

MINUTES OF THE EASTON AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

August 17, 2020

- ❖ The regular monthly meeting of the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority was held at 6:05 pm via Zoom video conference on Monday, August 17, 2020.
- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Robert Lammi, who ordered the roll to be called at 6:05 p.m. Members in attendance via Zoom video conference.

#	Member	Municipality	Term Expires	Present	Absent	Time entered
1	Robert Blanchfield	Palmer Township	12/31/2020	X		*
2	Tim Weis	Forks Township	12/31/2019	X		*
3	John Van Arman	City of Easton	12/31/2024	X		*
4	Dave Hopkins Vice-Chairman	City of Easton	12/31/2022	X		*
5	Paul James	West Easton Borough	12/31/2024	X		*
6	Robert Lammi Chairman	Palmer Township	12/31/2024	X		*
7	Joseph Mauro	City of Easton	12/31/2020	X		*
8	James McGowan Treasurer	Wilson Borough	12/31/2024	X		*
9	Charles Peterson	City of Easton	12/31/2023	X		*
10	Steven Riegel	Tatamy Borough	12/31/2024	X		*
11	Robert Werner	City of Easton	12/31/2020	X		*

* Beginning of meeting

** adjournment of meeting

❖ **The following personnel were in attendance via Zoom:**

Mr. Michael Gaul (Solicitor), Mr. Jeff Morgan, (SC Engineers), Ms. Alex Hoffman, (IPP Manager/Assistant Operations Manager of WWTP), Mr. John Schimmel, (Accountant) and Mr. Chuck Wilson, (Operations Manager of WWTP).

Mr. Lammi suggested an addition to the minutes recognizing Mr. Marzuoli for his years of service to the Authority.

A motion by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Riegel to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 regular meeting, was passed by a voice vote (10-0). Mr. Hopkins abstained. **Motion Carried**

- ❖ **Courtesy of the floor:** None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gaul reported that he has put the original EAJSA bylaws into word format, he will insert the amendments that have occurred over the years.

Mr. Gaul also reported that he received an inquiry from the Williams Township solicitor regarding whether the Authority would have to approve transfer of private EDU capacity in Williams Township. The property is the Smith Amato property located next to the Turkey Hill. They have about 18,000 gallons of capacity they are looking to transfer 6,000 to Turkey Hill for an expansion. Mr. Gaul stated that this matter should be addressed by the Engineering Committee.

Mr. Hopkins added that any transfers of capacity within the northern part of the sewer system of Williams Township must go through the City of Easton. Williams Township cannot exceed the capacity cap agreed upon by Williams and the City due to the bottle necks in the system so they do not overload the conveyance system.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Mr. Schimmel reported that in the packet is the estimated rebate calculation, also three more invoices were added to the list of bills after the packet was issued.

A motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. McGowan for approval of the August 2020 bills, all in favor by voice vote, (11-0).

Motion Carried 2020-08-17 C

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Morgan had the following items for board approval;

- ❖ **ITEM 08-01-2020 WWTP FOG Receiving/Pre-Treatment Facility and Combined Heat and Power System Approval of Alternative and Clean Energy Grant Award**

Mr. Morgan reported that the Authority was awarded an PA DCED Alternative Clean Energy Grant in the amount of \$1,737,000 for the WWTP FOG Receiving/Pre-Treatment Facility and combined heat and power system. Mr. Morgan presented a slide show about the FOG study. The presentation reviewed the initial FOG study, the questioner that was mailed out to potential FOG suppliers, the study completed by Manhattan College, and modifications needed to accept the FOG along with potential financing options. Russell Reid is still very

interested in bringing their FOG waste to the Authority. Mr. Morgan also addressed the additional labor requirements for the FOG related work.

A motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Werner for approval to accept the WWTP FOG Receiving/Pre-Treatment Facility and Combined Heat and Power System, Alternative and Clean Energy Grant Award in the amount of \$1,737,000, all in favor by voice vote, (11-0).

Motion Carried 2020-08-17 D

❖ **ITEM 08-02-2020 WWTP FOG Receiving/Pre-Treatment Facility and Combined Heat and Power System Approval of Hazen Proposal for Engineering Design Services**

Mr. Morgan reported since the Authority has approved acceptance of the grant the next approval would be to approval Hazen's design in the amount of \$304,954. Mr. Morgan reported that he would get a professional service agreement between Hazen and work would begin in September.

A motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Blanchfield for approval of Hazen's design in the amount of \$304,954 for the WWTP FOG Receiving/Pre-Treatment Facility and Combined Heat and Power System, all in favor by voice vote, (11-0).

Motion Carried 2020-08-17 E

❖ **ITEM 08-03-2020 Industrial Pretreatment Program-Approval of Revised Local Limits**

Mr. Morgan reported that the Local Limits evaluation was submitted to the EPA in November of 2019. EPA reviewed the Local Limits submission in winter/spring and the EPA has accepted our Local Limits. The changes accepted were to raise the existing Arsenic limit and remove the color limit. Mr. Morgan stated that there is also a revision being made in the Rules and Regulations editing the pool language.

A motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Riegel for approval of the revised local limit for color, all in favor by voice vote, (11-0).

Motion Carried 2020-08-17 F

A motion by Mr. Blanchfield, seconded by Mr. James for approval of the revised local limit for Arsenic and the revised pool language, all in favor by voice vote, (11-0).

Motion Carried 2020-08-17 G

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported that the plant was in full compliance for July, the new super shredder was installed, clarifier 7 and the chlorine contact tank were cleaned. Also, a new HVAC unit was installed in the Primary Effluent MCC. Mr. Wilson stated that WET Testing is scheduled for the first week of September.

Mr. Wilson reported that the plant faired well during the August 4, 2020 storm. The primary clarifiers had some aftereffects, and a few manholes popped on 611; this information was reported to DEP.

PRETREATMENT REPORT

Ms. Hoffman reported that letters stating the accepted changes to the Local Limits were mailed out to all permitted industries. Weyerbacher's inspection is scheduled for the August 19, 2020.

- ❖ **New Business**: None
- ❖ **Unfinished Business**: None
- ❖ **Old Business**: The Board discussed the letter sent by Encore Janitorial. Moving forward the office cleaning will be handled internally by the City of Easton labor staff. This will include cleaning the office area, conference room, and the bathrooms.

A motion by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Riegel to adjourn was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

- ❖ The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandria Hoffman-EAJSA Corresponding Secretary/IPP Manager