

ERIE COUNTY SEWER ECSD NO. 8 (ECSD NO. 8)
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021
VIDEO/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Hoeh, Mary Plesh, and Bryan Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Friess and Cathryn Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Absolom, Steve Canestrari, Joseph Fiegl, David Hojnacki,
Kevin Kaminski

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Hoeh called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Plesh, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2020 meeting. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

a. Closeout of East Aurora WRRF Influent Building & Screen Project Contract

i. 18-A General – STC Construction (Handout)

Ms. Plesh reviewed the memorandum and resolution related to the closeout of this Contract. Construction was satisfactorily completed for \$619,000 under the Contract bid amount.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hoeh, the Board voted to approve closeout of Contract No. 18-A. The motion carried, 3-0.

ii. 18-D Electrical – CIR Electrical (Handout)

Ms. Plesh reviewed the memorandum and resolution related to the closeout of this Contract. Construction was satisfactorily completed for \$10,000.00 under the Contract

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bid amount.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hoeh, the Board voted to approve closeout of Contract No. 18-D. The motion carried, 3- 0.

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Operational Report

Mr. Hojnacki presented updates on the collection system.

For Minisystem 2, Cured in place pipe (CIPP) lining of 19 sections of sewer mains has been issued. The plan is to continue video inspection and perform smoke testing within Minisystem 2 in 2021. Mr. Fiegl noted that this type of work will be part of the Capacity, Management, Operation, and Maintenance (CMOM) program required under the new State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit for the East Aurora Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF).

Video inspection of the sanitary mains entering the WRRF from Mill Street has started but will need to be completed in spring/summer due to access issues.

b. Pretreatment Report

i. Industrial Waste Survey – 2nd Notice (Handout)

Ms. Plesh reviewed a letter sent to three facilities that did not return their Industrial Waste Survey. The letter serves as a second notice.

c. Construction Report

Ms. Plesh presented updates on various construction projects.

Under the term engineering agreement, LaBella Associates has been selected to complete a design to renovate the Control Building at the East Aurora WRRF. The goal is to move personnel and lab facilities into that building so that the on-site trailer is eliminated. LaBella Associates is currently assessing building codes and design requirements.

Kenyon Pipeline was issued a new work order in January 2021 under CIPP Term Lining Contract 75 with 4,300 linear feet in ECSD No. 8, including work on Pine, Lawrence, Martin, East Fillmore, Main Street backlot, Girard, and Church. Televising and prep work has been completed already; with lining to be scheduled in late winter/early spring, pending road permits.

i. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project – Change Order No. 2 (Handout)

Ms. Plesh reviewed a no cost time extension that was processed for Kandey Company to complete work due to winter weather and freezing temperatures. A 90-day time extension was issued by the Division of Sewerage Management extending time until March 10, 2021 and an additional 97 days is pending approval by the Legislature. Legislature approval is required for any time extension greater than 90 days.

d. Payments (Handout)

One payment was made since the last meeting was reviewed.

e. Sanitary Sewer System Compliance Evaluation Inspection (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl reviewed the letter received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency summarizing the evaluation inspection performed in October 2020. Overall the inspection of ECSD No. 8 had only minor items to report.


Ms. Plesh moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to receive and file the miscellaneous and informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hoeh, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47am. The motion carried 3-0.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2021 at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary L. Plesh, P.E., Secretary
ECSD No. 8 Board of Managers

MP

Motion to Approve the February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: M. Plesh
Seconded by: B. Smith
App./Disapp.: 3-0
Date: 4-13-21
Signed: Mary L. Plesh

ERIE COUNTY SEWER ECSD NO. 8 (ECSD NO. 8)
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021
VIDEO/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Friess, Mary Plesh, Bryan Smith, and Cathryn Thomas (9:36 am)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matthew Hoeh

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Absolom, Steve Canestrari, Joseph Fiegl, David Hojnacki, Kevin Kaminski

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Friess called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Plesh, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Smith presented a request from residents living in the area of Aurora Mills Pump Station for a reduction or elimination of outside lighting at the station. The Developer, Marrano, has talked to Central Region Maintenance staff and deflectors were installed to reduce the impact of lighting, but residents are asking for further considerations. The District will look into this further.

ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

a. 720 Main Street Claim

Mr. Fiegl updated the Board on a claim from 720 Main Street that was first brought to the Board at the February 2019 meeting. The claim was for \$6,290.00 and was denied by the Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) and the Erie County Attorney's Office. The claimant filed suit and after settlement discussions, the County Attorney's Office recommended accepting a settlement in the amount of \$3,250.00 with no attribution of fault to the County and no precedent. This settlement will close out this matter.

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ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

a. Potential Federal Funding

Mr. Fiegl mentioned sewer / wastewater projects may be eligible for funding under programs associated with the Federal “American Rescue Plan of 2021” and potential infrastructure stimulus programs. The Division of Sewerage Management has been coordinating with the County’s administration to best position the Erie County Sewer Districts should this funding materialize. Additional information and guidance is required to determine the types of projects eligible and the timeframes for implementation. The Board will be kept informed.

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Operational Report

Mr Kaminski presented updates on the East Aurora Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF).

- Reactor No. 2 was taken out of service for repairs and maintenance.
- On February 2, 2021, a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation inspection occurred at the facility. The results were good; no major issues were noted.

Mr. Hojnacki presented updates on the collection system.

- Video inspection of the sanitary mains entering the WRRF from Mill St was completed and will be used for future planning. No urgent repairs were identified.
- The District was informed of another grease blockage on Riley Street. The blockage was relieved, and five sections of sewer mains were cleaned after showing signs of grease buildup. The DSM’s fats, oil and grease (FOG) program continues to investigate the source of the reoccurring grease issues but has not found significant violations. Ms. Friess asked for the location of blockage, which was given as near a manhole on Riley Street, just before the ice rink. Regular preventative maintenance will be performed until the source of the problem can be found and evaluated.

b. Pretreatment Report

i. Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program – Legal Authority (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl reviewed a letter sent to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) from the Erie County Attorney’s Office regarding the legal authority to utilize the existing industrial pretreatment program (IPP) for the Southtowns Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility for the East Aurora WRRF.

ii. Erie County Industrial Pretreatment Program – Modification (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl reviewed a letter to the USEPA from Laura Surdej formally requesting the addition of the East Aurora WRRF to the existing Southtowns IPP based on the legal authorities documented through the letter discussed under item 6.b.i. The DSM has not received a response to this letter.

c. Construction Report

Ms. Plesh presented updates on various construction projects.

Under Contract 75 Cured-in-Place (CIPP) Term Lining, Kenyon Pipeline has completed lining under Work Order 8K including work on Pine St, Lawrence Ave, Martin Dr, East Fillmore Ave, Main St backlot, Girard Ave, and Church St.

Under Contract 82 (multi-district) Sanitary Sewer Repair with Kandey Company, a no-cost time extension was requested by Kandey Company to complete final restoration in spring 2021 and was approved the Legislature. This was primarily to complete restoration work in Sewer District Nos. 3 and 6 but the Contract included District No. 8. The new contract end date is June 15, 2021. A final walkthrough will be scheduled this spring in preparation for project closeout.

For the East Aurora WRRF Control Building Renovations, under the term engineering agreement, LaBella Associates is reviewing design options to renovate the Control Building at the WRRF. The project may be bid toward the end of 2021.

For East Aurora WRRF Centrifuge, under the term engineering agreement, CHA was asked to complete a structural evaluation of components related to the centrifuge building. This work was completed since the last Board meeting and a letter report was received.

d. Payments (Handout)

Payments made since the last meeting were reviewed.

Ms. Friess, seconded by Mr. Smith to receive and file the miscellaneous and informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Mr. Fiegl reminded the Board that disclosures are due to the Erie County Board of Ethics in May. Forms were sent to all Board members.

On a motion by Ms. Friess, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am. The motion carried 4-0.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2021 at 9:30am.

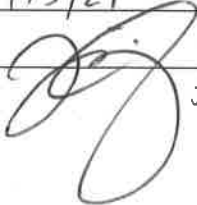
Respectfully submitted,



Mary L. Plesh, P.E., Secretary
ECSD No. 8 Board of Managers

MP

Motion to Approve the April 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: B. SMITH
Seconded by: S. FRESS
~~App.~~ Disapp.: 2-0 (M. HOEH ABSTAINED)
Date: 6/15/21
Signed:  Joseph Fiore

ERIE COUNTY SEWER (ECSD) NO. 8
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021
VIDEO/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Friess, Matthew Hoeh, Bryan Smith, and Cathryn Thomas
(9:35am)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Plesh

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Absolom, Steve Canestrari, Joseph Fiegl, David Hojnacki,
and Kevin Kaminski

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Friess called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2021 MEETING MINUTES (Handout)

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Friess, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting. The motion carried 2-0 (Mr. Hoeh abstained; Ms. Thomas had not yet joined the meeting).

