

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 4, 2017

A reorganization meeting of the Township of Falls Authority was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2017, at 557 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA. The meeting was called to order by Anthony Rosso at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call - Anthony Rosso, Chairperson, James Goodwin, Vice Chairperson, Brian Binney, Secretary, Bill Beier, Treasurer and Thomas Miles, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer were present. Randy Flager and Edward Zanine, Authority Solicitors, Vanessa Nedrick, Authority Engineer, Timothy Hartman, Executive Director, Megan O'Neill, Business Manager and Tammy McAnulty Recording Secretary were also present.

Reorganization – Temporary Chairperson – Mr. Binney made the motion to appoint Anthony Rosso as temporary Chairperson. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes

Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Election of TOFA Board Officers

Chairperson Appointment– Mr. Beier made the motion to appoint Anthony Rosso as Chairperson. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Vice-Chairperson Appointment– Mr. Rosso made the motion to appoint James Goodwin as Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes

Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Treasurer Appointment– Mr. Rosso made the motion to appoint Bill Beier as Treasurer. Mr. Binney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Secretary Appointment– Mr. Rosso made the motion to appoint Brian Binney as Secretary. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Mr. Rosso Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Appointment– Mr. Rosso made the motion to appoint Thomas Miles as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles Yes

Mr. Beier Yes

Mr. Binney Yes

Mr. Goodwin Yes

Mr. Rosso Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Appointment of Professional Staff

Item #1 –Appointment of TOFA Solicitor – Set Compensation Fees – Mr. Beier made the motion to reappoint the firm of Flager and Associates, PC at its agreed upon 2017 rate (\$165.00 per hour for general legal support and \$350.00 per hour for development projects). Mr. Rosso seconded the motion. (copy attached)

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles Yes

Mr. Beier Yes

Mr. Binney Yes

Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Mr. Goodwin made a motion to appoint Kardos, Rickles, Hand and Bidlingmaier as Special Counsel for 2017 to handle labor matters such as union agreement negotiations at a rate of \$165.00 per hour. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Item #2 – Appointment of TOFA Auditor – Mr. Rosso made a motion to appoint the auditing firm Major & Mastro for the 2017 Audit not to exceed \$9000.00 per the existing three-year agreement. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Mr. Rosso Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Item #3 –Appointment of TOFA Engineer – Set Compensation Fees –

Mr. Rosso made the motion to reappoint the firm of Remington, Vernick and Associates at its agreed upon rate schedule for 2017. (Rate Schedule attached, same rates as 2016)

Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Item #4 – Appointment of a Financial Advisor – Mr. Rosso made the motion to wait until the next meeting January 25th to appoint Concord Public Finance as Financial Advisor for 2017 after Mr. Hartman discusses with them maintaining its 2016 rates for 2017. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes

Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Item #5 -Appointment of Depository – Mr. Rosso made the motion to appoint First National Bank of Newtown as the Authority’s depository bank for 2017. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to appoint Fulton Bank as the depository bank for the Authorities Reserve Fund for 2017. Mr. Binney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Mr. Rosso Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Item #6 Set Meeting Dates for the Monthly Board Meetings – Mr. Rosso
made the motion to accept the monthly meeting date schedule with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. Meetings held the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of November 15th and December 20th. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Mr. Rosso made a motion for the 4% sewer rate increase for 2017 to go into effect January 15, 2017. He added the April bill will be the first to reflect the increase. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes

Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carries 5-0.

Mr. Rosso asked Mr. Hartman for a status update on the Fire Protection fees. Mr. Hartman stated that Mr. Binney and he had a discussion and Mr. Binney would like to check into this further with other authorities. Mr. Hartman would like to re-visit the discussion at the next meeting on January 25th.

Item #7 - Public Comment - No one signed up for public comment.

Item #8 - New Business - Mr. Ryba stated that the new uniforms came in today for the TOFA field staff. He added that the staff seems very pleased with the new uniforms.

Item #9 - Board Comment -

Mr. Miles wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also stated that prior to the meeting he saw something very interesting on electrical generators in water pipes whereby electricity is generated by the water moving through pipes.

Mr. Binney had no comment.

Mr. Beier congratulated everyone on their new appointments. He also thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Goodwin wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also thanked Mr. Binney and Mr. Rosso for all of the work they did working with the TOFA staff on the budget for 2017. He stated it is great to see us in the positive.

Mr. Rosso stated that it is a shame we needed to increase the sewer rates however we are just passing on the increase we received from the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority.

Adjournment – Mr. Rosso made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

