to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:55 P.M.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Cynthia Murphy  
Secretary

CM/nb