

CHARTIERS VALLEY DISTRICT
FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

M E E T I N G

held at the Scott Township Municipal Building, on
Thursday, March 21, 2024, beginning at the hour of
2:00 p.m., before Candie L. Wauthier, a Professional
Reporter, in and for the said County of Washington.

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1 MR. SITES: Scott Township?

2 MS. FITZGERALD: Here.

3 MR. SITES: South Fayette?

4 MR. CATENA: Here.

5 MR. SITES: Crafton? Upper St. Clair?

6 MR. MANSFIELD: Here.

7 MR. SITES: City of Pittsburgh?

8 MR. CREAN: Here.

9 MR. SITES: Thornburg?

10 MR. MACKIN: Here.

11 MR. SITES: And Robinson not here. With that
12 we'll move on to the financial report by Joe Kauer.

13 MR. KAUER: We passed out the last year audit
14 for 2023 and I'm just going to summarize that. Revenue
15 for the year is \$263,000. Member contributions is
16 \$76,636. We earned \$11,770 in interest. Licenses, fees
17 -- these are for small private licenses we have on four
18 private properties was \$4,800. And the billboard lease
19 for the two billboards in Bridgeville was \$170,045. But
20 of a note that was for years '22 and '23. So the
21 billboard typically brings in about \$83,000 a year.

22 Disbursements. The Authority spent \$405,000 last
23 year on clearing and maintenance work. \$33,000 on
24 engineering. \$5,500 on legal services. Audit services
25 for year '23 and '22 -- or '22 and '21 was \$2,000. Our

1 MR. CASTELLO: Thank you. We actually -- one
2 of the things I wanted to announce today, we finally
3 after all these years have settled the action we had with
4 the City of Pittsburgh. We did receive and it's noted in
5 your financials we received a payment of \$117,204 in our
6 settlement. They have also agreed to start paying the
7 annual assessment this year. And they have been billed
8 for it. As Joe said, it's not due until May 1st. And
9 they also agreed to send a representative. Which I would
10 like -- Bill Crean.

11 MR. CREAN: That's me.

12 MR. CASTELLO: We're happy to have you. Many,
13 many years to have a representative from the City here.
14 That, again, is part of the settlement. He's the Deputy
15 Director of Public Works. So it's been a very good year
16 this year with the City of Pittsburgh. We have
17 everything settled with them. And we're happy to see you
18 and, hopefully, you'll show up all the time now.

19 Two other quick items. We do have the proof of
20 publication from the notice of the meeting today. And I
21 will after the meeting give this to you to make it an
22 exhibit for the record that was duly advertised.

23 And, lastly, as part of our meeting today we have to
24 authorize the law firm of Tucker Aernsberg to settle and
25 discontinue the action we have against the City because,

1 the confluence of the main channel and back channel near
2 Thoms Run Road and the levees in Thornburg and Crafton
3 totaling 56.45 acres. We're going to mow this to try to
4 keep the vegetation under control so that we can keep our
5 costs down rather than do a large clear cut of trees. So
6 there is an agenda item on the agenda under new business
7 for the award of Contract "A."

8 The other one is Contract "B." That is clearing of
9 trees, brush, and debris from the banks of Chartiers
10 Creek between the Steen Road bridge and Prestley Road
11 bridge in Collier Township. Total acreage is
12 10.31 acres. We also have a motion on the agenda for
13 that for action to be taken.

14 There was no inspection with the Army Corps of
15 Engineers this year. There will be one scheduled for
16 next February/March of 2025. So we stay in communication
17 with the Army Corps of Engineers and keep them up to date
18 with work that we do and document what has been
19 accomplished so that they can include that in the
20 biannual inspections that occur.

21 Crafton levee gates. There was a request made to
22 Crafton Borough inquiring if they would be interested in
23 completing installation of some gates on the levee to
24 keep vehicles from driving on the top of the levee and
25 creating ruts. We have provided a detail with a letter

1 of the minutes from last year?

