

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
JERSEY SHORE AREA JOINT WATER AUTHORITY
HELD ON MARCH 7, 2023, AT 1111 BARDO AVENUE
JERSEY SHORE, PENNSYLVANIA 17740

Chairman Kenneth B. Bierly called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Members present were Barbara E. Schmouder, Katelyn A. Wasson, Kenneth B. Bierly, Dwayne S. Wasson, Brett S. Bowes, Krista J. Kephart, Lisa L. Urbine and Samantha L. McIlwain. Also, present was Manager Eric S. Johnston and Paul J. Ryan, Esq. Authority Attorney. Also present were Quay Schappell, Shawn Downey, Gary Sheets from Larson Design Group.

Chairman Kenneth B. Bierly called on representatives of the Larson Design Group for an update on the **Pine Creek Project**. Shawn Downey took the floor and updated everyone on what has been happening at Pine Creek Plant, dealing with the building codes regulations as well as FEMA regulations. It was pointed out by one of the board members and discussed that the monies that have been invested thus far in the project roughly \$240,000 has been for nothing being that we have to discontinue the project due to FEMA and code regulations and lack of permits. Quay Schappell presented a **Water System Master Plan** that Larson Design Group provide the Authority in hopes that it would ease some of the monetary loss. (**A copy is attached to these minutes**). The Board was still unhappy with this resolution. Gary Sheets, VP Infrastructure spoke up and stated that they didn't want to lose the Authority as a client and asked to be given a chance to come up with another solution. The Authority suggested that he have something to us in writing by Friday, March 10, 2023. Mr. Sheets stated that he would have something to the Authority by then.

The **minutes of the February 7, 2023**, meeting was presented. A motion was made by Samantha L. McIlwain, seconded by Brett S. Bowes to accept the January 16, 2023, minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Eric S. Johnston presented the **Manager's Report** for March 7, 2023. A copy of the Manager's Report is in the minute book along with other pertinent data. A motion was made by Krista J. Kephart, seconded by Lisa L. Urbine, to accept the Manager's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- **Grants/Special Projects** – Katelyn A. Wasson, Chair of the Committee presented a report regarding a Meeting that was held on February 1, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Authority. The discussion centered around **“What do we do with Pine Creek Plant?”** A copy of the report is attached to the minutes. There were two recommendations from the committee as follows:
 - A) Project bids be cancelled at Pine Creek Treatment Pant.**

- B) Materials such as filters and other equipment purchased be redirected to the Larry's Creek Treatment Plant, with an estimated start date of Spring/Summer 2024.**

A motion was made by Krista J. Kephart, seconded by Samantha L. McIlwain that we make the Grants/Special Projects part of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **911 Tower** – they are waiting for a permit before proceeding currently.
- **The hunting camp on the Larry's Creek property** is still being researched.
- **Survey the property at 1125 Bardo Avenue to add to the property of 1111 Bardo Avenue for the purpose of obtaining a Zoning permit from Lycoming County Planning Commission.** (Continued under New Business)

New Business:

- **Approval of PennCore's Proposal as presented for surveying 1111 & 1125 Bardo Avenue consolidation of the two properties.** It was suggested that we reach out for other bids.
- **Discussion on the Status of the Pine Creek Water Treatment Plant:**

Discussion points were:

- a) **Status of contracts** for Pine Creek Water Treatment Plant.
- b) **Rescope the Lycoming County ARPA Grant funds of \$250,000** from the Pine Creek Water Treatment Plant to the Larry's Creek Water Treatment Plant. A motion was made by Brett S. Bowes, seconded by Krista J. Kephart that we rescope the Lycoming County ARPA Grant funds of \$250,000 from the Pine Creek Water Treatment Plant to the Larry's Creek Water Treatment Plant. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- c) **Purchased Equipment for the Pine Creek Water Treatment Plant Project to be utilized for the Larry's Creek Water Treatment Plant Project.**

After discussion of the Pine Creek Water Treatment Plant, the Recommendations from the Grants/Special Projects were presented for action:

(1) A motion was made by Brett S. Bowes, seconded by Krista J. Kephart that the project bids be cancelled at the Pine Creek Treatment Plant. The motion passed unanimously.

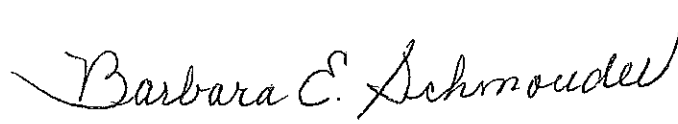
(2) A motion was made by Samantha L. McIlwain, seconded by Lisa L. Urbine that the materials such as filters and other equipment purchased be redirected to the Larry's Creek Treatment, with an estimated start date of Spring/Summer of 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Krista J. Kephart, seconded by Lisa L. Urbine to **approve payment of the monthly bills in the amount of \$75,787.96.** The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 8:20 p.m. for an Executive Session regarding some legal issues. The Executive Session adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and the Regular Monthly Meeting Reconvened.

The next meeting will be **April 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**

A motion was made by Dwayne S. Wasson, seconded by Samantha L. McIlwain, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara E. Schmouder". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

Barbara E. Schmouder, Secretary