

The regular meeting of the Pennsville Sewerage Authority was called to order by Chairman Bernard Sennstrom II, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2019 in the Municipal Building, 90 North Broadway, Pennsville, New Jersey. Chairman Sennstrom read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement and led all present with the Pledge to the flag.

Authority members present in addition to Chairman Bernard Sennstrom II, were Mary Lou Chollis, Scott Hourigan, William Masten, and Robert McDade. Other attendees included Alternate Member John Smith, Alternate Member Dan Neu, Superintendent Ronald E. Cooksey, Authority Solicitor Walter Ray, Michael Naputa Esquire of Masten and Ray, William Mesogianes of Sickels and Associates, Authority Engineer David Palgutta, Assistant Authority Clerk Kimberly Lockwood, and Authority Clerk Diane Ford.

Chairman Sennstrom asked the Board if they had reviewed the monthly budget report.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-01-SA APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS PROPERLY AUDITED**

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-01-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – abstain; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-01-SA is approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-02-SA APPROVING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PENNSVILLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY WHICH TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 13, 2018**

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-02-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-02-SA is approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-03-SA AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY CLERK TO RELEASE MINUTES OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY CLOSED SESSION MEETINGS**

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-03-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-03-SA is approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-04-SA AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AT THE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY LANDFILL**

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-04-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-04-SA is approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-05-SA AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A&M PRODUCTS OF CINNAMINSON, NJ FOR 4-55 GALLON DRUMS OF LIFT STATION DEGREASER**

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-05-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-05-SA is approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06-SA AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PEIRCE EAGLE EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE K-100122CER JET NOZZLE WITH CERAMIC INSERTS

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-06-SA and Member Chollis seconded.

Member Hourigan asked how long this nozzle will last. Superintendent Cooksey said while he's not exactly sure, the other nozzles they have are very similar. They also have the ceramic inserts and they have held up well for the past several years. Chairman Sennstrom pointed out the nozzles get a lot of use so if they had a tendency to fail they would have seen it happen already. Member Hourigan asked if this was a replacement or a new nozzle. Superintendent Cooksey said it's a special nozzle for cleaning the bottoms of larger pipes without disrupting the top.

Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-06-SA is approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-07-SA RATIFYING A CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY THE AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE GRAVITY SEWER MAIN LOCATED UNDER WASHINGTON DRIVE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSVILLE COUNTY OF SALEM, NJ

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-07-SA and Member Chollis seconded.

Alternate Member Smith asked if this is in addition to what was approved before. Chairman Sennstrom said yes this is separate. Superintendent Cooksey said there will be more to come.

Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-07-SA is approved.

The first item for discussion is the overview of the changes in the water and sewer laws regarding COAH. Michael Naputa Esquire of Masten and Ray explained to the board upcoming changes of the laws for water and sewer in detail. There was discussion between the board and Michael Naputa Esquire regarding possible changes to the connection fees with COAH.

The next item for discussion is the JIF seminar. Chairman Sennstrom said the seminar will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Clerk Ford said everyone is signed up, registration is at 5:30pm and the meeting will begin at 6:00pm. Superintendent Cooksey said he will be driving to the meeting.

The delinquency process is next for discussion. Clerk Ford reminded the board of the discussion at the last meeting regarding changes in the collection process. Clerk Ford explained she received an e-mail from the Water Superintendent Jack Lynch stating he feels the process has worked well for the past twenty five years with the current rules in place and he would prefer if a situation like the one that was previously discussed should ever happen again it be handled on a situation by situation basis at his discretion.

Next is the Engineer's Report. Engineer Palgutta reported:

- Status of E. Pittsfield Street Project. Just recently received final payment request from the contractor. Not in time to be considered at this meeting for processing. Will be prepared for the next meeting.
- Communication with the vendor for the new RBC. Waiting to hear back from them regarding their timeline. Engineer Palgutta has the submittal but there are some questions and clarifications needed. Wants to find out when the delivery of the equipment might be so that the installation bid can go out. Anticipate hearing back from someone soon. Originally they were targeting March. Could be April.
- DOT project on route 130. Contacted someone regarding the requirements for the Authority to be reimbursed. DOT overlaying and resetting about three manholes. Will send a contract over for the Authority's consideration.

