

JOHNSTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 15, 2021

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Monsignor Balta called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Monsignor Balta offered the invocation.

The following members of the Authority were present for roll call:

Monsignor Balta, Mr. Babich, Mr. Haselrig, Mr. Pasquerilla,
Mr. Truscello (5).

William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor; Melissa Komar, Executive Director; Cheryl Labosky, Finance Director; Thomas Kakabar, EADS Group; and Michael Grandinetti, Pretreatment Coordinator.

MINUTES

Mr. Truscello made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2021 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pasquerilla and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Monsignor Balta, Mr. Babich, Mr. Haselrig, Mr. Pasquerilla,
Mr. Truscello (5).

Nays: None (0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

REPORTS:

Monsignor Balta noted that Wessel and Company will make its presentation at the next meeting. He stated the August meeting would be an open format.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Melissa Komar, Executive Director, referred members to her report for review.

She reported that demolition of the homes in Prospect was halted over the last few weeks due to yearly maintenance by Cat but will continue after Thunder in the Valley.

She reported that a DCED grant in the amount \$253,000 was received for demolition of three commercial structures.

A \$100,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Hornerstown blight demolition was awarded last month to Locher Demolition.

The City of Johnstown has invited JRA and the County to a land bank discussion.

Mrs. Komar noted that 416 Main Street participated in the recent Taste and Tour event.

Chad McClearn, an IUP planning major student, will be interning with JRA over the next two months to assist on planning and redevelopment projects.

She indicated the sewer lateral program is very active now during the height of the construction season. Mr. Grandinetti and Ms. Labosky have been communicating with several municipalities outside of the City regarding JRA's lateral and grant programs.

Pretreatment changes for rates and rules are on today's agenda for the Board's approval before submission to EPA for final approval.

She noted attending the recent PMAA Region 6 virtual event for discussion of different changes in wastewater and storm water.

Robinson Pipe Cleaning continues its cleaning project along Broad Street in the area of Laurel Avenue.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Pasquerilla, Mrs. Komar commented there was no update on the telehealth project. She awaited receipt of the RFPs from the architects, which should soon be received.

She stated construction should commence on the Industrial Park Road in the spring of 2022 and awaited DEP permits.

Mr. Pasquerilla inquired about what debt pay downs were made with the Hanging Gardens proceeds. Mrs. Komar explained that the wire was just received last Friday from the Hanging Gardens purchase. She indicated that the dollars

have been allocated to the different line items where necessary to bring everything up to present. She noted the roof for the Hanging Gardens was paid off. There was further discussion. Mrs. Komar will present different ways to allocate the monies based on the money market dollar amounts and the income on the properties.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cheryl Labosky, Finance Director, referred to her report for a grant funding update, May financials, GJWA reports and the Compliance Program

The grant funding report noted \$200,000 of DCED grant funding received with \$200,000 remaining. She noted funding received and remaining for the Hornerstown Blight Elimination Project, the Honan Avenue Greenspace Project, the Main Street East End Modernization Project, the Blight Reduction and Beautification Projects.

Ms. Labosky noted a meeting is scheduled with Tracy Teno, residential development officer from City Hall this Friday for discussion of the several lateral program and the Cambria County Grant Program.

She indicated that since April there have been approximately 30 property restorations.

Ms. Labosky had sent a letter to all outlying municipalities regarding the grant funds that are now available through the County.

SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW REPORT

Thomas Kakabar, EADS Group, reported that work continues on the Fairfield Avenue and the bulk of all piping is in the ground and efforts will be focused on final restoration of the project. Shortly after Thunder in the Valley the temporary pipe trench will be dug out and a final base will be installed in preparation for final overlay of Fairfield Avenue which is scheduled for August. Robinson Pipe continues to clean and televise the Broad Street interceptors.

The Route 403 PennDOT paving project from Bridge Street to Napoleon Street was awarded to Laurel Management and construction should occur in the next 30 days.

The Clinton Street project awaits some highway occupancy permit adjustments for traffic control and work is expected to resume the week of June 14, 2021.

Franklin Street Project agreement for cost sharing has been submitted to PennDOT. The project would not commence until the summer of 2022.

Progress Report No. 26 is due the end of July. Reminder letters to member systems will need prepared and sent out.

