

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 22, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, in the conference room at 225 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA, at 7:38 P.M.

**Salute to the Flag**

**Roll Call** - Debra DeBlasio, Chairperson, John Palmer, Vice Chairman, Lisa Mangone, Secretary, William Renson, Treasurer and Anthony Rosso, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer were present. Edward Zanine, Authority Solicitor, Vanessa Nedrick, Authority Engineer, David Busch, Keystone Alliance Consulting, Edna Miller, Business Manager and Megan O'Neill, Recording Secretary were also present.

**Item #1 – Solicitor's Report on the Executive Session** – Edward Zanine reported that the Executive Session consisted of various administrative actions and possible litigations.

**Item #2 - Approve Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2009** – John Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes for March 25, 2009. William Renson seconded the motion.

**Poll of the Board:**

Anthony Rosso	Yes
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Abstained
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

**Motion Carried 4-0-1.**

**Item #3 – Public Comment** – There was no one signed up for public comment.

**Item #4 – Review of Bill List** – William Renson questioned the bill for Tri-County Security. David stated that Tri-County Security was checking on the property at 557 Lincoln Highway until the security system was put in place. The system is now in and working and the Tri-County Security is no long checking on the building.

Debra DeBlasio questioned Vanessa Nedrick whether she felt Tri-State Grouting was doing a good job. Vanessa Nedrick indicated that she felt they were doing a good job.

Anthony Rosso questioned the bill for Airgas for the purchase on numbers. David Busch indicated that the numbers were purchased to put on the hydrant signs to mark the size of the line.

Anthony Rosso also inquired about the drug testing on the employees and what the procedures were. Eddi Miller explained that they are random and the employee gets notified the day of the test to report to the testing facility.

Lisa Mangone made a motion to approve the bill list for April 22, 2009 in the amount of \$ 982,908.09. William Renson seconded the motion.

**Poll of the Board:**

Anthony Rosso	Yes
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Yes
John Palmer	No
Debra DeBlasio	No

**Motion Carried 3-2.**

Debra DeBlasio made a motion to remove the bill for National Metering Service in the amount of \$ 474,810.00 from the bill list. John Palmer seconded the motion.

**Poll of the Board:**

Anthony Rosso	No
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	No
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

**Motion Carried 3-2.**

**Item #5 – Solicitor Comment-** Edward Zanine recommended that the Board hire Megan Duryea from Fox Rothschild to act as bond counsel for TOFA. Edward Zanine believes hiring a bond counsel is necessary at this time.

Megan Duryea from Fox Rothschild gave a presentation to the Board regarding the services that her company would perform for TOFA as bond counsel.

Lisa Mangone made a motion to approve resolution 2009-09 to hire Fox Rothschild as TOFA's Bond counsel per the requirements in the resolution. William Renson seconded the motion.

**Poll of the Board:**

Anthony Rosso	No
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Yes
John Palmer	No
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

**Motion Carried 3-2.**

Edward Zanine also presented Resolution 2009-10 to the Board. This Resolution repeals Resolution 2009-08 authorizing the issue of a general obligation note.

William Renson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-10 which repeals Resolution 2009-08. Anthony Rosso seconded the motion.

**Poll of the Board:**

Anthony Rosso	Yes
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Abstained
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

**Motion Carried 4-0-1.**

Debra DeBlasio made a motion to pay National Metering in the amount of \$474,800.10. Lisa Mangone seconded the motion.

**Poll of the Board:**

Anthony Rosso	Yes
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Yes
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

**Item #6 – Engineer Report– Engineer's Report attached.**

David Busch informed the Board that the deed for Fallsington Woods Pump Station was not properly recorded and that David has spoken to Ed Rudolph. Ed Rudolph informed David Busch that he would take care of it.

William Renson made a motion to have the exit testing of the meters preformed by National Metering in the amount of \$18,620.00. Lisa Mangone seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Anthony Rosso	No
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Yes
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

Motion Carried 4-1.

### Telemetry

William Renson made a motion to do a Change Order to purchase a controller in the amount of \$990.00. Lisa Mangone seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Anthony Rosso	Yes
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Yes
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0.

John Palmer made a motion to approve Change Order AGC-FT-002 in the amount of \$1,950.00. Lisa Mangone seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Anthony Rosso	Yes
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Yes
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0.

John Palmer made a motion to approve Change Order AGC-FT-003 in the amount of \$2,700.00. Lisa Mangone seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Anthony Rosso	Yes
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Yes
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0.

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Lisa Mangone made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for Tri-State Grouting for \$23,801.00. John Palmer seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Anthony Rosso	Yes
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Yes
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0.

Item #7 – Executive Director Report – Executive Director’s Report attached.

John Palmer would like to have the rules about tampering with the meters to be put on the website.

