

**BUTLER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE August 10, 2021 REGULAR MEETING**

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The regular meeting of the Butler Area Sewer Authority (Authority) Board was hosted on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Authority office located at 100 Litman Road, Butler, PA.

**Authority Board Members Present:**

- *Gerald S. Patterson, Jr., Chairman*
- *Paul F. Sybert, Vice Chairman*
- *Lance R. Calvert- Secretary*
- *Mavrik W. Goepfert, Treasurer*
- *Steven C. Braden, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer*

**Staff, Consultants and Guests Present:**

- *Duane McKee, Executive Director*
- *Ronata Lavorini, Finance Director*
- *Daniel Slomers, Authority Engineer*
- *Virginia Ferderber, Collections and Payables Coordinator*
- *Michael Hnath, Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham - Authority Solicitor*
- *Michael McKee, Hatch - Consulting Engineer*

The public was invited to provide comments by emailing to [publiccomment@basapa.org](mailto:publiccomment@basapa.org). Public comments provided via email needed to be submitted prior to 8:30 a.m. on August 10, 2021.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- *Mr. Patterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT: AGENDA ITEMS (Time Limit- 5 Minutes)**

- *None*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. July 13, 2021 Regular Meeting**

- *Mr. Patterson informed the Board that Mr. Calvert was listed twice in the Authority Board Members present section. Mr. McKee edited the meeting minutes and the revised meeting minutes are ready for approval.*
- *A motion was made by Mr. Sybert and seconded by Mr. Calvert to approve the meeting minutes. Motion approved 5-0.*

**4. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/OTHER PAYMENTS**

**A. Periodic Estimate No. 5, North Hills COG 2020-2021 CAP Sewer Rehab Project, \$16,155.00 (State Pipe Services, Inc.)**

- *Mr. Slomers reviewed periodic estimate No. 5 for the North Hills COG 2020-2021 CAP Sewer Rehabilitation Project and recommended payment of \$16,155.00 to State Pipe Services Inc.*

sewage flow was diverted to a secondary 12" force main at around 3:30 p.m. that same day. This operation stopped the leak and allowed full operation of the Monroe pump Station until the repair was completed on June 24, 2021. The SSO was reported to DEP.

## **7. CONSULTING ENGINEERS' REPORTS**

### **A. Authority Consulting Engineer's Monthly Report**

- *Mr. Mike McKee informed the Board that the report was in their package and asked if there were any questions.*
- *Mr. Patterson asked if the Board had any questions. There were no questions.*

### **B. CAP Update- HRG's Progress Report- July 2021**

- *Mr. Slomers informed the Board that HRG is still on schedule and that HRG has started the design phase.*
- *Mr. Patterson asked if there were any questions on the report. The Board had no questions.*

## **8. FISCAL AND CONTRACTING MATTERS**

### **A. Consider Award to Install OBIC 1000 Multi-Layer Lining System on the Square Chlorine Contact Tank to Advanced Rehabilitation Technology**

- *Mr. McKee reviewed the proposal by Advanced Rehabilitation Technology to line the square chlorine contact tanks, then asked the Board to consider awarding the multi-layer lining system on the square chlorine contact tanks to Advanced Rehabilitation Technologies in the amount of \$96,562.00. This is a Co-Stars purchase.*
- *A motion was made by Mr. Braden and seconded by Mr. Calver to approve the award of the multi-layer lining system on the square chlorine contact tanks to Advanced Rehabilitation Technologies in the amount of \$96,562.00. Motion approved 5-0.*

### **B. Consider Awarding Pipe Asbestos Removal to American Contracting Enterprises**

- *Mr. McKee reviewed the justification memo for the removal of pipe insulation containing asbestos from the pipe gallery located under the lab building. The Authority obtained three written quotes.*
- *Mr. McKee then asked the Board to consider awarding the removal of the asbestos pipe insulation to American Contracting Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$14,937.00.*
- *A motion was made by Mr. Braden and seconded by Mr. Goepfert to award the American Contracting Enterprises, Inc. proposal to perform necessary asbestos removal techniques to the pipe insulation located under the lab building at the Authority WWTP in the amount of \$14,937.00. Motion approved 5-0.*

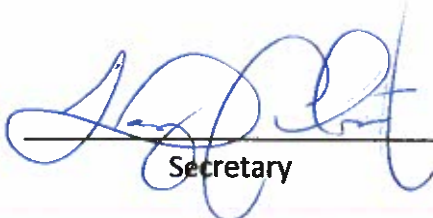
### **C. Consider Award of Engineering Proposal for Alameda Park Sewer Upsize to Hatch**

- *Mr. Slomers reviewed the engineering proposal prepared by Hatch for the Alameda Park Sewer upsize, then recommend the Board consider awarding the Alameda Park Sewer Upsize engineering proposal to Hatch in the not to exceed amount of \$115,000.*
- *Mr. Patterson asked if there would need to be a planning module approved by the communities involved.*
- *Mr. Mike McKee responded saying the Act 537 plan already outlined the need for upsizing the sewer so he did not believe DEP would repair any planning.*
- *Mr. Patterson acknowledged saying that it would be a good idea to check with DEP before we get to far along with the design.*
- *Mr. McKee noted that staff is still working with the Butler CDC to obtain grant funds.*

- *Mr. Calvert said this is something we need to explore and get an offer.*
- *Mr. Calvert asked if anyone responded to Aqua America.*
- *Mr. McKee responded no.*
- *Mr. Hnath disagreed with the City position on who has the ability to sell the Authority. Also, that it is an expensive process to go through and will require a full-time staff person. In addition, there is a 1974 Agreement with seven other municipalities that had contributed their assets to the Authority. Center Township comprises about 13-14% of the customer base. Thus complicating further the division of proceeds from any such sale. It is up to the Township and the City to decide how to move forward.*
- *Mr. Patterson asked Mr. Hnath to provide the Board a written opinion on who has the responsibility to make the decision to sell the Authority.*
- *Mr. Goepfert reached out to an attorney, and feels it is the Authority Board's decision. He suggested the Authority hire special council as we have a very valuable system, about \$16,000 \$17,000 per customer.*
- *Mr. Calvert said it is our duty to explore this opportunity for the betterment of the community.*
- *Mr. Hnath informed the Board that the meeting with the PAWC could be to listen only, and any discussion would have to be done at a public meeting. Act 13 is a formal process.*
- *Mr. Patterson said we are waiting on them as neither Aqua nor PAWC have submitted a right to know request to obtain Authority documents.*
- *Mr. Goepfert suggested the Board appoint special council at \$360/hr. to help guide the Board.*
- *Mr. Patterson said he was not in favor of hiring special council at this point.*
- *Mr. Braden said let's see what happens with the Township and the City. We are here for the citizens and customers and need to follow up, we have to check it out.*
- *Mr. Calvert asked if Mr. Patterson would contact the Township and let them know there needs to be a public meeting to discuss the PAWC offer.*
- *Mr. Calvert agreed to meet with the City and do the same.*

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

- *A motion was made by Mr. Braden and seconded by Mr. Patterson to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:55 a.m. Motion approved 5-0.*

  
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 Secretary

9-14-2021  
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 Date

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.**  
**AUTHORITY OFFICE, 100 LITMAN ROAD, BUTLER, PA**