

A regular meeting of the Pennsville Sewerage Authority was called to order by Chairman McDade at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 8, 2014 in the Municipal Building, 90 North Broadway, Pennsville, New Jersey. Chairman McDade read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement and led all present with the Pledge to the flag.

Authority members present in addition to Chairman Robert McDade were Marc Chastain, Scott Hourigan, Bernard Sennstrom, II, and Mary Lou Chollis. Other attendees included Authority Solicitor Walter J. Ray, Authority Engineer David Palgutta, Authority Superintendent Ronald E. Cooksey, Thomas Lyon Business Agent Teamsters Union, Authority Auditor David Rollison, William Mesogianes, and Clerk Diane Ford.

Chairman McDade asked the Board to review the monthly budget report.

Resolution No. 14-61-SA APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS PROPERLY AUDITED

Member Chastain moved for adoption of Resolution No. 14-61-SA and Member Sennstrom seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chastain-yes; Chollis-yes; Hourigan-yes; McDade-yes; Sennstrom-yes. Resolution No. 14-61-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 14-62-SA APPROVING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PENNSVILLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY WHICH TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 10, 2014.

Member Chastain moved for adoption of Resolution No. 14-62-SA and Member Sennstrom seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chastain-yes; Chollis-yes; Hourigan-yes; McDade-yes; Sennstrom-yes. Resolution No. 14-62-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 14-63-SA APPROVING MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PENNSVILLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY WHICH TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 23, 2014.

Member Chastain moved for adoption of Resolution No. 14-63-SA and Member Sennstrom seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chastain-yes; Chollis-yes; Hourigan-yes; McDade-yes; Sennstrom-yes. Resolution No. 14-63-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 14-64-SA APPROVING MINUTES OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE PENNSVILLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY WHICH TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 23, 2014.

Member Chastain moved for adoption of Resolution No. 14-64-SA and Member Sennstrom seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chastain-yes; Chollis-yes; Hourigan-yes; McDade-yes; Sennstrom-yes. Resolution No. 14-64-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 14-65-SA AUTHORIZING LINE ITEM BUDGET TRANSFERS

Member Chastain moved for adoption of Resolution No. 14-65-SA and Member Sennstrom seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chastain-yes; Chollis-yes; Hourigan-yes; McDade-yes; Sennstrom-yes. Resolution No. 14-65-SA is approved.

The first item for discussion was the rate study. Auditor, Dave Rollison reviewed the rate study with the Board explaining that the Authority was doing well but each year an increased amount is taken from the surplus to balance the budget. In 2019 the Authority will not have to budget for the bond issue and that will free up over \$500,000.00, but depending on what expenses the Authority may be faced with a rate increase may be needed before the bonds are paid off. The Board will decide at a later date if and when a rate increase is needed. Also discussed was Superintendent Cooksey's capital budget.

Next on the agenda was the Engineer's report. Engineer Palgutta updated the members on the East Pittsfield Street pumping station; stating plans are complete and ready for submission to the DEP for approval. Permit forms have been prepared and are ready for signatures. A letter was received from the DEP advising there were no wetlands in the footprint on the plan. Once ready, the package will be hand delivered to quicken the processing time.

The Superintendent's report was next on the agenda. Superintendent Cooksey stated the plant is in compliance. He updated the members on a few projects being worked on.

Superintendent Cooksey also reported that:

- A pump was taken out of service to have a bearing replaced but was delayed due to a seal not being available at the motor shop. Due to heavy rain there was excessive flows of 3 ½ million gallons. A Godwin standby pump was rented for the Fifth Street station to assist with the excessive flow. At 10:00 p.m., Municipal maintenance was able to fix the pump to get it working properly.
- Wastewater overflows were experienced in the north end of town around Broadway and South Drive.
- Ordering a valve for the bypass.
- Issue with the Water Department discharging iron sludge into the sewer plant resulting in an upset of the sludge balance which could have put the plant out of compliance. Jack Lynch agreed to pay the excess hauling of sludge of somewhere around \$15,000.00.
- Overflows were reported to the DEP.
- Crown Construction made repair on gas line on Morningside Drive.
- Load bank was tested on the generator and it was determined that there was a carbon build up in the exhaust system due to the fuel lines being too small so 3/8 lines were replaced with ½ inch lines.

- Superintendent Cooksey will be attending a Pipe line Assessment certification course in Atlantic City on May 13 & 14, 2014.

