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MINUTES
Board of Directors
STORMWATER AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF CHERSTER
April 12, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester held a telephonic board meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:01 a.m. Prior to this meeting there were two Executive Sessions, March 7th and March 25th to discuss personnel and the Widener issue.

Call to Order

The Stormwater Authority meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chair Livia Smith.

Verification of Published Meeting

It was confirmed by Vanessa Gosa, Executive Secretary of the Stormwater Authority, that the Notice of Published meeting was sent to the Delaware County Times and published on March 29, 2022. It was confirmed by the Interim Solicitor, Steven Hann, that The Notice of Publication announcement was emailed, and receipt confirm.

Roll Call of the Board

The following persons were present: Ms. Portia West, Vice-Chair; Ms. Joan Neal, Secretary; Mr. William Riley, Treasurer; Mr. John Shelton, Board Member; Ms. Joy Taylor, Board Member; Mr. Fred Green, Board Member; Ms. Livia Smith, Chair. Dr. Horace Strand, Executive Manager was also present.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer led by Dr. Horace Strand. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

None

Action Items from the Executive Session – There were no action items from the Executive Session. Correction, Ms. Livia Smith stated that there was one action item and that was on the Widener situation, but it did not need any Board approval.

Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2022

Mr. William Riley made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022. Mr. John Shelton seconded.

Motion for Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2022

Ms. Portia West (Yes), Ms. Joan Neal (Yes), Mr. William Riley (Yes), Mr. John Shelton (Yes), Ms. Joy Taylor (Yes), Mr. Fred Green (Yes), and Ms. Livia Smith (Yes). Motion carried.

Approval of Report of Current and Most Recent Expenditures

Ms. Joan Neal made a motion for approval of the report of current and most recent expenditures. Ms. Joy Taylor seconded.

Motion for Approval of Current and Recent Expenditures

Ms. Portia West (Yes), Joan Neal (Yes), Mr. William Riley (Yes), Mr. John Shelton (Yes); Ms. Joy Taylor (Yes), Mr. Fred Green (Yes), and Ms. Livia Smith (Yes). Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report – There was no Solicitor's Report, however, Ms. Livia Smith allowed the Interim Solicitor, Steven Hann to formally introduce himself to the Board. Mr. Hann introduced himself and thanked Dr. Strand for the opportunity of working with him to familiarize himself with the various contracts and the PENNVEST matters.

Executive Manager's Report – April 12, 2022

To The Board of Directors:

Since our last meeting, we have been working very hard to complete the PENNVEST audit and move forward closing on the \$10,000,000.00 grant. I am pleased to say that our team has met the challenge, and we are well on our way to completion, and a settlement date has been set in June 2022.

Corvias and HDR have put the contracts out for bid and have held a pre-bidding meeting with all contractors registered with us. The meeting went well, and all contractors know that they must include local Labor Union workers and Chester residents in their proposals.

We took a tour of a pond in Philadelphia similar to the one we plan in Memorial Park. The Mayor with two council persons attended and were impressed with what it would bring to the quality of life for Chester residents. The Mayor asked if we would host a public meeting to share with the Chester community what we are proposing to do in the park. We are planning to follow his instructions.

Our collections agency, Portnoff, is working with large delinquent accounts. We hope to see a substantial increase in revenues soon. May 2022 will start our Street Sweeping Program, and we will post the monthly schedule with the City.

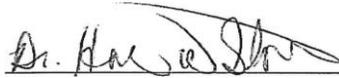
We want to welcome Steve Hann who is our Interim Solicitor, and has been assisting me with reviewing contracts, and preparing for the June settlement. Mr. Hann is familiar with stormwater management and has experience with PENNVEST.

The men are working hard and have done an excellent job keeping our inlets clean and clear of debris. I have received compliments from many people concerning the needed work they are doing.

We are still looking to bringing our billing in-house to save needed revenue. We are very close to finding a solution that could save us close to \$150,000.00 a year. Once we can confirm it, we will come back to the Board with a presentation, and hopefully Board approval.

We are pleased to report that settlement has been made on our property located at 3215 West 3rd Street.

Yours in His Service



Dr. Horace Strand, Executive Manager

Ms. Livia Smith asked if there were any questions on the Executive Manager's report. There were none.

Unfinished Business

None.

Board Matters

None.

New Business

None.

Public Comments on Other Matters

Susan Dennis – 218 Arbor Circle, Chester, PA. Ms. Dennis asked for an update on the Widener in-kind services situation. Dr. Strand volunteered to give the update that SAC is pleased to announce that a settlement has been reached with Widener and they are going to pay SAC for the years that they did not provide the in-kind services that they promised. They are also going to increase the payment to SAC for the yearly payout. It is going to increase from \$75,000 to \$100,000.00 per year. They are also going to pay SAC \$25,000 for each of the four years that they did not provide services, making it \$100,000.00. We are no longer going to require them to provide in-kind services to us because it has not panned out, it has been a disaster, and it is more trouble than what benefits we can get from them because of the constant delay that

they have giving us in putting the program together. So, we are in a very good position, and Dr. Strand is thankful for the support of the Board and everyone to be able to settle this matter with Widener. Ms. Dennis replied that whoever did the work on that, “Did an excellent job.” Dr. Strand stated that it was a collaborative effort along with us and our Solicitor, Mr. Hann participated in making sure that the contract was appropriate, and we got it done.

Motion to Adjourn

Ms. Joy Taylor made a motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. John Shelton seconded.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Next Board Meeting will be June 7, 2022