

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 6 (ECSD NO. 6)  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024 @ 3:15 PM  
LACKAWANNA CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Balcarczyk, Mark Kuwik, Garry Pecak

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Canestrari, Joseph Fiegl, David Hojnacki, Sandra Kocic, and Shannon Schultz

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Balcarczyk called the meeting to order at 3:14 PM.

a. Nomination of Board Officers

Nomination for Board Officers were presented as James Balcarczyk for Chair, Mark Kuwik for Vice-Chair, and Garry Pecak for Secretary.

On a motion by Mr. Pecak, seconded by Mr. Balcarczyk, the Board voted to confirm the Board member appointments. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF October 3, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Balcarczyk, seconded by Mr. Pecak, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023 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

a. Odor Complaints – First Ward (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl spoke about the odor complaints in the 1<sup>st</sup> ward area of Lackawanna that have been found to originate primarily from the Sucro/Sweet Life, LLC site, which are subsequently conveyed through the Port of Buffalo. He explained the Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) has spent a lot of time working toward a resolution of the situation. Both the Port of Buffalo and Sucro have made improvements to their infrastructure. Mr. Hojnacki has sent a Notice of Violation letter to Sucro as the originator of the discharges and sewer district staff met with them numerous times. Mr. Canestrari and Mr. Fiegl have spoken with the 1<sup>st</sup> ward councilwoman and Mr. Fiegl has made the County Executive's office aware as well. At this point the various parties are being cooperative, but this matter may need to be referred to the Board if Sucro does not satisfactorily rectify the situation.

ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

a. Enforcement Hearing: Approval for Fine Stages (Handout)

On a motion by Mr. Kuwik, seconded by Mr. Balcarczyk, the Board voted to concur with the findings of the November 15, 2023 enforcement hearing and proceed with premium assessments on the listed properties. Property owners will have 30 days to comply and alleviate their violations, otherwise a \$100 monthly premium assessment will be applied. The motion was carried 3-0.

b. Approval for Enforcement Hearing (Handout)

On a motion by Mr. Balcarczyk, seconded by Mr. Kuwik, the Board voted to recommend the listed properties be sent to an enforcement hearing for not remedying violations. The motion was carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Operational Report

Mr. Hojnacki provided the following Operational Report for District 6:

D6 Collections:

Sanitary:

- Replaced a frame and cover damaged by a plow on Steelawanna.
- Minisystem 1 odor complaint related to Sucro, previously discussed (old business).

Storm:

- Replaced a catch basin and installed a riser on Warsaw Street and 2 locations on South Park.
- Replaced a storm frame and cover on Ingham Ave
- Completed Minisystem 7 storm system flushing

D6 Facilities:

- Digester Upgrade project ongoing
- Lighting upgrade continues at the Pump Stations
- ORF 6" Potable Water line repaired
- Replaced Soft Start on storm Pump No. 4 at the Dorrance pumping station.

b. Construction Report:

Mr. Pecak presented the Construction update to the Board:

**Contract 60 - Center Street Sanitary Laterals/Storm System Spot Repairs** (City Project - 716 Site Contracting) - The majority of the work under the City project was completed. A final walkthrough and onsite meeting was held in fall 2023. The DSM identified concerns related to the manhole frame and cover installations and requested that they be included on the punch list. Repairs are anticipated to be completed in spring 2024.

**Contract No. 62 Lackawanna WRRF and ORF Disinfection Improvements** –Construction under Contract No. 64-A with H&K Services, Contract 64-B with JW Danforth Company, and Contract 64-D with Frey Electric is in the submittal phase with both Contracts waiting for equipment deliveries before beginning on-site work. On-site construction is expected to begin in late spring. This project was designed, and construction will be managed by GHD. This project is partially funded by a NYS WQIP grant and the remainder is from ARP and local Funding.