Chairman Sennstrom said this process has been going on for at least five years now. They keep sending e-mails and packets for review then nothing else is received for a year or two, and then the process starts over again. He said it has been somewhat chaotic because of confusion on the Water Department where names and positions have been transposed which needed to be corrected. Chairman Sennstrom said that Water Superintendent Jack Lynch told him he thinks he was able to correct this information. Chairman Sennstrom said they will see how it goes from here on out if any progress is made. Solicitor Ray said Superintendent Cooksey will send him all the information that he has for review and if a resolution is required it will be prepared for the next meeting.

The final item for discussion is the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Cooksey reported:

- Washington Drive Project. Evaluated some pipe and will continue working on a few hundred more feet.
- Since November there has been 2 Forcemain breaks on Route 49 and a couple collapses on Washington Drive. Continuing to evaluate and clean the pipe. Hoping to get to the point where they can line the pipe or deem it good and pave the road.

Member McDade asked about blacktop on Washington Drive. Superintendent Cooksey said he doesn't have any thoughts about it yet but it is a wide enough space to consider doing the whole road. Member McDade asked if it costs more to patch or to pave the whole road. Superintendent Cooksey said he would talk to the contractor about it. Chairman Sennstrom and Member McDade discussed the measurements for the road. Chairman Sennstrom said to get a price for both paving and patching. Superintendent Cooksey said he would look into it and bring back information. There was some brief discussion regarding working with asphalt in the current weather conditions.

- Chad Hoglen got his CDL's. Passed his tests. Andrew Willadsen is also doing really well. Things coming together nicely.

Member McDade commented that the guys at the plant do a good job, they work well together and they are always there when something needs to be done. Member McDade asked if there were any issues on North River Drive. Superintendent Cooksey said no, they were discussing potential infiltration in that area. Chairman Sennstrom said they were having a loose conversation about potential areas that need attention. Superintendent Cooksey said they monitor the pumping stations so they can tell where the heavy flows are coming from just by tracking how much the pumps are pumping. He said station six on Hook Road does a lot of pumping but he feels it's because of all the flooding at the meadow. Superintendent Cooksey said it was pumping 4.5 million gallons for a couple days in a row. Member McDade asked if they should look into bonding money to repair all these different issues. Superintendent Cooksey said he had discussed this with Engineer Palgutta, focusing on the forcemains on Broadway and how a lining company would handle those. He said he has begun making a list of things he feels need to be done in the long term. He has ten to twelve things including the forcemains that have had breaks recently, generators that are getting up to twenty years old, upgrades to the plant, and replacing another unit after the RBC is installed. Superintendent Cooksey said he plans to sit with Engineer Palgutta and create a five year plan to follow. Chairman Sennstrom asked if Superintendent Cooksey wanted to talk a little bit about the situation on Washington Drive and everything that feeds into that section of pipe and what may be causing the issues that are happening. He pointed out that everyone may not be aware of the concentrated flow and accumulation there. Superintendent Cooksey explained where South Road and Washington Drive meet is like a junction spot for a lot of things. He said North River Drive at the end of Benson Avenue pumps across the highway and discharges into manholes at Broadway and South Road which leads to Washington Drive and then goes around and down to Heron Avenue. Superintendent Cooksey said on top of that, the Deepwater pumping station that lifts wastewater to the pumping station by KFC is pushing the water through the line that was just relined in the fall and all of that meets at South Road. In addition to that, there is the Leap Drive pumping station and the number six pumping station on Hook Road that goes down Jefferson Road and it all meets on Washington Drive and Hamilton Road. He explained the beginning of the major trunk line is where all of the issues are coming from. Superintendent Cooksey said it is a critical line they are working on. Member McDade said one thing about this

system it has been able to handle flows, they don't look to change flows going forward. He said if they took the storm water size into the equation they would know the diameters would be too small, with this system you won't have to increase the diameter of the pipe and the lining isn't going to decrease it enough to cause issues. Superintendent Cooksey said the lines they are working on gradually increase in size. Chairman Sennstrom pointed out that working below sea level means working with negative elevation. Superintendent Cooksey said they've been doing their video inspections for the last 4 or 5 years and unfortunately they didn't get around to inspecting this critical pipe before it failed. Member Hourigan asked if the result would have been any different if they had inspected the line. Superintendent Cooksey said probably not. Member Chollis asked if there had been issues in that area over time or it is all coming out now. Superintendent Cooksey said when he first started his position they had a collapse by Churchtown Road and ended up replacing from Churchtown Road to Jefferson and up to Hamilton.

The meeting was opened to the public. No public comment.

Chairman Sennstrom entertained a motion to adjourn. Member McDade so moved and Member Chollis seconded. All "aye", motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Taped by Diane L. Ford

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Scott Hourigan, Secretary