The regular meeting of the Pennsville Sewerage Authority was held virtually and called to order by Chairman Bernard Sennstrom, II, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Chairman Sennstrom read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

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 Daniel Neu, Superintendent Ronald Cooksey, Authority Solicitor Walter Ray, Authority Engineer David Palgutta, and Authority Clerk Kimberly Lockwood.

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

Resolution No. 20-53-SA APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS PROPERLY AUDITED

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 20-53-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 20-53-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 20-54-SA APPROVING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MAY 14, 2020

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 20-54-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 20-54-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 20-55-SA APPROVING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE AUTHORITY’S CONTRACT WITH STANDARD PIPE SERVICES LLC WITH A COST OF THE EXTENDED CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED $250,000

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 20-55-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Mrs. Chollis asked if the cost was the same as the previous contract and Mr. Cooksey advised the board that it is the same amount.

Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 20-55-SA is approved.

Resolution No. 20-56-SA AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DUKE’S SEWER ROOT CONTROL SPECIALISTS FOR ROOT TREATMENT OF A PORTION OF THE AUTHORITY’S SYSTEM WHICH IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO ROOT INTRUSION AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED $10,000

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 20-56-SA and Member Chollis seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 20-56-SA is approved.
Resolution No. 20-57-SA AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-52-SA WHICH AMENDMENT WILL EXTEND THE SUSPENSION OF THE AUTHORITY’S COLLECTION PROCESS/WATER TURNOFF PROCEDURE UNTIL AUGUST 1, 2020

Member McDade moved for adoption of Resolution No. 20-57-SA and Member Chollis seconded.

Mr. McDade asked the Solicitor if this had been done on the township side and Mr. Ray advised it had not but needed to be done.

Roll call vote as follows: Chollis – yes; Hourigan – yes; Masten – yes; McDade – yes; Sennstrom – yes. Resolution No. 20-57-SA is approved.

Authority Engineer, Dave Palgutta, reported that he was onsite at the plant with the Superintendent and the Chairman to discuss the sludge pumping system project. He anticipates a proposal to cover the scope of that work as well as the RBC’s project by the next meeting. They will be combined in one proposal as a cost savings effort.

In addition, Mr. Palgutta advised that a letter was received from the DEP for the planning documents for the force main project. The engineer will review the letter and address the comments from the DEP and resubmit to the DEP to continue their approval process.

The Superintendent reported that:

- the lateral was installed at Kent Avenue to tie the farm and custard stand into the gravity line when the force main is finally in place.
- Pump controller was installed at the No. 5 station
- The water line was removed from the sewer line on Francis Dr.
- Video camera was repaired; inspections of the storm drains will now continue for the road overlays

Mr. McDade asked about the job with the gas company on Broadway. Mr. Cooksey advised that it was discovered that a gas main went through a sewer lateral on R.J. Raine’s property. The gas company had to re-route the line.

Mr. McDade asked about concrete on E. Pittsfield Street. Mr. Cooksey advised they hope to start that next week.

Mr. McDade thanked the operators for their work on the inspections.

Mrs. Chollis inquired about Chad Hoglen and the recent classes he completed. Mr. Cooksey advised he has to take the exam but with COVID things are backed up. He stated that should the timeframe be exceeded due to COVID they would have to allow for more time.

The meeting was opened to the public. No public comments.
Chairman Sennstrom entertained a motion to adjourn. Member McDade so moved and Member Chollis seconded. All “aye”, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Scott Hourigan, Secretary