



Minutes

**YPSILANTI COMMUNITY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.
YCUA Administration Building
2777 State Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48198-9112**

Members Present: Michael Bodary, Keith P. Jason, Larry J. Doe, Jon R. Ichesco, and Gloria C. Peterson.

Members Absent: None.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Bodary called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Motion by Doe to receive and file the minutes of the March 22, 2023, meeting as presented. Support by Peterson. In favor: Bodary, Doe, Ichesco, Peterson, and Jason. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Request to Approve – Authorization to Purchase Equipment re: Primary Mechanism #3 Repairs in the Amount of \$119,500.00 (O & M Expense Account No. 550-727) – Scott D. Westover

Motion by Jason to approve Request to Approve - Authorization to Purchase Equipment re: Primary Mechanism #3 Repairs in the Amount of \$119,500.00 (O & M Expense Account No. 550-727). Support by Peterson.

Mr. Westover advised the Board that enclosed in their packet is a quote from Ovivo USA, LLC (Ovivo), dated March 14, 2023, to supply materials necessary to repair damaged components of the mechanism in primary clarifier #3 at the wastewater treatment plant. The mechanism was damaged this past winter by ice. Staff is looking to pre-purchase equipment ahead of putting out a bid for construction similar to the previously taken approach on our UV equipment.

Mr. Bodary inquired as to when the staff learned of the damage. Mr. Stetler advised the Board that the unit was damaged on December 23rd during a cold spell. Maintenance was in on another call-out and was

unable to get the unit back in service. Mr. Stetler further advised the board that upon further research it was decided to bring out Ovivo, the original equipment manufacturer. Mr. Westover further advised that the repair proposal took a few weeks to obtain, which was followed up by a replacement proposal. The replacement proposal was over \$500,000 and staff believe repair is the best option.

Mr. Bodary requested that the sole source documentation be properly filed for auditing purposes, which was acknowledged by the staff.

In favor: Bodary, Jason, Doe, Peterson, and Ichesco. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

B. Request to Approve – Award of Contract re: 2023 Spoils Disposal in the Amount of \$71,940.00 (O & M Expense Account No. 560-815) – Scott D. Westover

Motion by Doe to approve Request to Approve - Award of Contract re: 2023 Spoils Disposal in the Amount of \$71,940.00 (O & M Expense Account No. 560-815). Support by Ichesco.

Mr. Westover advised the Board that included in their packet is a tabulation of bids dated April 13th. Mr. Westover recommended approval for Jackie's Transport based on their base bid of \$71,940.00. Mr. Westover explained that the base bid includes the contractor performing the loading of the material. The alternate bid would require YCUA staff to load the material.

Mr. Ichesco inquired as to whether the material would be going to a Class II landfill which was acknowledged by the staff. Mr. Bodary inquired as to whether the material was liquids or powder. Mr. Mullapudi and Mr. Westover responded that the material is comprised of dirt, asphalt, sand, gravel, etc. Mr. Blackburn then advised the Board that YCUA does not pay for disposal at this landfill due to the Authority's leachate contract. Mr. Doe then inquired as to whether this work is performed annually. Mr. Westover responded that the work is needed every 2 to 3 years and it was last performed in 2019.

In favor: Jason, Ichesco, Doe, Peterson, and Bodary. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

C. Request to Approve – Award of Contract re: 2023 Shadford Tower Painting in the Amount of \$1,012,400.00 (O & M Expense Account No. 902-330) – Scott D. Westover

Motion by Ichesco to approve Request to Approve – Award of Contract re: 2023 Shadford Tower Painting in the Amount of \$1,012,400.00 (O & M Expense Account No. 902-330). Support by Doe.

Mr. Westover advised the Board that included in their packet is a recommendation letter from Dixon Engineering along with a partial tabulation of bids. Dixon is recommending an award to the 2nd low bidder based on the items outlined in the letter. The low bid was not complete and has not performed work in this area. Staff are in agreement with Dixon and recommend approval to Seven Brothers.

Mr. Doe inquired as to how often such work has to be performed. Mr. Knapp stated that Shadford was last painted in 1997. Mr. Doe then inquired as to whether the painting includes the inside and outside of the tank. Mr. Westover concurred that the painting includes the inside and outside of the tank as well as repairs to various metal components. Mr. Westover further explained the primary cost is the painting since it will have to be enclosed for sandblasting.

Mr. Bodary then asked Mr. Blackburn to clarify what painting was going to be performed. Mr. Blackburn explained that the inspection had placed a higher level of urgency on the outside. Staff then internally decided to have both sides painted to increase the efficiency of the project due to mobilization along with the deterioration on the inside which needed to be addressed. Mr. Westover then clarified that this coating would not be like Stone, which is a unique structure in that it is basically several 2x3 riveted plates.

Mr. Doe then inquired as to whether the tank is lined. Mr. Westover explained that Shadford is basically a paint job whereas the coating at Stone was more of a structural liner. Mr. Knapp then stated that Stone Tower was a Tnemec 3-part epoxy which is $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick. He further stated that this liner was not in place when the leak at Stone Tower occurred.