2 MR. SITES: Were they mailed out?

3 MR. KAUER: I believe so. If we did, it would
4 have been last year. Last April.

5 MR. SITES: Right.

6 MR. BIGHAM: Can we forego the reading and
7 approve?

8 MR. CASTELLO: Yes.

9 MR. BIGHAM: I would like to forego the reading
10 of last year's minutes since Joe pretty much -- both Joes
11 summed up what we did. And have a motion to approve last
12 year's minutes.

13 MR. CATENA: So moved.

14 MR. CASTELLO: Pat Catena. Was there a second?

15 MR. BOYD: Second.

16 MR. CASTELLO: Phil Boyd seconded it. All
17 those in favor signify by saying aye?

18 MR. BIGHAM: Opposed?

19 MR. CASTELLO: So that's the March 23, 2023
20 minutes.

21 MR. BIGHAM: Okay. We'll go on to new
22 business. And Joe has pretty much highlighted the
23 contracts that we want to put out.

24 MR. SITES: I will read it, if you want to me.

25 MR. BIGHAM: Do you want to read it?

1 MR. BIGHAM: We have a second.

2 MR. CASTELLO: Motion by Mr. Mackin, second by
3 Mr. Catena.

4 MR. SITES: We need a vote.

5 MR. BIGHAM: I'm sorry. All in favor? Anybody
6 opposed? That passes. Great. The next one?

7 MR. SITES: The next one: A "motion to award
8 Contract "B" clearing of trees, brush, and debris along
9 the banks and bottom of Chartiers Creek from the Steen
10 Road bridge to the Prestley Road bridge in Collier
11 Township totaling 10.56 acres to Land Clearing
12 Specialists in the amount of 128,421.36."

13 MR. BIGHAM: We need a motion.

14 MR. BOYD: So moved.

15 MR. BIGHAM: Phil Boyd. Second?

16 MR. MACINO: Second. George Macino of Collier.

17 MR. BIGHAM: All in favor?

18 MR. CASTELLO: I just want to make sure that it
19 is clear that these were advertised. So these were bids
20 that were sent out.

21 MR. SITES: Yes. They were advertised bids,
22 yes.

23 MR. CASTELLO: Both of them?

24 MR. SITES: Both of them, right.

25 MR. CASTELLO: I think there were two bidders?

1 MR. BIGHAM: The city.

2 MR. MACKIN: Motion.

3 MR. BIGHAM: Second?

4 MR. MANSFIELD: Second.

5 MR. BIGHAM: All in favor?

6 THE COURT REPORTER: What is your name?

7 MR. MANSFIELD: Mark Mansfield, Upper St.

8 Clair.

9 MR. BIGHAM: Opposed? Okay. That passes on.

10 The next one we have is a motion to enter into a 15-year

11 lease agreement, number 5086, with Lamar Advertising for

12 the billboard located on Washington Pike in Collier

13 Township with an annual rent of \$1,200 per year payable

14 in monthly installments of \$100 a month or 20 percent of

15 the gross annual advertising revenue generated by the

16 sign location whichever is greater.

17 Now, this is a small sign that is across from Woltz

18 and Wind.

19 MR. KAUER: Correct. It's an existing

20 billboard.

21 MR. BIGHAM: It's an existing billboard.

22 MR. KAUER: It's on the border. It's Scott.

23 MR. BIGHAM: So I need a motion to do that.

24 MS. FITZGERALD: Motion.

25 MR. CASTELLO: Denise Fitzgerald.

1 Currently there's a vertical cut that's eroded across
2 from TopGolf. We want to get it -- it was noted during
3 the March 2023 inspection with the Army Corps of
4 Engineers that it needed to be corrected to put the
5 stream back in its original bed when it was designed as
6 part of the original flood control project.

7 And the other thing that we're looking to do as part
8 of this is make improvements to the bank along the main
9 channel in front of the South Fayette Municipal Authority
10 right there around the bend from Millers Run so that
11 doesn't erode further and put the Municipal Authority
12 facility in jeopardy.

13 MR. CATENA: Is there a danger of it getting
14 worse before it can be done or are we safe?

15 MR. SITES: I think we're safe. There's enough
16 rock and soil there to hold things in place there next to
17 TopGolf. But we'll get the design done and get the
18 permitting in place and then put it out for bid.

