## TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY

## **REGULAR MEETING**

January 31, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority was held on Monday, January 31, 2011, in the conference room at 557 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA, at 7:37P.M.

## Salute to the Flag

<u>Roll Call</u> - Debra DeBlasio, Chairperson, John Palmer, Vice Chairman, Lisa Mangone, Secretary, James Goodwin, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and William Renson, Treasurer were present. Edward Zanine, Authority Solicitor, Tom Beach and Vanessa Nedrick, Authority Engineers, David Busch, Keystone Alliance Consulting, Edna Miller, Business Manager and Megan O'Neill, Recording Secretary were also present.

<u>Item #1 – Solicitor's Report on the Executive Session</u> – Edward Zanine reported the Executive Session consisted of various informational discussions and possible litigation.

<u>Item #2 - Approve Meeting Minutes for December 22, 2010</u> – Lisa Mangone made a motion to accept the minutes for December 22, 2010. William Renson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. <u>Item # 3 – Approve Meeting Minutes for Reorganization meeting January 5, 2011</u>-Lisa Mangone made a motion to accept the minutes for the Reorganization Meeting on January 5, 2011. John Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1. William Renson abstained due to not being at the meeting.

Item #4 - Public Comment - There was no one signed up for Public Comment.

<u>Item # 5 – Presentation by Curtin and Heefner</u>- Curtin and Heefner provided the Board with a written informational packet prior to the meeting.

<u>Item #6 – Solicitor Report</u> – Edward Zanine presented the Board with Resolution 2011-01 for the rate increase that was voted on at the December 22, 2010 meeting.

Lisa Mangone made a motion to accept Resolution 2011-01 to increase the sewer rates by 16% for bills mailed as of April 1, 2011. William Resnon seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

James Goodwin Yes William Renson Yes Lisa Mangone Yes John Palmer No Debra DeBlasio Yes Motion Carried 4-1.

Item #7 - Engineer's Report- Engineer's Report attached.

Lisa Mangone made a motion to accept Change Order #1 for the Electrical Contract, for the TOFA Building Phase II, in the amount of \$3,355.87, to MJF Electrical. William Renson seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

| James Goodwin   | Yes |
|-----------------|-----|
| William Renson  | Yes |
| Lisa Mangone    | Yes |
| John Palmer Yes |     |
| Debra DeBlasio  | Yes |

Motion Carried 5-0.

Lisa Mangone made a motion to accept Change Order #2 for the General Contract, for the TOFA Building Phase II, in the amount of \$11,068.38, to Keller & Company. William Renson seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

| James Goodwin  | Yes |
|----------------|-----|
| William Renson | Yes |
| Lisa Mangone   | Yes |

John Palmer Yes Debra DeBlasio Yes

Motion Carried 5-0.

Lisa Mangone made a motion to accept Change Order #1 for the HVAC Contract, for the TOFA Building Phase II, in the amount of \$1,300.00, to Good A/C and Heating. William Renson seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

| James Goodwin   | No  |
|-----------------|-----|
| William Renson  | Yes |
| Lisa Mangone    | Yes |
| John Palmer Yes |     |
| Debra DeBlasio  | Yes |

Motion Carried 4-1.

Lisa Mangone made a motion to accept Change Oder #1 for the Plumbing Contract, for the TOFA Building Phase II, in the amount of \$4,238.75, to K.E. Seifert. William Renson seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

| James Goodwin  | Yes |
|----------------|-----|
| William Renson | Yes |
| Lisa Mangone   | Yes |

John Palmer Yes Debra DeBlasio Yes

Motion Carried 5-0.

Lisa Mangone made a motion to award the Trenton Road/Bristol Oxford Valley Road Water Main Project to Bux-Mont Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$299,530.00. John Palmer seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

| James Goodwin   | Yes |
|-----------------|-----|
| William Renson  | Yes |
| Lisa Mangone    | Yes |
| John Palmer Yes |     |
| Debra DeBlasio  | Yes |

Motion Carried 5-0.

Vanessa Nedrick presented the Board with the Budget for the Engineering Cost for the Trenton Road/Bristol Oxford Valley Road Water Main Project.

Lisa Mangone made a motion to approve the Engineering Costs from Remington, Vernick and Beach for the Trenton Road/Bristol Oxford Valley Road Water Main Project not to exceed \$27,497.80. William Renson seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

James Goodwin Yes William Renson Yes Lisa Mangone Yes John Palmer Yes Debra DeBlasio Yes

Motion Carried 5-0.

Lisa Mangone made a motion to hire Remington, Vernick and Beach to complete the Authority's Chapter 94 Report for 2010 to the DEP in the amount of \$2,466.00, and not to exceed. John Palmer seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

| James Goodwin   | Yes |
|-----------------|-----|
| William Renson  | Yes |
| Lisa Mangone    | Yes |
| John Palmer Yes |     |
| Debra DeBlasio  | Yes |

Motion Carried 5-0.

Item #8 - Executive's Director Report- Executive Director's Report attached.

David Busch informed the Board that he has received proposals from Utility Services and Southern Corrosion for the maintenance and painting of the Penn Warner Tank. Tom Beach recommended that the Authority put the Maintenance Agreement out to bid.

David Busch feels that the Authority is getting the best price and because it would be a Professional Service it would not have to be put out to bid. David Busch also informed the Board that if the project was put out to bid there is a possibility the bids would come in higher.

Debra DeBlasio stated \$72,612.00 is too high not to bid.

The Board instructed Ed Zanine to look into the issue.

<u>Item #9 – Review of Bill List</u>– Lisa Mangone made a motion to approve the bill list for January 31, 2011, in the amount of \$1,117,362.92 William Renson seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

James Goodwin Yes William Renson Yes Lisa Mangone Yes John Palmer Yes Debra DeBlasio Yes

Motion Carried 5-0.

<u>Item #10 – Board Comment</u> – John Palmer would like David Busch to look into informing the customers to dig out hydrants in front of their property during a snow event.

David Busch informed John Palmer that the Swiftreach is not completely up and running at this time and that he would look into informing the customers.

John Palmer would like to see the Authority purchase a backhoe and dump truck to save on the cost of hiring outside contractors for repairs.

David Busch informed John Palmer that he would look into the cost.

Adjournment – John Palmer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Lisa Mangone seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.