John Palmer would also like David Busch to look into getting something to stop vehicles from parking or dumping at the location at 557 Lincoln Highway. David Busch will look into getting a chain to block the entrance of the property.

Item #8 – Board Comment – William Renson made a motion to invest TOFA’s funds as allowed under the Municipal Authorities Act with Matt Read from RBC Wealth Management. Lisa Mangone seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Anthony Rosso	No
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William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Yes
John Palmer	No
Debra DeBlasio	No

**Motion Failed 3-2.**

William Renson stated that he went to the location of the recent fire on Trenton Road with volunteers of the fire company and that he does not believe there is enough water at that location to extinguish a fire if there would be one.

William Renson made a motion to have the Engineer look into the problem on Trenton Road with the hydrants. Lisa Mangone seconded the motion.

**Poll of the Board:**

Anthony Rosso	Yes
William Renson	Yes
Lisa Mangone	Yes
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

Lisa Mangone made a motion to change the May meeting date to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. John Palmer seconded the motion. All in favor.

John Palmer indicated that he would email a letter to David Busch regarding the rain barrel for the Lady's Tea.

John Palmer questioned whether summer help would be hired. The Board decided that they would get in contacted with David Busch regarding this issue.

**Adjournment** – Lisa Mangone made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 P.M. Anthony Rosso seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries 5-0.

**Township of Falls Authority**  
**Engineering Status**  
**April 22, 2009**

- 1) **Rock Creek Run water issue:** Meeting between the Authority and Orleans took place on April 3, 2009 (see attached meeting minutes). All parties agreed to regroup or reconvene on issues in two weeks. Dedication of water main is still pending Orleans' ability to comply with Authority's requests.
- 2) **2008 Capital Program:**
  - a) **Water Meter Project:** National Metering Services will start water meter replacement on April 27<sup>th</sup>. National Metering submitted a price for testing all meters 1" and larger and 10% of the 5/8" and 3/4" meters (see attached proposal).
  - b) **Telemetry Project:** Equipment installation is on-going and should be completed at the end of the month. Contractor encountered some problems during installation. Pump control relays burned out at New Falls Pump Station (see attached invoice). An upgraded controller is available for the New Falls Pump Station to prevent operator error and tamper resistance (see attached cost estimate). Once installation is complete, testing will begin immediately after. Contractor provided an estimate to clean up the old wiring and old equipment at both New Falls and Penn Valley Pump Stations (see attached estimate).
  - c) **Inflow & Infiltration Project:** All pipes have been televised and inspected. Some pipes require more rigorous cleaning methods and some pipes will be recommended for replacement. Most of the pipe joints were pressure tested and grouted. The contract should be completed by the end of May.
- 3) **Bucks County Water & Sewer:** Analytical Labs began sampling for BOD and TSS. Sampling for the first half of the month of March was in compliance with BCW&SA concentration limits of 220 mg/l for BOD. Sampling for the second half was out of compliance for BOD.
- 4) **Headley Pump Station:** Testing occurred earlier this month to include a separate test to determine corrosivity of the wastewater from the pump station wet well, QTech's lateral, and Siemen's lateral. Results are forthcoming.
- 5) **Water and Sewer Systems Maps:** Maps are drafted and revisions have begun. Will coordinate with the Authority upon finishing revisions to add other pertinent information to the maps.
- 6) **Authority's New Building:** Revised floor plan is completed pending

Board comment (see revised floor plan). Detail drawings are being drafted.





# Township Of Falls Authority

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DATE: APRIL 22, 2009

## **Key Performance Indicators for the current month:**

### **1. Health & Safety:**

- a. Chris Diesenbruch has returned to work and is on light duty  
Keith Summerville continues to rehab and is on light duty
- b. No vehicle accidents

### **2. Environmental Compliance:**

- a. Water testing results are in total compliance with monitoring requirements.

### **3. Operations**

#### **a. Sewer**

- Blockage at Social Security Office
- Blockage at 57 Taylor Drive
- Blockage at 212 Waltham Road
- Manhole casting repaired on Parkway Circle

#### **b. Water**

- Twin Oaks and Vermillion Interconnection water meters have been repaired, calibrated, and recertified.
- Privately owned water service that was found leaking at CTX Logistics has been repaired.
- Rusty water complaint by McDonald's of Fairless Hills shopping center was caused by hydrant usage by fire personnel on shopping center property.

### **4. Finances:**

- a. Monthly financial reports for authority were included in the package to board members.

## **Summary of last month's issues and other items of note:**

1. Security system was installed at 557 Lincoln Highway to provide security and fire monitoring of the new authority building.
2. Met with authority phone provider and received a quote to install our phone system at the new building and complete necessary wiring. Quote also includes offer for phone service the is projected to save the authority significant money on a monthly basis.
3. Met with R&V to review drawings of building layout for review by authority board.
4. Efforts related to water meter replacement program.