19 MR. CATENA: The only reason I'm asking,
20 obviously, is we're going into the spring storm season.
21 That's why I wanted to see. I mean, if we think we can
22 make it through the spring storm season?

23 MR. SITES: I think we should. It hasn't
24 changed much since last year.

25 MR. CATENA: Okay. Thank you.

1 documentation off to that railroad and tell them, you
2 know, they need to be maintaining that and do whatever
3 restoration they do that's necessary to maintain that
4 bridge. I mean, we all look at it and we say there's no
5 activity on it with the rail line. But their response
6 always has been we want to maintain that for future
7 customers.

8 MR. BIGHAM: Supposedly it's a viable bridge.

9 MR. SITES: They say it's a viable bridge.

10 MR. BIGHAM: And then the other one we have is
11 in Carnegie. But we have always taken care of that one.

12 MR. SITES: Right.

13 MR. BIGHAM: Do you want to ask Carnegie to do
14 it?

15 MR. SITES: We can. Are you willing to clean
16 the center pier, Steve?

17 MR. BEUTER: For what it's worth, we got a
18 grant to do some construction work on the bridge and we
19 can include this year's maintenance in that process.

20 MR. SITES: Okay.

21 MR. BEUTER: That's along East Main Street.

22 MR. SITES: Right.

23 MR. BIGHAM: So we need a motion on that.

24 MR. CASTELLO: We need a motion to send the
25 letters. I will make the motion.

1 could be spread out where we're doing the work. So we're
2 looking into that. And Joe's keeping us up on the grants
3 that are out there. I don't think it would interfere too
4 much because it would be the town doing it with the flood
5 control together. And we would give the funding for it.
6 So that's just something that we're going to try to work
7 on because are costs are -- they're not going down.

8 And we also are going to be looking into a couple --
9 at least one more billboard and possibly two more
10 billboards. Because at some point down the road there's
11 probably going to have to be an assessment increase. I'm
12 not saying about anything right now or in the near
13 future. But it's just inevitable unless we can find
14 other revenue to come in. And the billboards are really
15 unbelievable what they -- they really take care of it,
16 you know. So that's what we're working on. We have a
17 meeting, I believe, next --

18 MR. SITES: Yes. I have a phone call with
19 them.

20 MR. BIGHAM: We're working on that. It's with
21 Lamar. That's just an update on the future. Tom?

22 MR. MACKIN: Are you bringing the goats back?

23 MR. SITES: I don't believe we are, Tom.

24 MR. CREAN: They're committed to Pittsburgh.

25 MR. BIGHAM: We're going to mow.

1 Crafton is here.

2 MR. BIGHAM: Oh, yeah. We wanted to talk to
3 Crafton about the gates.

4 MR. SITES: I sent you that e-mail, Jim, asking
5 for participation with the flood control authority that
6 if we would purchase the gate materials the public works
7 would be -- would they be willing to do the installation
8 at the two locations along the top of the levee?

9 MR. PRICE: No, I totally missed that e-mail.
10 I apologize.

11 MR. SITES: That was the 12th of March.

12 MR. PRICE: Okay. I missed the e-mail. So you
13 guys would purchase the materials and public works would
14 install it?

15 MR. SITES: That's correct, yes.

16 MR. PRICE: Yes, that's fine.

17 MR. SITES: I have a copy of the letter here.
18 I can show you before you leave.

19 MR. PRICE: That works.

20 MR. SITES: That's all I have.

21 MR. BIGHAM: If nobody else has anything else
22 to say.

23 MR. SITES: Items for discussion?

24 MR. BIGHAM: Motion to adjourn?

25 MR. BOYD: Move.

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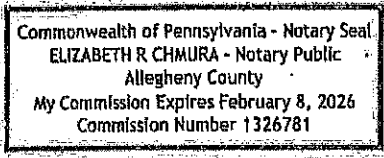
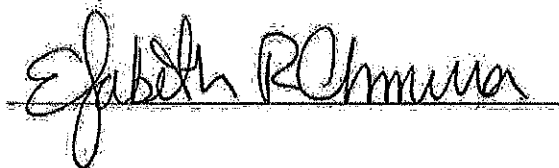
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Fred Bigham
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