Mr. Bodary then stated that we would be painting over the old school logo and Ypsilanti Public Schools would be paying for the painting of their new logo. Mr. Knapp stated that Aaron Rose from Ypsilanti Public Schools has reached out about painting over the old logo and has provided him with 3 different logos for pricing. The logos were then displayed on the board monitor. Mr. Knapp explained that more colors in the logo increase the cost. Mr. Knapp indicated that the black and white logos were \$9800 whereas the colored logo is \$16,000. Mr. Westover then stated that the schools would be responsible for these costs.

Mr. Doe then inquired as to the amount of YCUA towers. Mr. Knapp explained that YCUA has 2 towers (Shadford & Stone). Mr. Westover then explained that YCUA does not have any other towers.

Ms. Peterson then asked for clarification about the painting on the inside of the tank. Mr. Knapp then explained that both sides would be done at the same time. Mr. Knapp further explained some additional safety items which would be addressed during the project.

Mr. Doe then inquired about the duration of the project. Mr. Knapp stated that they are being told 90 days. Mr. Westover indicated that the project would begin in late summer around Labor Day. Mr. Doe then inquired about any concerns with capacity during this time. Mr. Knapp indicated that we would be able to successfully operate by utilizing the Detroit connection. Mr. Blackburn then stated that, if necessary, staff would approach GLWA to discuss the project. Typically, such issues are excluded from contract exceedances. Mr. Knapp then stated that during the West Cross Project, the system was successfully operated without Shadford for 45 days.

Mr. Jason then requested clarification on why the low bidder was not chosen. Mr. Westover confirmed that their bid was not complete as they had failed to acknowledge the addendum as well as they had not performed work in the area.

In favor: Bodary, Jason, Doe, Ichesco, and Peterson. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

D. Request to Approve – Dixon Engineering Proposal re: 2023 Shadford Tower Coating in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$84,000 (O & M Expense Account No. 902-330) – Scott D. Westover

Motion by Jason to approve Request to Approve – Dixon Engineering Proposal re: 2023 Shadford Tower Coating in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$84,000 (O & M Expense Account No. 902-330). Support by Doe.

Mr. Westover advised the Board that Dixon prepared the bidding documents, are experts in the field, and performed the tank inspection. Mr. Westover also stated that they have performed similar work for the Authority in the past and have generally done good work.

In favor: Bodary, Jason, Doe, Ichesco, and Peterson. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

E. Request to Approve – Change Order No. 1 (Final) re: 2022 Road Repairs Phase 1 in the Deduct Amount of \$107,603.75 (O & M Expense Account No. 902-161) – Scott D. Westover

Motion by Ichesco to approve Request to Approve – Change Order No. 1 (Final) re: 2022 Road Repairs Phase 1 in the Deduct Amount of \$107,603.75 (O & M Expense Account No. 902-161). Support by Peterson.

Mr. Westover advised the Board that the bulk of the deduct comes from 3 concrete repairs on Washtenaw that the contractor was unable to complete. The repairs are about \$65,000 worth of work. The contractor promised to come back and perform them in the spring but subsequently was awarded the Phase 1 contract which included better unit pricing. Therefore, it makes sense to close out this contract and utilize better unit pricing.

Mr. Doe inquired about the cost of concrete. Mr. Westover stated that he believes it is \$5-10 per yard less than last year. Mr. Westover stated that the lower range of thickness, which is 8” or less, is \$150 per square yard. The thicker repairs at 8” or greater are \$195.

The matter was further discussed at length.

In favor: Bodary, Jason, Doe, Ichesco, and Peterson. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)

F. Fund Balance Report – Dwayne Harrigan

Informational only; no motion from the Board required.

G. Financial Report – Authority Net Assets – Dwayne Harrigan

Informational only; no motion from the Board required.

H. Usage Report – Consumption Report – Luther Blackburn

Mr. Blackburn advised the Board that the month-to-month comparison shows that water consumption is down 5.1% and sewer consumption is up 20.7%. He indicated that the year-to-date comparison shows that water consumption is down 3.4% and sewer consumption is down 12.4%.

Informational only; no motion from the Board required.

I. Attorney’s Report – Matthew T. Jane

Informational only; no motion from the Board required.

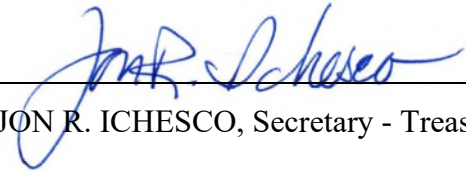
J. Executive Director’s Report – Luther Blackburn

Mr. Blackburn advised the Board of the public meeting regarding the US12/M17 Project. The meeting has been publicly noticed and the 3rd phase of the project is starting.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:** There was no Old Business for the month.
5. **OTHER BUSINESS:** There was no Other Business for the month.
6. **STATEMENTS AND CHECKS:** Motion by Ichesco to pay the current month's bills in the amount of \$ 3,472,951.56. Support by Doe. In favor: Doe, Ichesco, Jason, Peterson, and Bodary. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no Public Comments for the month.
8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Jason to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 p.m. Support by Ichesco. In favor: Ichesco, Doe, Peterson, Jason, and Bodary. Opposed: None. (Motion carried.)



Respectfully submitted,



JON R. ICESCO, Secretary - Treasurer