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Smith observed that Division of Sewerage Management staff had shut off the exterior lighting at the Aurora Mills Pumping Station based on requests from the nearby homeowners (per discussions during the last Board meeting). He was curious what were the next steps. Mr. Kaminski noted the interior and exterior lighting were on the same circuit, requiring electrical work to separate the two. There is now a dedicated switch for the exterior lighting. At this time, the plan is to leave the light off and re-evaluate if a motion detector is warranted. Mr. Absolom commented that in his experience with other pumping stations, oftentimes neighbors find motion sensitive lights to be a nuisance.

ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation and Approval of the 2022 Budget
 - i. Proposed 2022 Budget (Handout)

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Mr. Fiegl presented the proposed ECSD No. 8 Budget to the Board.

ECSD No. 8 is part of the combined ECSD Nos. 3 and 8 budget. The ECSD Nos. 3 and 8 budget is developed based upon a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) updated in April 2018. The MOU essentially outlines which costs or expenses are shared items and which items are exclusive to individual districts and their respective budgets. In summary:

- Costs such as supplies, equipment, "District-wide" expenses, etc. are shared based upon the ratio of units in each sewer district and the total units in the ECSD Nos. 3 and 8 service area.
- Debt service, revenues, fund balance, and capital reserve allocations are exclusive to each sewer district.

For this year, ECSD Nos. 3 and 8 share in the following percentages of Division-wide expenses:

- 63% of Centralized Laboratory Expenses based on the volume of laboratory work.
- 37.4% of Centralized Vehicle Expenses based on the ratio of the number of vehicles serviced for ECSD Nos. 3 and 8 to the total number serviced Division-wide.
- 40% of Centralized Division of Sewerage Management expenses based on the ratio of units served by ECSD Nos. 3 and 8 to the total units served by all Districts.

Within the ECSD Nos. 3 and 8 budget, ECSD No. 8 is responsible for approximately 9% of the costs, except for Professional Services, debt service, capital reserves, and personnel.

Reviewing the overall summary for ECSD No. 8, total appropriations are projected to increase approximately \$14,000 when compared to 2021. Anticipated revenues are approximately \$5,000 higher than 2021, mainly due to an increase in the flat user charges. The result is that the tax levy overall is approximately \$9,000 higher than 2021. Considering the proposed appropriations and anticipated revenues, the proposed budget is such that rates for the typical ECSD No. 8 ratepayer (single family home) are projected to increase by approximately 1.2% in 2022.

Ms. Friess commented on the ECSD No. 8 rate structure and specifically the footage charge. Mr. Fiegl explained the philosophy behind the multi-part formula that was developed to account for the varying degrees of benefit received from being in the District. He also noted that the footage charge has been held constant for a number of years based on Board feedback and the length charged against is capped for single family homes.

Mr. Fiegl explained that there were a few adjustments in the 2022 personnel budget for ECSD Nos. 3 and 8, but that the total number of positions funded remained the same. Fringe benefits for employees are being calculated at 60% based on discussions with the County's Budget Department – same overall percentage as 2021. Actual numbers are not available at this time.

Ms. Thomas had questions regarding the calculated fringe benefit rate and the expiring collective bargaining agreement with the County's blue-collar union. Mr. Fiegl clarified that the proposed fringe benefit rate does have a small buffer to account for potential changes should a new agreement be entered into.

The 2022 equipment line items represent almost \$815,000 of the ECSD Nos. 3 and 8 budget. The major items include various equipment replacements, shared purchases to be used across all Erie County Sewer Districts, a new portable generator, replacement of two (2) fleet vehicles, a new flusher, a new dump truck, and the unanticipated replacement item. The merits of the new portable traffic signal set was specifically highlighted when discussing the shared purchases.

Before going into specific details of the budget line codes, Mr. Fiegl explained that the budgets are developed conservatively, with the understanding that monies left over at year end are transferred to fund balance and utilized as revenue to offset future rate impacts. Items listed in the budget as "DSM" are expenses for the Downtown office. Again, Central Region contributes approximately 40% of these Downtown office expenses.

