

2/3/25 (DRAFT)

OLSBA MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 30, 2025  
ZOOM MEETING  
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Bob Palazzo, Jack Reynolds, Chris Shelton, Dennis Colombie, Marty Merritt, Roger Zito, James Moynihan, Paul Yellen

## **I. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

Bob Palazzo opened the meeting by welcoming all members of the Board and community members listening in via Zoom.

Mr. Palazzo also welcomed Roger Zito and Marty Merritt as new members of the Board.

## **II. MEETING MINUTES**

No action was taken on the draft 1/14/25 meeting minutes...approval of those minutes will be addressed at the Board's next meeting

## **III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no presentation of financials.

Chris Shelton provided an update regarding the Board's annual insurance policy (which expires at the end of February 2025 (circa) - noting that our current insurer was prepared to provide the Board with a renewal of its current policy. Mr. Shelton noted that Mr. Moynihan had been informed that CIRMA would also be providing an insurance quote within the next few days.

Mr. Shelton moved that the Board designate/appropriate a maximum of \$3,000 for the Board's annual insurance - with the final selection of the vendor to occur at a future meeting of the WPCA (Shelton, Moynihan) Vote: 7-0

## **IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mr. Moynihan provided an update to the Board regarding the zoom conversation on January 15, 2025 between OLSBA representatives and DEEP

Mr. Palazzo & Mr. Moynihan reviewed the January 22, 2025 meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) relative to the sewer projects & stormwater project.

Mr. Moynihan also presented, and responded to member questions & comments, regarding the draft "Game Plan & Timetable", dated January 20, 2025 which he had

prepared addressing actions and matters that need to be considered and addressed prior to a vote by the Association regarding amending the current "Bond Resolution" (2012) appropriating \$9.7 million for sewer (internal & shared) and stormwater capital projects.

Mr. Moynihan noted that the Board of Governors on January 22, 2025 had authorized Mr. Yellen to provide an update to DEEP of OLSBA current and future planned efforts - with May 24, 2025 being presented as the day that the Association will vote regarding the Bond Resolution(s).

Mr. Moynihan noted his personal belief that the WPCA should act as an "honest broker" regarding project information to the members of the Association.

Mr. Moynihan noted that he hoped that there could be future joint meeting between the BOG & WPCA regarding identifying project related actions, including, but not limited to:

Determining Total Project Costs

Preparing the Bond Resolution(s)

Reviewing and assessing state fiscal support and commitment(s)

Establishing & Instituting a Communications Plan to assist Association members to become informed regarding the forthcoming Association vote - including open forums, an invitation to state officials to respond to Association member questions, reviewing prior member questions & prepared FAQs

Establishing an "Implementation Plan" - which will identify activities and actions required of OLSBA leadership, post vote, assuming the Bond Resolution(s) are approved

Securing project and engineering information, costs and proposed contracts potentially needed with our engineering firm (Fuss & O'Neil...Mr. Moynihan will contact F&O to garner information regarding potential new engineering contracts involving the sewer project(s), bidding for the internal sewer project, updating labor rates on previously approved contracts and stormwater permitting/bidding...)

Following a discussion by the members it was determined that the Board will address the "Game Plan" and "Timetable" at its next meeting.

## **V. COMMENTS**

Mr. Reynolds expressed a concern that the Board needed clerical, legal and administrative support to assist the Board in its efforts to communicate with members of the Association and prepare for an Association vote(s).

Mr. Palazzo stated that the next meeting of the WPCA was scheduled for February 18, 2025 and that he would solicit the members to see if another earlier date could be selected as the WPCA's next meeting date.

Bill Reynolds, a resident of Gorton Avenue, expressed concerns about the shared sewer bid(s) and the potential use of the Gorton Avenue ball field, owned by the Association as a construction "staging area" for the "shared sewer project". Mr. Moynihan stated that he will secure more information when he speaks with Fuss & O'Neil - hopefully before the next meeting of the WPCA.