

LACKAWANNA RIVER BASIN SEWER AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority was held on Monday, June 10, 2024, 6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Authority, 145 Boulevard Avenue, Throop, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kerl, Chairman, presided.

1-2 Salute to the Flag was followed by Roll Call, indicating the presence of the following:

Mr. William Kerl  
Mr. Paul Ruddy  
Mr. Joseph Brady  
Mr. Peter Larioni  
Mr. Alexander Chelik  
Mr. Robert Caljean  
Mr. Thomas Wascura  
Mr. Joseph Chowanec  
Mr. Eugene Prusinski

The Chair declared a Quorum present.

Also in attendance were the following: Atty. Paul Mazzone, Solicitor; Atty. Rocco Valvano, Solicitor; Michael Matechak, Executive Director; Robert Davis, Plant Superintendent; and Melissa Cravath, Billing Director.

3. The Chair called for the Report of the Secretary. Mr. Larioni, Secretary, gave the report stating that copies of the Minutes from the May 13, 2024 meeting had been distributed to all Board Members and asked that the reading be dispensed with.

Mr. Caljean made a motion to accept the May 13, 2024 minutes as presented. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

4. Atty. Valvano proceed with the announcement of the Bids Results for Contract 24-3: Clinton WWTP Secondary Clarifier Replacement Project. The bids were as follows:

Contract 24-3.1 General Construction	
James T. O'Hara Inc.	\$5,770,000.00
Linde Corporation	\$6,682,104.00
M2 Construction LLC	\$7,855,277.00
Michael F. Ronca & Sons	\$8,721,000.00
Mohawk Contracting & Development	\$6,539,000.00
Pact II LLC	\$6,310,000.00

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Pioneer Construction	\$6,655,000.00
Milnes Company Inc.	\$5,520,596.00
Raynor Inc.	\$ 16,360.00

Contract 24-3.2 Electrical Construction

Everon Electrical Contractors	\$429,925.00
GR Noto Electrical Construction Inc.	\$499,499.00
Nevarc Electric LLC	\$705,000.00
Urban Electrical Contractors Inc.	\$577,000.00

Contract 24-3.3 HVAC Construction

No Bids Received

Mr. Chelik made a motion that a committee be formed to review the bids for Contract 24-3.1 and 24-3.2 and recommend award of the contracts to the lowest responsible bidders. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Mr. Kerl appointed the committee as follows: Mr. Matechak, Mr. Davis, Mr. Owens, Mr. Chelik and Mr. Brady.

Mr. Matechak advised that since no bids were submitted for the HVAC contract, authorization is requested to rebid Contract 24-3.3 and to conduct the bid opening prior to the next meeting so that re-bid results will be in-hand and all three (3) contracts can be formally awarded at the July meeting.

Mr. Ruddy made a motion to rebid Contract 24-3.3 for HVAC construction and to conduct the bid opening prior to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chowanec. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

5. The Chair called for the Report of the Treasurer.  
Mr. Caljean, Treasurer, gave the report as follows:

Schedules of Accounts Payable:

Operational Expenditures	\$445,302.58
Interim Expenditures	\$353,556.81
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 13,851.00

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Mr. Larioni made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Prusinski seconded the motion. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

6. Atty. Valvano reported that there were twenty-three (23) liens filed in Lackawanna County and eleven (11) liens satisfied in Lackawanna County since the last meeting.

Atty. Valvano reported that he has been working with Mr. Matechak on several sewer easements.

Atty Valvano reported that he participated in a conference call regarding the Pennvest loan for the Clinton project.

Mr. Ruddy made a motion to accept the Solicitor's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caljean. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

7. Ms. Cravath, Billing Director, gave the Billing Office Report dated May 31, 2024. The estimated Accounts Receivable for the third month of the first quarter are \$2,343,352.58. The amount collected through the third month of the first quarter was \$2,388,767.88. This amount is over the estimated collections by \$45,514.30. Ms. Cravath reported that there were twenty-three (23) liens filed during the month of May. Year to date liens filed are eighty-seven (87). There were eleven (11) liens satisfied by Atty. Mazzone's law office during the month of May. Year to date liens satisfied are forty-six (46). There were zero (0) averments.

The Montage Sewer District collections for the May 15, 2024 billing totaled \$35,273.62. Jefferson Township paid the April bill in the amount of \$98,625.00.00 for 1315 units. Scott Township paid the April bill in the amount of \$113,143.22, which included \$110,100.00 for 1468 EDU's and \$3,043.22 for one metered service.

Credit card payments for the month of May were five hundred forty-five (545).

Mr. Davis presented the Project Status Summary. Contract 21-2: Vandling Pump Station Gravity Sewer Construction - Demolition of the pump station building remains to be completed. Sale of the abandoned pump station property to an adjacent property owner is under consideration. Final authorization to close out the PADEP erosion and sedimentation control permit is pending.