A review of the individual budget codes was provided. Specific items highlighted included the budgeting on fuel, centralized vehicle and laboratory services, various changes in Maintenance and Repair supply codes, adjustments made in the Professional Service Contracts/Fees account, increases for SCADA maintenance and support, a \$50,000 decrease in capital reserves in ECSD No. 8, utility costs, and the aforementioned personnel costs.

Ms. Thomas had a question regarding the County's vendors and concerns regarding supply shortages. Mr. Fiegl explained that certain items – specifically sodium hypochlorite which is used for effluent disinfection – are being monitored very closely. The County has been in contact with vendors where warranted. Mr. Kaminski noted that sodium hypochlorite is bid annually.

Mr. Smith noted that bond debt from the Village of East Aurora and Town of Aurora will be expiring in the next few years. Mr. Fiegl stated the Division of Sewerage Management is in a capital improvement planning process, with the intent of having new debt for needed construction work in ECSD No. 8 go to market around the time when the Village/Town debt expires. This would allow for infrastructure investment with, hopefully, little to no impact to the ratepayers.

Fund balance usage as an offsetting revenue is budgeted at approximately 51% of the amount available on 12/31/20. The available district fund balance represents approximately 3.22 months of 2021 budgeted appropriations. This amount is in line with the Division's target of 3-4 months. Observing recent trends on amount available and amount used, it is believed that this allocation of fund balance is prudent.

With no further questions from the Board, Mr. Fiegl noted it is recommended that the flat usage charge be increased to \$90.00 per unit, footage charges remain at \$1.50/foot, and the water use charge remain at \$3.50 / 1,000 gallons in the 2022 budget. He stated the Board

would be voting on the ECSD No. 8 portion of this budget, recognizing that any changes proposed by the ECSD No. 3 Board of Managers that impact ECSD No. 8 would need to be presented and discussed at a combined budget meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Friess, the Board voted to approve the 2022 Budget as proposed. The motion carried 4-0.

i. Resolution (Handout)

The ECSD No. 8 Board reviewed the 2022 budget resolution. It was noted that approximately 69% and 31% of the total sanitary sewer tax levy of \$1,153,162 would be raised from the assessed value and footage charges respectively. Per the proposed budget, the flat usage charge would be \$90.00 and the footage charge would be \$1.50.

On a motion by Ms. Friess, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Board voted to approve the 2022 budget resolution. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Fiegl's final budget comments related to the 2% Tax Cap, noting that the sewer district levies are part of the County's overall tax cap calculation. If any major changes are necessary due to the tax cap, the Board of Managers will be informed. Ms. Thomas asked about the user charges and tax cap implications. Mr. Fiegl noted the only components of the ECSD No. 8 rate formula impacting the tax cap are the assessed value and footage charges, which is why the resolution only lists percentages for those charges when discussing the sanitary sewer tax levy.

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Operational Report

Mr. Kaminski presented the following updates on activities pertaining to the ECSD No. 8 facilities:

- At the East Aurora Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF), Reactor / Clarifier No. 2 repairs and maintenance were completed. Reactor / Clarifier No. 1 is presently out of service for repairs/maintenance with the work expected to be complete by the end of next week.
- The Aurora Mills Pumping Station modifications were addressed under Item No. 4.

Mr. Hojnacki presented the following updates on activities pertaining to the ECSD No. 8 collection system:

- Smoke testing has commenced in Minisystem 2 (the northeast portion of the Village). Testing should be complete by the end of the month, with video inspections to follow.
- Engineering/District staff are working on a design to re-route the flows currently conveyed under the railroad tracks at Riley Street. This would allow for the sewer main under the railroad to be abandoned and may also help with flow issues contributing to the recent grease blockages in the area.

