

**SANITARY BOARD
WEIRTON, WV**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022

The Sanitary Board, City of Weirton, met in regular session Thursday, August 11th, 2022 in the Sanitary Board Conference Room, 5000 Freedom Way, Weirton, WV. Chairman Mayor Harold E. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Those in attendance were:

BOARD MEMBERS

Mayor Harold E. Miller, Chairman:

Robert Gribben, Vice Chairman:

Joseph Barnabei, Board Member: via-phone

SANITARY BOARD OFFICIALS

A.D. Mastrantoni, Utilities Director

Brian Jurosko, Maintenance, Foreman

Rick Ohalek, Assistant Utilities Director

Danny Kuzma, Chief Operator

Dan Guida, Legal Counsel

Brian Kuntz, Treasurer

Others in Attendance: Ben Erste - BHJ, Jesse Alden - Thrasher

1) Chairman; Mayor Miller made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 11th, 2022 as presented; seconded by Board Member; Joseph Barnabei, passed unanimously.

2) No comments from citizen:

3) Brian Kuntz presented and reviewed the financial report to the Board members. The Financial Report is as follows: Beginning bank balance as of August 1st is \$215,227.34 disbursements as of August 11th, 2022 is \$148,336.10; bank deposits as of August 11th, 2022 is \$133,068.49; bank balance as of August 11th, 2022 is \$199,959.73, disbursements still to be paid for August 2022 are in the amount of \$191,139.22; August 2022 revenue \$211,949.75; our total then will be \$220,770.26. Your R&R Account has a balance August 11th, 2022 of \$15,496.17 your Working Capital Account has a \$279,032.71 balance as of August 11th, 2022 and Sanitary Surplus Account has \$56,235.36 and IJDC account \$58.68.

Chairman; Mayor Miller made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented; seconded by, Board Member; Joseph Barnabei, passed unanimously.

Brian stated that the check register had the Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred that went in the Surplus Account that was new, then paid the Vac Truck Payment of \$21,678.28, so that was different from last month. Going forward, there will be a surplus checkmark in the check register because we will be adding that \$27,500.00 in there every month.

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4) Mayor Miller asked if need a approval of unpaid bills

Butch stated that it would be appropriate to amend the Agenda and add the Labor Agreement Contract. It was an oversight, that the Attorney didn't review the contract before it was presented to the Board. The Attorney has completed his review and I thought we would go ahead and resubmit it for signature and get formal approval of the contract for the next 3 years, if the Board is willing to amend.

Vice Chairman, Robert Gribben made a motion to amend the agenda for this week meeting, to include item C) Union Contract - Labor Agreement as presented; seconded by, Mayor Harold E. Miller, Chairman, passed unanimously.

5) OLD BUSINESS:

A) Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion:

Jesse stated as far as the Wastewater plant upgrade, we held a review meeting here and went over the plans in effort to address some questions and comments as they had on the most recent set of plans. We are in the process now of incorporating those changes in our plans and in conjunction with the DEP comments so once we get that finished which we are anticipating to complete before the end of this month. Our hope is to get the plans and specs, resubmitted to DEP, which would address all of the comments they had on the initial review and in hope we'd get that in front of them and they would concur with our changes and then move those to approval. Jesse stated that is where we stand with the design. In addition to that, the team has resumed our conference calls and our project conference calls we were having. We held a meeting and discuss the updating the project estimate bases on current pricing. We sent that out to the professional team and we had an increase in the total project cost which is now \$30,080,000. Primarily the reason for the bulk of the increase is electrical repairs and over the past six months the price of electrical materials have nearly doubled. We have a major component in this project to upgrade the electrical system and that increase alone has bumped the project but just as a whole materials have gone up. The cost of concrete, rebar, block everything involved all the major equipment that is associated with the project has increased so that is why the project has increased in cost. We discussed last month about the EDA grant application the Sanitary Board had submitted and we were denied approval of that grant. However, the team has discussed some other options for obtaining some additional grant funds through the WDA and the team is working on getting a application together to submit to the WDA. Butch has had some discussions with some of the local representatives regarding the funding. Butch stated that Ben Erste from BHJ has been working with the team and once we get the new project estimates, we are aware that we have lost 5 million EDA funding in the Sanitary Board project. Butch stated after a discussion, it was determined that the WDA received a federal allocation of 200 million.

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Ben stated that it was 250 million in ARPA dollars that was allocated to the WDA for project over run and bid matches and a few other things but for our circumstances it would be bid overruns and that process has started this summer. They're just seeing the start of that really in July. Ben stated that he had a meeting with the WDA on a Friday and we're working through that process. They've given us applications now on what that looks like so we are working towards getting that completed so that at least we can cover the additional expenses. Butch stated it is a anticipated move I guess that the Feds have come up with and the initiative was the money was sent through the WDA. We will be going after those cost increases and overruns that hopefully the ARPA funds will address. In addition to that, it would not hurt us at this particular point in time to begin a conversation with our State Delegation. That's our Senators and Delegates in Hancock County, maybe bringing them in and any of you that have a familiarity or relationship with them. This might be the time that we begin knocking on those doors and letting them know what our intention is so that none of them will be surprised if we ask for support for the WDA funding. Mr. Barnabei stated that he will try to get a hold of his Trustee to see anymore funding's on that.