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Contract 23-5: Clinton WWTP Motor Control Center Replacement Project - Work is on hold pending delivery of the panelboard and motor control center equipment. Originally scheduled to be delivered May 2024, the vendor has provided a revised equipment ship date of September 2024.

Contract 24-2: Streambank Stabilization- Dickson City Borough and Throop WWTP Outfall - The project proposes riprap stabilization of approximately 295 L.F of riverbank along the LRBSA interceptor in Dickson City as well as riprap stabilization of the outfall channel at the Throop treatment plant. Permit approvals are currently being obtained. Authorization from the Board to bid this construction upon receipt of all required permits is requested.

Mr. Prusinski made a motion to authorize bids for Contract 24-2: Streambank Stabilization - Dickson City Borough and Throop WWTP Outfall. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wascura. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Contract 24-3 - Clinton WWTP Secondary Clarifier Replacement.

Contract 24-3.1: General Construction

Contract 24-3.2: Electrical Construction

Contract 24-3.3: HVAC Construction.

Bids results were announced at this June 10, 2024 Board Meeting and will be reviewed.

Mr. Davis reported that a raw sewage pump motor at the Throop plant experienced a bearing failure. It may be possible to rebuild the motor or it may be necessary to purchase a new motor at an estimated cost of approximately \$35,000.00.

Mr. Larioni made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new motor if needed, either through the PA Costars program or through the bidding process. The motion was seconded by Ruddy. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Mr. Matechak requested Board approval of an easement agreement with Joseph and Cheryl Williams for a property at 219 Main Street, Moosic. The easement is related to the proposed Moosic Pump Station #2 force main replacement project. The agreement will allow the new sewer line to be relocated to avoid an encroachment on the existing LRBSA sewer easement.

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Mr. Larioni made a motion to enter into an easement agreement for the property at 219 Main Street, Moosic and that the appropriate officials be authorized to execute the easement documents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Mr. Matechak requested Board approval of an easement agreement with David and Kimberly Stafursky for several properties located at the rear of Church Street in the Eynon section of Archbald. LRBSA sewer lines were installed in the early 1970's. During a recent sale of the properties, it was discovered that existing sewer easements were not on file. Agreement was reached to acquire the missing easements for the price of \$15,000.00.

Mr. Brady made a motion to authorize the Executive Director and other appropriate officers to enter into the Easement Agreement and execute the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ruddy. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Mr. Matechak presented a proposed sewer easement agreement for the Vandling sewer project. During the course of construction, unstable soils were encountered that required relocation of the sewer line requiring a new permanent easement through the property of Linde Corporation. Agreement was reached to acquire the permanent easement for the price of \$6,153.75.

Mr. Chelik made a motion to authorize the Executive Director and other officers to execute the necessary documents for the Easement Agreement with Linde Corp. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prusinski. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Mr. Matechak reported that Linde Corporation had previously approached the Board about purchasing the abandoned Vandling pump station property that adjoins and encroaches upon their adjacent property. An independent appraisal of the 50' x 50' property established a fair-market value of \$3,000.00. Mr. Matechak noted that since the land will be of no future use to the Authority, it is proposed to sell the Vandling pump station property to Linde Corporation for the appraised amount of \$3,000.00.

Mr. Larioni made a motion to authorize the sale of the abandoned Vandling pump station property to Linde Corporation for the amount of \$3,000.00 and that the Executive Director and appropriate officers execute the necessary documents to complete the transaction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wascura. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

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Mr. Matechak presented an amendment to the Engineering Agreement with KBA Engineering LLC for the Vandling sewer project. Unforeseen unstable soil conditions encountered during construction necessitated design changes that prolonged the project and delayed completion. An amendment to the Engineering Agreement is requested in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the additional services and to complete closeout of this project.

Mr. Caljean made a motion to approve an amendment to the agreement for engineering services with KBA Engineering in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the Vandling project. Mr. Chelik seconded the motion. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Mr. Matechak presented the Board with a copy of the Authority's audited 2023 Financial Statement. Copies of the report will be sent to the Lackawanna County Commissioners and the required public notice will be published in the newspaper.

Mr. Matechak requested authorization to set up online access to the Authority credit card account to obtain the billing information sooner to ensure payment by the due date.

Mr. Larioni made a motion to authorize Mr. Matechak to set up online access for the credit card account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Mr. Matechak reviewed the Summary of Accounts.

Mr. Chelik made a motion to accept the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Larioni seconded the motion. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

8. Reports from Committees: Nothing to report.
9. Old Business: Nothing to report.
10. New Business: Nothing to report.
11. Remarks from Citizens: No remarks.

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12. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Mr. Larioni, seconded by Mr. Ruddy. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

  
Peter Larioni, Secretary