Ms. Thomas had follow-up questions on the location of the smoke testing work and the associated protocols. Mr. Hojnacki described the areas that will be tested and noted the outreach to residents prior to the start so people understand the nature of the activities. Ms. Thomas expressed some concerns with regard to corrective actions residents may need to make. Mr. Fiegl noted residents are provided time to implement the necessary fixes and in most instances the costs are relatively low. Any adverse action against a property owner for non-compliance would only be through ECSD No. 8 Board approval. Ms. Thomas commented that she understood the removal of these infiltration/inflow sources is important.

b. Pretreatment Report

No update at this time.

c. Construction Report

Mr. Fiegl presented the following updates on various construction projects:

- Contract 79: Visone Construction is anticipated to complete an open-cut excavation repair later this summer to replace portions of the 8-inch diameter sewer on Grey Street near Hamburg Street.
- Contract 82 (multi-district): the sanitary sewer repair work by Kandey Company is complete and the final walkthrough was performed on May 28th. It is recommended to proceed with project closeout.
- For the East Aurora WRRF Control Building Renovations, under the term engineering agreement, LaBella Associates is progressing with design for renovations to the Control Building at the WRRF. The project is on track for bid toward the end of 2021.

d. Payments (Handout)

The Board reviewed the payments made since the last meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Friess, seconded by Mr. Hoeh, the Board voted to receive and file the miscellaneous and informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

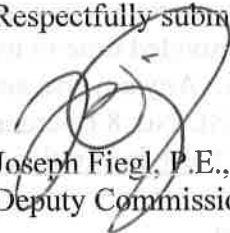
ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Mr. Fiegl asked the Board about in-person meetings should the community's COVID-19 response continue to improve. The Board noted it would be open to meeting at Village/Town Hall in October if feasible. Ms. Thomas stated she would reserve the conference room.

On a motion by Ms. Friess, seconded by Mr. Hoeh, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23am. The motion carried 4-0.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2021 at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Fiegl, P.E., BCEE
Deputy Commissioner

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Motion to Approve the June 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: S. Friess

Seconded by: C. Thomas

App./Disapp.: 4-0

Date: 10/5/21

Signed: Mary P. Plesh

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 8 (ECSD NO. 8)
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021
EAST AURORA VILLAGE HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Friess, Matthew Hoeh, Mary Plesh, and Cathryn Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryan Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Canestrari, Joseph Fiegl, David Hojnacki, Michelle Oliver
and Lynn Sullivan

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Friess called the meeting to order at 9:35.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF JUNE 15, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Friess, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2021 meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

a. 2022 User Charge

i. Public Hearing Notice & Meeting Minutes (Handout)

Ms. Plesh presented minutes of the public hearing for all proposed ECSD 2022 User Charges to the Board. On September 22, 2021, Matt Salah presented the proposed user and utilization charge rates as published in the Buffalo News and the official County newspapers. There were no public comments.

ii. Approval of Resolution (Handout)

Ms. Plesh presented the resolution for ECSD No. 8's proposed 2022 User Charge Rates. On a motion by Ms. Friess, seconded by Mr. Hoeh, the Board voted to approve the 2022 charges. The motion carried 4-0.

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b. 2022 Meeting Schedule (Handout)

The proposed schedule for the 2022 ECSD No. 8 Board of Managers meetings was reviewed. On a motion by Ms. Friess, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Board voted to approve the dates as scheduled. The motion carried 4-0.

c. Closeout Sewer Replacement Contract No. 82 – Kandey Company (Handout)

Contract No. 82 was completed in ECSD Nos. 3, 6 and 8 in the final amount of \$798,134.97. The final amount in District 8 is \$28,523.28, a decrease of \$8,343.72 from the bid award of \$36,867.00. It is the Department's recommendation to finalize the contract.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Plesh, to finalize the contract. The motion carried 4-0.

d. ARP Update

Mr. Fiegl recapped the latest regarding American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding. All told a total of approximately \$32.7 million dollars was allocated for infrastructure improvements in the Erie County Sewer Districts (ECSDs) from the first tranche of funding based on the RENEW Plan submitted by the County Executive and approved by the Erie County Legislature. The Legislature also approved additional authorization and engineering capacity through the engineering term contracts to assist with the workload.

The Division of Sewerage Management has been advancing a number of "shovel ready" projects while also moving ahead engineering work on at risk and/or critical assets. Thus far, approximately \$7 million has been awarded across all ECSDs. Within ECSD No. 8, the work awarded includes self-flushing manhole replacements on various streets within the District. Additional work across the ECSDs is in the planning stages, including rehabilitation of the control building at the East Aurora Water Resource Recovery Facility.

As part of the 2022 budget process, the County Executive has proposed \$31.2 million of the second tranche of ARP funding be allocated to the ECSDs. The 2022 budget was submitted this week to the Legislature for consideration. The Board will be kept informed as more information is available.

