The regular meeting of the Pennsville Sewerage Authority was called to order by Chairman Bernard Sennstrom, II, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 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, Assistant Superintendent Mark Kuhns, Authority Solicitor Walter 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. 19-69-SA APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS PROPERLY AUDITED

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-69-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – abstain; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-69-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 19-70-SA APPROVING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PENNSVILLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 13, 2019

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-70-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – abstain; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes; Smith – yes. Resolution No. 19-70-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 19-71-SA RATIFYING A CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY THE AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE AUTHORITY’S MEDIUM DENSITY RBC UNIT AT THE TREATMENT PLANT

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-71-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-71-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 19-72-SA AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND POSTED BY SOUTH STATE, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $244,500.00 FOR THE EAST PITTSFIELD STREET PUMPING STATION FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-72-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-72-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 19-73-SA AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 19-56-S A WHICH AMENDMENT WILL AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE AUTHORITY’S NEW ROTATING BIOLOGICAL CONTRACTOR (RBC)
Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-73-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-73-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 19-74-SA AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF THE AUTHORITY’S NEW ROTATING BIOLOGICAL CONTRACTOR (RBC) IN THE AMOUNT OF $43,920.00

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-74-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-74-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 19-75-SA AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN TO HIRE KARISSA FREAS AS A PART TIME CLERICAL ASSISTANT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12, 2019

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-75-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Member McDade asked how the time frame was decided. Clerk Ford explained it is because her official retirement date is November 1, 2019.

Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-75-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 19-76-SA APPointing KIMBERLY LOCKWOOD AS THE AUTHORITY’S Acting Clerk For The Period Of July 15, 2019 THROUGH October 31, 2019

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-76-SA and Member Chollis seconded.

Member McDade asked how the time frame was decided. Clerk Ford explained it is because her official retirement date is November 1, 2019.

Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-76-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 19-77-SA APPROVING An AMENDMENT TO THE AUTHORITY’S CONTRACT With IRON HORSE ENVIRONMENTAL THROUGH THEIR LOCAL PRODUCT REPRESENTATIVE EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN RBC UNIT WHICH AMENDMENT WILL REFLECT A CREDIT TO THE AUTHORITY FROM THE SELLER WHICH CREDIT IS IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,500.00

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 19-77-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 19-77-SA is approved.

The first item for discussion is the League of Municipalities Convention on November 19th and 21st, 2019. Clerk Ford explained the authority would cover the cost of the badge to attend the meeting at the convention center. She noted that members needed to notify the administration office by August 1st if they are interested in attending.

Next on the agenda for discussion is the Engineer’s Report. Engineer Palgutta reported:
• Washington Drive paving to begin Monday July 15th. Will take approximately 2 weeks to complete.
• Existing condition survey complete for pumping station number 3. Will meet with Superintendent Cooksey and Assistant Superintendent Kuhns to discuss options for forcemain replacement.

Member McDade asked what the options being considered are. Engineer Palgutta said they could consider direct drilling, slip lining, or pipe bursting. Engineer Palgutta said he had discussed the proximity to the existing water main with Superintendent Cooksey but he is not sure if that is a concern or not. Chairman Sennstrom and Superintendent Cooksey have discussed going with whichever would be the least disruptive method for replacing the forcemain. There was some brief discussion regarding prior methods used for forcemain replacement.

The last item for discussion is the Superintendent’s report. Assistant Superintendent Kuhns reported:

• Suspected forcemain break turned out to be a water main break.
• Replaced an electric drive motor on an RBC.
• Central air in the office at the treatment plant went bad. Going to be an expensive repair. Not an easy repair. Purchased a couple window units in the meantime.

Member McDade asked how old the system was. Assistant Superintendent Kuhns said it was approximately 15 years old. He said he did have a couple guys come to look at it and they advised it will need to be replaced. Assistant Superintendent Kuhns added he did get a couple quotes on the replacement, the lowest is around five thousand dollars. Member Hourigan asked how many square feet in in the building. Assistant Superintendent Kuhns said it’s under two thousand though he is not exactly sure, his guess would be around 1,200 square feet.

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

Member Masten pointed out that although he was not at the last meeting he felt that the resolution that was done to honor Clerk Ford was very nice. He apologized for not being in attendance, and expressed his appreciation for Clerk Ford through the course of her career with the Pennsville Sewerage Authority. Clerk Ford thanked Member Masten for his comments. There was some brief discussion regarding Clerk Ford and her retirement. The members all wished Clerk Ford a happy and healthy retirement.

Chairman Sennstrom entertained a motion to adjourn. Member McDade so moved and Member Chollis seconded. All “aye”, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Taped by Diane L. Ford
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Scott Hourigan, Secretary