

WESTERN WESTMORELAND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 4, 2008

The Board of Directors of the Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority held a special meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Authority conference room, duly advertised, as required, and with the following persons in attendance:

1. Roll Call:

Board Members in Attendance:

Ms. Pat Altman	Mr. Larry Chrzan	Mr. Anthony Marks
Mr. Robert Pioth	Mr. Sam Testa	Mr. Tim Watson

Absent:

Mr. Dan Hall	Mr. Charles Konkus	Mr. John Shepherd
Mr. Robert Zentner		

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Kevin Fisher, General Manager
Mrs. Johanna Wtorkowski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer/Recording Secretary

2. Mr. Pioth led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for troops overseas.
3. Public Comments: None – Ms. Patti Dobranski, of the Tribune-Review, was in attendance.
4. Communications: None
5. Personnel Issues:
 - A. Mr. Chrzan presented to the Board a letter of understanding dated June 4, 2008 between the Utility Workers Union, Local 487, and the Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority, regarding a grievance that was filed on May 7, 2008 by John R. Furlin. Mr. Pioth noted that, according to the agreement, this action will not set a precedent. A motion was made by Mr. Chrzan, and seconded by Ms. Altman, to accept the letter of understanding. The motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Revised employment contract for Johanna Wtorkowski:
A revised employment agreement for Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Johanna Wtorkowski was presented to the Board as previously discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Testa, and seconded by Mr. Watson, to approve the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Response to Letter Received from Penn Township Commissioners
Mr. Pioth referred to a letter that was prepared in response to a memorandum to Mr. Marks received from Penn Township Commissioners regarding questions that they have. A motion was made by Mr. Chrzan, and seconded by Ms. Altman, to send the letter to them. Mr. Marks stated that he would most likely abstain from the vote, because he is new to the Board and does not have a complete understanding of this issue, and he does not want to simply object to the

motion. A discussion followed, concerning the Authority's position on consideration of bidding engineering services over \$500,000.00, whether the temporary assignment of third-shift employees to first shift meant a permanent freeze on hiring, and the wording of the letter. Mr. Pioth stated that there is no intention at this time to hire additional employees, but, depending upon conditions, the Board's position may change. The Board indicated that they are satisfied with the engineering services that are provided by HDR Engineering Co., Inc., and at this time, do not intend to seek proposals from other firms. After discussion, no changes were made to the letter. A roll-call vote was requested.

Ms. Altman – yes
Mr. Pioth – yes

Mr. Chrzan – yes
Mr. Testa – yes

Mr. Marks – abstained
Mr. Watson – yes

The motion passed, 5-0, with one abstention.

7. Conference Room Improvements:

Mr. Pioth presented a request to proceed with budgeted improvements to the conference room and main office, including lights, ceiling, and carpeting. A motion was made by Mr. Chrzan, and seconded by Ms. Altman, to authorize the General Manager to proceed with updates to the conference room and main office in accordance with the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Septic Haulers:

Mr. Fisher reported that he was approached by Mr. Lou Costanza, a local septic hauler, who requested that WWMA accept septic waste from private haulers. Mr. Fisher explained the procedures that would be required to implement this type of program, and the possible benefits to the Authority.

Mr. Marks questioned whether the system to accept frac water from gas well drilling sites would be the same as for septic waste. Mr. Fisher explained that they would require two separate systems, and stated that he will obtain more information for the Board.

9. Board Member Comments:

A. Mr. Marks requested clarification on several items, so that he can report to the Penn Township Commissioners. A discussion followed.

B. Mr. Pioth was commended for defending WWMA in his recent statement, which appeared in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette East.

10. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Altman, and seconded by Mr. Chrzan. The motion carried unanimously. The time was 7:46 P.M.

Anthony Marks
Secretary