**Contract No. 64 Lackawanna WRRF Digestion and Solids Management Upgrades** -The project was designed and construction is being managed by AECOM through the Term Engineering Contract and uses ARP Federal Funding. On-site construction is ongoing for both Contractors, H&K Services for Contract 64-A and Frey Electric for Contract 64-D. They are working on completion of the Step 2 Digester and improvements inside the solids handling building. An energy recovery unit associated with solids handling is inoperable and will be replaced under this contract. The completion date is now 6/21/24 after a no-cost time extension Change Order, for both contracts, was approved.

**Contract No. 65 Wilmuth Avenue Pumping Station Grit Bucket Collection System Rehabilitation** – The grit collection system has components that are in need of replacement. Design for this project is being performed by the DSM and is expected to bid in the next couple of months.

**Contract 66 – Ridgewood Village Sanitary Sewer Service Lateral Connection Lining Project** - This is a project to rehabilitate one hundred and fifty-seven (157) service lateral connections by installation of cured in place pipe (CIPP) mainline-to-lateral connection liners. Work was substantially completed in December. There is one repair required (to be completed by open cut excavation) to address damages caused during one of the liner installations. Punch list work is anticipated to completed in winter/spring 2024 and then a final walkthrough will be scheduled.

**Contract 79 Sewer Repair Contract** (Visone Construction) – Work Orders 58, 59, & 60 were completed by Visone Construction for lateral repairs in the Ridgewood Village neighborhood (Fernald Avenue, Sudbury Road, Ridgewood Circle). The work consisted of 15 open cut repairs that were removed from Contract 66. This contract has since expired.

**Contract 86 – Sanitary Sewer Open Cut Repair Term Contract** (Kandey Company) - Work Order 17 (Abbott Road at Ridge Road) was completed by Kandey Company. The work consisted of installation of 87 linear feet of 12-inch diameter sewer and 3 new manholes to replace a reduced diameter section of sewer (10-inch dia.) that was significantly cracked and deteriorated. This contract has since expired.

**Contract 93 (Multi-District)** -Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation Term Contract - Work Order 2 was completed by Camden Group with the exception of one manhole that will be completed in spring 2024.

**Contract 95 (CIPPL Term Contract)** (Kenyon Pipeline and United Survey) – Kenyon Pipeline performed prep work and cleaning on storm sewers on Center Street under WO 3K. Lining is anticipated to commence later this year. United Survey completed lining on Abbott Road and its cross streets under WO 1K.

**Contract 96 (multi-district)** - Sanitary Sewer Open Cut Repair Term Contract (2024-2026) - Bids were received through Purchasing on January 12<sup>th</sup> for a term contract for open cut excavation spot

repairs to be issued on a work order basis. The contract will be in place for two years. The bids are still being reviewed.

**Engineering/Design**

- JMDavidson Engineering is providing design services for the replacement of existing air release valves and associated chambers on both the sanitary and storm forcemains of the Dorrance Ave pumping station along South Park Avenue north of the intersection with Ridge Road. Advertisement for bid is anticipated for late winter/early spring.
- The City of Lackawanna plans to proceed with reconstruction of Kirby Avenue in late 2024/2025. DSM staff anticipate performing rehabilitation of storm and sanitary assets in advance of the project including CIPPL and spot repairs. Work is anticipated to be performed in-house or under DSM term contracts.

Mr. Fiegl additionally spoke regarding the Dorrance Avenue Forcemain project. He explained that a portion of South Park Avenue will have to be closed down and a traffic detour will be put in place during construction.

c. Payments (Handout)

The Board reviewed payments made to consultants and contractors since the last Board Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Pecak, seconded by Mr. Kuwik, the Board voted to receive and file the informational items on the agenda. The motion was carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Balcarczyk, seconded by Mr. Pecak, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 PM. The motion was carried 3-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2024 at 3:15 PM at Lackawanna City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Garry S. Pecak, Secretary  
ECSD No 6 Board of Managers

GSP:sk  
Motion to Approve the January 30, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: James Balcarczyk  
Seconded by: Mark Kuwik  
App./Disapp.: 3/0  
Date: 4/16/24  
Signed: [Signature]