Chairman McDade added the grant was not received by the Township for the paving on William Penn Avenue.

The meeting was opened to the public. There were no public comments.

Resolution No. 14-66-SA AUTHORIZNG A CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Member Chastain moved for adoption of Resolution No. 14-66-SA and Member Sennstrom seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chastain-yes; Chollis-yes; Hourigan-yes; McDade-yes; Sennstrom-yes. Resolution No. 14-66-SA is approved.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT

The Board returned to open session at 8:08 p.m. Solicitor Ray stated for the record that Tom Lyon, Teamsters Business Agent was also present in this portion of the open session.

Resolution No. 14-67-SA DETERMINING THAT AUTHROTIY EMPLOYEE THOMAS G. WATKINS VIOLATED THE AUTHORITY'S DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY, RATIFYING THE AUTHORITY'S PERSONNEL OFFICER DECISION TO SUSPEND MR. WATKINS WITH PAY, AND CONDITIONALLY AUTHORIZING HIS RETURN TO WORK

Member Chastain moved for adoption of Resolution No. 14-66-SA and Member Sennstrom seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chastain-yes; Chollis-yes; Hourigan-yes; McDade-yes; Sennstrom-yes. Resolution No. 14-66-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 14-68-SA ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF EMPLOYEE CHRISTOPHER R. MCCLINCY FROM EMPLOYMENT WITH THE PENNSVILLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION, TO WIT: MAY 8, 2014

Member Chastain moved for adoption of Resolution No. 14-68-SA and Member Sennstrom seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chastain-yes; Chollis-yes; Hourigan-yes; McDade-yes; Sennstrom-yes. Resolution No. 14-68-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 14-69-SA DENYING EMPLOYEE CHRISTOPHER R. MCCLINCY'S SECOND STAGE GRIEVANCE TO BE HEARD BY THE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY AND DISMISSING THE AUTHORITY'S PERSONNEL OFFICER'S COMPLAINT CHARGING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE CHRISTOPHER R. MCCLINCY WITH VIOLATING ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE CURRENT PENNSVILLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY CONTRACT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 676

WHEREAS, on or about April 23, 2014, the Pennsville Sewerage Authority's (hereinafter referred to as Authority) Personnel Officer signed a complaint against Mr. McClincy alleging a violation of Article 4, Section 5, Paragraph 3 of the current Authority contract with Teamsters Local Union 676; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 1, 2014, the Authority was notified by Tom Lyon, Trustee/BA of Teamsters Local Union No. 676, that Mr. McClincy was advancing his grievance to "the next step", which brings it before the Authority; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 14-68-SA the Authority accepted the resignation of Authority employee Christopher R. McClincy effective May 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Solicitor has advised the members of the Authority that the Personnel Officer's Complaint and employee McClincy's grievance are now most based on the aforesaid resignation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and members of the Pennsville Sewerage Authority that:

1. The Authority hereby adopts the facts and determinations as set forth in the preamble of this resolution as if the same were more fully set forth herein at length.
2. Christopher R. McClincy's grievance is denied and the Personnel Officer's Complaint is dismissed as is set forth in the preamble of this resolution.

Member Chastain moved for adoption of Resolution No. 14-69-SA and Member Sennstrom seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chastain-yes; Chollis-yes; Hourigan-yes; McDade-yes; Sennstrom-yes. Resolution No. 14-69-SA is approved.

Member Sennstrom asked if any provisions had been made for the Superintendent to hire someone. Chairman McDade stated not knowing the outcome of this evening's meeting nothing had been done. Superintendent Cooksey stated he would like to post and do interviews so someone can be hired as soon as possible. The Chairman asked when the next meeting would be and it was decided a meeting could be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014.

Chairman McDade entertained a motion for the Superintendent to post and interview for an operator. Member Chastain so moved, Member Sennstrom seconded. All "aye", motion carried.

Chairman McDade "thanked" the office staff for painting the office and commented how good it looks. Chairman McDade also wanted to thank Mike Dimarzio for the office furniture that was provided.

Member Chollis asked if the cameras had been installed yet. Chairman McDade stated he will check and see what is taking so long. Clerk Ford advised the Board that the contract for the cameras has been mailed for signature.

Chairman McDade entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Chastain so moved, Member Sennstrom seconded. All "aye", motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Taped by Diane L. Ford

Transcribed by Ashley B. Rivera

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PENNSVILLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Scott Hourigan, Secretary