Ms. Thomas asked if the ARP funds will be distributed equitably. Mr. Fiegl explained that all Sewer Districts will realize the benefit of this funding. Funding will not be allocated according to any formula but will be based on projects that can be completed within the given timeframe that provide the most benefit.

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Operational Report

Concrete repairs were made to the top of the wall on the No. 1 reactor that is now back in service. Both reactor/clarifiers have had the annual cleaning and inspections completed.

A portable 200 KW has been placed onsite, and should be wired and operational by the end of this week. This is to be used as the plant backup power source.

The District has completed smoke testing in Mini System 2 (northeast portion of the Village). Video inspection of the area is ongoing and nearing completion.

The District is planning to begin the replacement of all County owned cleanout caps along Main Street. This is to avoid any complications when dealing with backup issues, as many have become damaged, and or seized. Ms. Thomas asked about the typical life span of caps, as she believes they may be less than 15 years old. Mr. Hojnacki noted he was not sure about the lifespan and commented that most damage on sidewalk caps was from snow removal. Ms. Thomas asked about the typical property owner response when house inspections identify repairs. She also asked for an overview of the process when repairs are not performed. Mr. Hojnacki explained the house inspection process and our policies/procedures regarding compliance. He stated that most home owners complete the repairs without issue. Mr. Fiegl added that based on past discussions with the Boards, extremely costly repairs such as removal of footer drains or replacing laterals have not been part of the house inspection findings.

b. Pretreatment Report

None.

c. Construction Report

East Aurora WRRF Control Building Renovations – Design is being completed for interior renovations to the Control Building at the WRRF. This project generally involves setting up a laboratory, locker rooms, plumbing and HVAC. Ms. Thomas asked about the cost estimate for this project. Ms. Plesh responded that estimates were originally around \$500,000, but will more likely be closer to \$800,000. The project is scheduled to bid this fall, and should be ready for award consideration in the winter. Ms. Thomas asked about starting timeframe. Ms. Plesh estimated beginning of next year.

Contract 75 (Cured-in-Place (CIPP) Term Lining) – United Survey was issued WO 11 (ARP) in July, which included 2,600 linear feet of televising and clean work only on Grey Street and US Route 20A/Hamburg Street/Quaker Road. This is utilizing ARP funds. Work has not started yet, anticipated in late 2021 or early 2022.

Contract 79 (Sewer Repair Contract) - In September, two work orders were issued to Visone Construction which included the replacement of 13 total “self-flushing” sanitary sewer manholes. Work is on the following streets: Elm Street, King Street, Gleed Avenue, South Park Place, Prospect Avenue, Center Street, and Perry Street. This is utilizing ARP funds. The Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) is currently awaiting a schedule from Visone. A map of the proposed replacements has been sent to the Village for their information.

Contract 86 - Sanitary Sewer Open Cut Repair Term Contract - (Multi-District) – Bids were opened on Monday September 27th for a multi-district open cut sanitary sewer repair term contract. This contract is intended for completion of sanitary sewer repairs that will be performed via individual work orders on an as-needed basis. The bids are currently being reviewed.

Contract 87 - On-Call Sewer Repair Term Contract (Multi-District) - Bids were opened on Monday September 27th for a multi-district term contract for emergency open cut excavation sewer spot repairs. This contract is intended only for unscheduled, unanticipated, and/or high priority repairs (i.e., forcemain leaks, sinkholes, substantial sewer collapses, etc.). The bids are currently being reviewed.

Design work on Grey Street, Riley Street, South Grove (at Roycroft Inn) is underway, all will require NYSDEC approval first. Contractors not yet selected.

Ms. Thomas requested that the Village be given notifications of when any work will be done so the Village may be prepared to answer questions when residents call.

d. Payments (Handout)

Payments to LaBella for work on the Control Building Renovation project and Kenyon Pipeline Inspection for cured in place pipe lining were reviewed.

Ms. Friess moved, seconded by Mr. Hoeh to receive and file the miscellaneous and informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Hoeh, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am. The motion carried 4-0.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary L. Plesh, P.E., Secretary
ECSD No. 8 Board of Managers

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Motion to Approve the October 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: M. Plesh
Seconded by: M. Hoeh
App./Disapp.: 4-0
Date: 2/1/22
Signed: Mary L. Plesh