Mr. Kakabar referred members to an attachment to the Engineer's Report regarding the flow monitoring program for further discussion of metering options and related monthly costs. He indicated that \$83,765 is the total monthly cost. There was further discussion regarding data supplied by the three meter group categories. Monsignor Balta commented that by December 31, 2021 DEP will be requiring that all of the overflows be sealed.

Mr. Truscello made a motion to continue the flow monitoring program with the addition of Groups 2 and 3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pasquerilla and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Monsignor Balta, Mr. Babich, Mr. Haselrig, Mr. Pasquerilla,
Mr. Truscello (5).

Nays: None (0).

The graphic report was attached to the motion.

SEWAGE OPERATIONS REPORT

Michael Grandinetti, Pretreatment Coordinator, and Mr. Kakabar has been discussing the flow metering program and communicating with outlying municipalities. Mr. Grandinetti requested that he and Tom informally meet with some of these municipalities to inform them of JRA's position going forward in order to query the data that these flow meters are going to produce and to discuss JRA's sewer lateral program and the new Cambria County sewer lateral program. Monsignor Balta stated the report is required by the DEP and that right now the matter is between JRA and DEP. There was further discussion as to whether there should be communication with the municipalities regarding the flow metering program.

Mr. Grandinetti reported that the SSO notification was sent to 17 municipalities, of which 7 responded, 10 did not, 1 noting active overflow.

He noted a resolution on today's agenda regarding the awarding of a contract for hauling of sewage sludge.

Mr. Barbin would be consulted with regard to review of the 2021 Dornick Point Sample Collection and Analytical Bid results.

A preconference will be held tomorrow regarding the bid sampling for the IPP.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

William Barbin, Esquire, Solicitor, also noted a resolution on today's agenda regarding the awarding of a contract for sewerage sludge hauling and stated the bid documents were in proper order and only one bid was received.

Details for the resolution regarding regulations were worked through by Mrs. Komar and Monsignor Balta. He stated the rules as currently written are proper and reasonable.

He noted the Hanging Gardens matter was discussed previously.

Mr. Barbin reported the Johnstown Hydraulics matter is still pending. Attorney Wharton noted details are still being worked out.

MOTION TO APPROVE FISCAL/OPERATIONS REPORTS

Mr. Babich made a motion to approve the reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haselrig and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Monsignor Balta, Mr. Babich, Mr. Haselrig, Mr. Pasquerilla,
Mr. Truscillo (5).

Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO SEWAGE OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 3869.

Mr. Babich made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truscillo and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Monsignor Balta, Mr. Babich, Mr. Haselrig, Mr. Pasquerilla,

Mr. Truscello (5).

Nays: None (0).

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT 2021-WWTP-4 SEWAGE SLUDGE HAULING TO STUTZMAN VAC, LLC OF SOMERSET, PA.

Mr. Haselrig made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Babich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Monsignor Balta, Mr. Babich, Mr. Haselrig, Mr. Pasquerilla,
Mr. Truscello (5).

Nays: None (0).

TABLED MATTERS

TABLED DECEMBER 15, 2020

- A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR JOHNSTOWN REGIONAL SEWAGE RELATED TO THE PRETREATMENT PROGRAM.

Mr. Truscello made a motion to remove from table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pasquerilla.

Mr. Truscello made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Babich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Monsignor Balta, Mr. Babich, Mr. Haselrig, Mr. Pasquerilla,
Mr. Truscello (5).

Nays: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Pasquerilla commented that information he has periodically received regarding Altoona sludge was forwarded to Mr. Barbin and Mrs. Komar for review and to see if JRA would have any interest in the matter. Mr. Barbin explained that without a price there's no way to evaluate the difference in cost between the current program and their proposal and suggested declining them. Monsignor Balta commented Altoona is in the Susquehanna/Chesapeake watershed and there are different regulations involved. Mrs. Komar suggested sending a

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letter indicating that JRA is not interested. There was further discussion. Monsignor suggested a meeting where JRA could voice its concerns regarding finances involved and the matter of transporting water from one watershed to another.

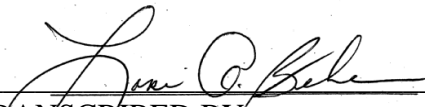
PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Babich made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pasquerilla.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.



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