B) Lafayette Ave Auction:

Mr. Guida stated last Friday at noon we conducted an auction on the front steps of the Sanitary Building. Dan stated for the sum of \$3500 dollars Carla Gianni-Young hopefully will be the purchaser of the property of course, it is subject to approval by the Board. Butch and I would recommend to lack of interest and among other things, that the Board go ahead and authorize that the deed be prepared, which I have with me today and the Mayor be authorized to sign as Chairman of the Board, conveying this property too Carla Gianni-Young in the sum of \$3500.00 dollars and importantly, we reserve a perpetual Sanitary easement as it is specifically spelled out in the deed the reservation that we have the right to go on the property. Dan stated that is it, then stated that Rick put out legal notice to all the people of interest in property and also the legal notice was published in the Weirton Daily Times twice. So that is called a class two advertisement. It was seven days apart and so we complied with the law and went above and beyond that. Mr. Barnabei stated that if we need a second he seconds the motion with a note that a house could be built on that property. He looked at the property he believes that they might have room to build a smaller house, which I don't think it'd be a problem because it's their property. Mr. Guida stated that they can't build over top of our line, and they have to stay at least seven half feet away, Butch stated in this case it is a full easement so it is 15 feet.

Mayor Harold E. Miller, Chairman made a motion to authorize that the deed be prepared and that the Mayor be authorized to sign in conveying the property as presented; seconded by, Board Member; Joseph Barnabei, passed unanimously.

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C) Union Contract - Labor Contract:

Dan Guida stated at the last meeting that the Labor Union Agreement was tentatively agreed too by the union and management of the Sanitary it was brought up for approval and I had not reviewed the agreement at that point in time. So in the event that is why we pushed it till today and in review there was a change that was made. Which is the 5% C.O.L.A increase for the first year a 3% increase for second year and 2.5% increase for the third year so that is a total of 10.5% increase and the boot allowance increase from \$80.00 to \$110.00. Those are the changes from the last contract and importantly for Bob and the other members of the Board, Article 34 states the agreement shall be effective on the day of signing and shall continue in full force in effect until June 30, 2025 and thereafter automatically renew itself from year to year unless terminated be either party, so it's good for 3 years and then if either party terminates it at that point then we will be right back in. Mr. Gribben stated that we can terminate it, and Dan stated no we can't and explained the contract states that it shall continue in full force in effect until June 30, 2025 and that shall thereafter automatically renew unless terminated at that time. So in 2025 no one says anything, it just continues. If somebody wants to terminate it at that point then which will happen. Mr. Gribben asked it was tabled subject to approval, Dan stated yes.

Vice Chairman: Mr. Robert Gribben made a motion to accept the Labor Agreement retroactive back in July 1, 2022 and to continue through June 30, 2025; seconded by, Board Member: Joseph Barnabei, passed unanimously.

6) NEW BUSINESS:

A) To Repair South Circle Pump Station Spare Pump:

Brian Jurosko state that the South Circle Station has been in service since 2001 and is asking to get the pump rebuilt by Precision Pump and Valve in the amount of \$15,122.00 and to come out of the R&R Account.

Board Member Joseph Barnabei made a motion to have the South Circle Spare Pump repaired, as presented; seconded by, Vice Chairman: Mr. Robert Gribben, passed unanimously.

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B) To Purchase Odor Control Lamps and Supplies:

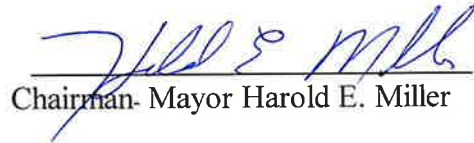
Danny Kuzma stated that item B is a resolution for our ATAD process specifically our odor control. Every two years we purchase and change our UV lights and ballast. The resolution is from Neutralox in Germany, it is our only supplier of these proprietary. The amount is \$12,172.40 and it will be funded by the General Fund. And as we change out we will get those UV lamps there's 224 lamps, we do have some so we only quoted 140 because we have 110 in stock. Mr. Gribben asked do they have to come out of Germany and Dan stated yes, this process came from Neutralox of Germany but Mr. Gribben asked do they ship from Germany? Mr. Kuzma said they may come out of Chicago but they primarily come out of Germany to Chicago and so forth, we still need to pay shipping and handling.

Vice Chairman: Mr. Robert Gribben made a motion to approve the purchase of Odor Control Lamps and Supplies; seconded by, Board Member: Joseph Barnabei, passed unanimously..

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. with no further business to discuss. Mayor Miller Chairman made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Board Member Joe Barnabei; passed unanimously.



Sanitary Board, Secretary



Chairman- Mayor Harold E. Miller