

**KISKI VALLEY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

November 16, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bione with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Members of the Board: Bione, Hansen, Kotvas, V. Milie, Moyer, Pascal, Polczynski via telephone), J. Smail, T. Smail, Swarmer, Virostek, and Wilson. Sherbondy was unexcused Duryea, Loperfito, Klein and C. Milie were also present.

**VISITORS:**

Joe Estermyer of Estermyer & Associates was in attendance.

Estermyer reviewed the 2021-22 Audit Report with the Board, After review the Audit was accepted and approved by a motion from Polczynski and a second by J. Smail. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

Polczynski motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. Virostek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Secretary Wilson reported the correspondence as follows:

The Authorities publication dated October 31, 2022, regarding combating privatization of Municipal Authorities.

Lower Kiski Ambulance Association – Donation request. Virostek motioned to donate \$100 to the Ambulance Association. Moyer seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Apollo Borough Council has appointed Vincent Milie as their representative for an additional five-year term.

Polczynski motioned to accept the Secretary's report as provided by Christine Wilson. V. Milie seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer, J. Smail, reported on the requested Bank transfers for the month. Polczynski motioned and Kotvas made a second to approve the transfers as presented. Motion carried.

Virostek then motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as reported. Swarmer made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

John Klein, of HRG Engineering stated that most information is in his printed report. He reported that they are anticipating receiving the permits for the Sludge Processing project soon.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Engineering Committee: Chairman Kotvas presented Project Requisition #27 in the amount of \$35,070.02 for approval as follows:

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| HRG Engineering  | \$ 6,380.00  |
| Kappe Associates | \$ 26,050.53 |
| Lanco Electric   | \$ 2,639.50  |

Kotvas motioned to approve Requisition #27 totaling \$35,070.03. J. Smail motioned to approve the requisition with Virostek's second. Motion carried

Action regarding bidding of the Sludge Processing Project building was tabled.

It was reported that the final Project Cost for the Bard Screen Addition Project has been completed.

A motion was may by Moyer and seconded by Kotvas to purchase two grinder cores for the Vandergrift Pump Station from JWC Environmental at a cost of \$25,412.00 each. It was noted that these cores are specialty, and the circumstances are unique, thus no bidding is required.

Duryea reported on the ATI Catch Basins connected to the Sanitary Sewer Line . He reported that a letter has been sent to ATI requesting they remove their connection.

Various options are being explored regarding the replacement of the roof on the Blower Building.

Cost estimates are being obtained for the repairs to the line in the Paulton area.

Belt replacement in the Headworks Building should be completed by November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Various Grant opportunities were discussed with Virostek making various suggestions that may be beneficial through "COVID-19 ARPA – PA Small Water and Sewer Grant"

Finance Committee: Chairman Polczynski stated that the information was listed on page 7 of the meeting packet.

Billing & Collections Committee: Pascal stated that most information was in the report then turned to floor over to Loperfido regarding the property on Sugar Hollow Road, Apollo. Loperfido reported that there is a tentative agreement waiting the Board's approval as the customer has agreed to pay \$150 per month through an ACH withdrawal until the account is brought current. Loperfido stated that this will take some time before the account is brought to a current state. Pascal motioned to approve the agreement with V. Milie's second. Motion carried.

Insurance Committee: Chairman Hansen had nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: Chairman J. Smail had no report

Public Relations Committee: With the absence of the chairman Sherbondy, Virostek reported on the upcoming Christmas Dinner.

Duryea reported that Sherbondy has decided to not take a reappointment as the representative from Oklahoma Borough.

**MANAGER'S  
REPORT:**

Duryea stated that the plant remains in compliance with DEP guidelines.

He reported on the cost of clearing the line near AIT in Vandergrift was \$269,472. Pascal questioned if the Authority was going to try to recoup some of the cost from ATI. Duryea responded that it is being investigated

KVWPCA continues to test for COVID-19 through the PA Dept. of Health. Bio-bot Continues to provide analyses.

Duryea requested permission to hold a Lunch for the employees to celebrate the upcoming Christmas Holiday, as well as providing \$100 gift cards for the Union employees. Virostek motioned, with Moyer's second to approve the requests. Motion carried. Solicitor Loperfито offered to pay for the Employee Lunch.

A request to replace the carpeting in the Conference Room at a cost of \$2,633.13 was approved with a motion by V. Milie and a second by Swarmer.

Duryea reported that \$441 was received from scraping some materials.

**SOLICITOR'S  
REPORT:**

Attorney Loperfито discussed a proposed Resolution regarding "deduct meters". He requested the Board review it for further action

He reported that there is no change in the Land Bank litigation.

Loperfито then discussed the issue with the use of KVWPCA.com e-mail for personal use.

An update was provided on the Sugar Hollow Road property. The son of the deceased owner is to have a \$150 ACH payment provided to the Authority on a monthly basis.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS:**

Polczynski stated there was no further information on the King's Restaurant property.

**NEW  
BUSINESS:**

Duryea requested that a \$100 donation be made to the Respiratory Health Association In the name of former employee, Charles Sanford. Kotvas motioned to approve the request with Pascal's second. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

None necessary

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Virostek motioned with Pascal's second to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

*Christine Wilson*

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Secretary