

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

August 22, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, in the Board Room at 557 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA, at 7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call – Anthony Rosso, Chairperson, James Goodwin, Vice Chairperson was present, Brian Binney, Secretary and William Beier, Treasurer and Thomas Miles, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer were present. Randy Flager and Michael Levin, Authority Solicitors were present, Vanessa Nedrick, Authority Engineer, Timothy Hartman, Executive Director, John Ryba, Operations Manager were present, Megan O’Neill, Business Manager and Tammy McAnulty, Recording Secretary, were present.

Solicitor’s Report on the Executive Session – Mr. Flager reported that the Executive Sessions consisted of various administrative actions as well as potential litigation.

Approve Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2018 Meeting – Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Public Comment – No public comment

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Flager stated that he has been in contact with the Township with regards to revising the sewage management ordinance.

Engineer's Report –

TOFA Building Center Space Fit Out – Ms. Nedrick stated that a meeting was held this week. She stated they are working towards the building permit.

2017 Water Main Lining Project – Ms. Nedrick reported that they are wrapping up phase 2. Ms. Nedrick is requesting payment of an August requisition for construction management and inspection services in the amount \$2,786.65.

Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the August requisition for construction management in the amount of \$2,786.65. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

New Falls Interconnect Generator – Ms. Nedrick stated that they are trying to contact PECO to schedule the final connection.

2018 Water Main Lining Project – Ms. Nedrick stated that construction is underway and is expected to be completed by October of this year. Ms. Nedrick is requesting payment of the July Requisition in the amount of \$10,048.73 for construction management and inspection services.

Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the July Requisition in the amount of \$10,048.73 for construction management and inspection services. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Mr. Binney asked if there is a map outlining the service areas that still have the cast iron pipe. Mr. Ryba responded he will map it out and provide it to the Board.

2018 I/I Project – Ms. Nedrick reported that construction has begun.

Penn Village Pump Station Bypass – Ms. Nedrick reported that a pre-construction meeting was held on September 4.

Valleyview PS Improvements – Ms. Nedrick stated that the contractor has ordered the material.

Tyburn Road Pump Station Bypass – Ms. Nedrick stated that the preliminary design is underway.

Fallsington Interconnection – Ms. Nedrick reported that a site meeting was held on August 9 with LBCJMA. She also stated that plans and specifications will be prepared for the 2019 capital improvement season. Mr. Ryba stated that Lower Bucks has agreed to split the cost and it will be in the capital improvement budget for next year.

Ms. Nedrick is requesting payment for the requisition to pay Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority for the Lower Morrisville project in the amount of \$186,652.00.

Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the requisition in the amount of \$186,652.00 to Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Executive Director's Report -

2019 Authority Budgets - Mr. Hartman reported he had provided a draft 2019 Operating Budget to the Board and was working with the Authority Engineer and Authority staff on the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget.

2016 Loan - Mr. Hartman reported that 2019 would be the last year the Authority would be able to draw funds from the 2016 loan for capital improvement projects because of time limitations contained in the loan agreement and because the loan amount would be exhausted.

Data Integration Pilot – Mr. Hartman stated that a demonstration was being arranged for KPI to show staff how to access the test files that have been scanned and uploaded. If all goes as expected, he said the plan is to scan and upload the rest of the files, including plans and maps, and develop a schedule for archiving and disposing of records.

Water Storage Tank Mixers – Mr. Hartman reported that, in line with the Board's direction to attain continuous water quality improvement, mixers have been installed in the Penn Warner and Austin elevated storage tanks. He added that future testing will indicate whether additional measures such as tank aeration will be needed to control the byproducts of disinfection and enhance system water freshness.

Station Maintenance – Mr. Hartman advised the Board that the rain gutters and downspouts had been replaced at the Tyburn Lift Station and the New Falls Interconnect. He explained this was done to direct rainwater away from these stations so that it does not contribute to station deterioration such as was experienced at the New Falls before it was repaired earlier this summer.

Review of the Bill List – Mr. Beier questioned the charge to George Bailey for \$2200.00.

Mr. Binney asked about the \$95.00 monthly lease charge for the water cooler and what is included in that cost. Mr. Hartman stated that it is connected into our water system and is filtered. He added that the cost included the monthly maintenance as well. Mr. Rosso asked Mr. Hartman to see if we can buy the cooler out right to avoid the monthly fees.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$556,349.65. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Board Comment -

Mr. Miles – Mr. Miles stated that the field staff needs to be careful and mindful with children school going back to school.

Mr. Beier – Mr. Beier asked if our ladders and chains get inspected regularly. Mr. Ryba stated that they don't however they are all new. Mr. Rosso stated that it should probably be placed in the maintenance plan. Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Binney – Mr. Binney asked if we ever received our reimbursement from the Turnpike Commission. Ms. Nedrick stated that she has made numerous attempts and is being ignored. Mr. Binney asked how long we have been waiting and Ms. Nedrick stated 2015/2016. Mr. Binney requested she forward him the

information.

Mr. Goodwin – No comment

Mr. Rosso – No comment

Adjournment – Mr. Rosso made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.

