

**KISKI VALLEY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order on Wednesday September 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by Vice- Chairman Kotvas with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Members of the Board: Hansen, Kotvas, V. Milie, Moyer, Polczynski, Sherbondy, J. Smail, T. Smail, Warmer and Wilson. Bione, Pascal and Virostek were excused. Duryea, Loperfito, Klein and C. Milie were also present.

**VISITORS:**

No visitors were in attendance

**MINUTES:**

Polczynski motioned to approve the meeting Minutes of the August 17, 2022, meeting. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion carried

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Secretary Wilson reported that a request for a donation was received from the Allegheny Township Fire Department. J. Smail motioned to donate \$100 to the Fire Company with T. Smail's second. Motion carried.

Wilson then reported that a request was made by Hyde Park Fire Department for a donation. Polczynski motioned to donate \$100 to the fire company with V. Milie making a second on the motion. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer, J. Smail requested action on the transfer of funds. Polczynski motioned to approve the transfer for the month as presented. V. Milie seconded. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

John Klein, of HRC Engineering reported that all the month's activities are in the submitted report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Engineering Committee: Chairman Kotvas presented Project Requisition #25 in the amount of \$23,220.00 for approval as follows:

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| GeoMechanics, Inc. | \$ 12,180.00 |
| HRG Engineering    | \$ 11,040.00 |

Swarmer motioned to approve Requisition #25 as presented for payment. J. Smail made a second on the motion. Motion carried.

Kotvas reported that HRC is performing additional engineering for conversion of two additional tanks to digesters at a cost of \$26,900.00 Milie motioned to approve the additional costs. Polczynski made a second on the motion. Motion carried.

Polczynski motioned to approve the purchase of equipment for conversion of two Sludge Digestion Tanks from Kappe at a COSTARS Price of \$447,800.00. T. Smail seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Smoke testing of the Vandergrift line is to be performed by Franklin Township Municipal Authority, requiring two days of work at a cost of \$1592.64. Moyer motioned to approve the testing. Sherbondy seconded. Motion carried.

Polczynski motioned to purchase an additional Seepex pump for the digesters through a COSTARS purchase at a cost of \$52,700.00, Sherbondy made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on replacing and relocating a leaking RPZ backflow preventer on the main plant water service line by McRandal Company, Inc. at a cost of \$8,875.00. Polczynski motioned to approve the request to replace the backflow preventer at a cost not to exceed \$8,875.00. Duryea spoke on the reason for the relocation of the device. J. Smail made a second on the motion. Motion carried.

Kotvas then updated the board on other projects that are ongoing with the facilities.

Finance Committee: Chairman Polczynski referred members to page 6 of the meeting packet, stating that \$2,932.16 interest was gained during the month of August. He also reported that of a twenty-five-month period \$51,922.09 was earned.

Polczynski then reported on a PennVest presentation at the recent conference reporting that PennVest now offers a "Fast Track" program with a thirty-day turnaround.

Billing & Collections Committee: In the absence of Committee Chair Pascal, Duryea reported that \$15,110 has been collected through the government LIWHAP program. The program is due to end in October.

Insurance Committee: Chairman Hansen had nothing to report. Duryea reported on a cyber attack on the Authority and that it appears that the Authority's insurance will cover the cost.

Personnel Committee: No Report per Chairman J. Smail

Public Relations Committee: Sherbondy reported that Virostek has planned for the Christmas Dinner at the Wooden Door Winery in Vandergrift. More details will follow.

Sherbondy then reported that the Open House went well with a good many people attending including several local and state officials.

**MANAGER'S  
REPORT:**

Duryea reported that the Plant remains in total compliance. He reported that he has been in contact with the DEP regarding the renewal of the NPDES permit.

The PMAA Conference went well with some very interesting presentations.

Duryea reported that he will be providing the members a spreadsheet with rates of Authorities in the area, stating that Kiski has the second lowest rates in the area.

**SOLICITOR'S  
REPORT:**

Attorney Loperfito reported that he was served with papers regarding four properties that were placed in a Land Bank in Westmoreland County. Two of the properties are listed for rehab the other two for demolition. He wanted direction from the board as to how it was to be handled, whether to pursue the payment of the delinquencies or write them off since the amounts total \$4,700.91 and the cost of the attorney fees could be higher. Swarmer motioned to let the properties go without pursuing them any further. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW  
BUSINESS:**

Polczynski reported that the K-mart and King's Restaurant both in Allegheny Township have been sold. He had no further information.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

None necessary

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Polczynski motioned with Swarmer's second to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

  
Christine Wilson  
Secretary