

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

May 25, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, in the conference room at 557 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA, at 7:30 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call - 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, Thomas Beach and Vanessa Nedrick, Authority Engineers, 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 the Executive Session consisted of personnel matters.

Item #2 - Approve Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2011 - William Renson made a motion to accept the minutes for April 27, 2011. Lisa Mangone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Item #4 – Solicitor’s Report – Edward Zanine informed the Board that he is working with David Busch, Tom Beach and Vanessa Nedrick regarding the approval of the Philadelphia Industrial Pretreatment Program.

Also Edward Zanine is working to have some of the Industrial users share the cost for maintenance of the Headley Pump and to have a formal agreement for the future. Edward Zanine stated that he would keep the Board informed of any results.

Item #5 – Engineer’s Report– Engineer’s Report attached.

TOFA Building/Phase II Renovations- A letter was sent to the painting contractor informing them that they had 30 days to complete the job.

Trenton Road/Bristol–Oxford Valley Road Water Main Replacement- Vanessa Nedrick informed the Board that a temporary valve that was to be installed so customers did not lose water service was not installed and that a few customers had no water service for about three hours.

Twin Oaks Chlorination Design- Vanessa Nedrick presented to the Board a Change Order in the amount of \$3,436.75 from A.C. Schultes, Inc.

Debra DeBlasio made a motion to approve the Change Order from A.C. Schultes, Inc. in the amount of \$3,436.75 contingent upon the Contractor installing the last item,

and the job is completed to the satisfaction of David Busch, Martin Witt and Vanessa Nedricks approval. Lisa Mangone 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.

H2O Grant for Public Sewer on Old Bristol Pike- The Authority was awarded a Grant in the amount of \$168,652.00.

The Board directed Vanessa Nedrick to proceed with the design of the Old Bristol Pike Force Main and Pump Station Project.

2011 Inflow & Infiltration Program- Vanessa Nedrick has given David Busch and Martin Witt the plans and specs to review and make any comments. Vanessa Nedrick will have the Bid Opening for this project on June 15, 2011.

Item #6 – Executive Director Report- Executive Director’s Report attached.

Bond Financing- David Busch informed the Board the Township has not completed their audit at this time, when they complete their audit he will go for a rating agency.

Green Door Hangers- David Busch informed the Board that green door hangers have been posted on the customer that have leaks informing them of a possible leak. The door hangers explain how to read their meters and a water conservation book is stapled to the door hanger. The office staff is keeping a record of the customers that have received the door hangers.

Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority- David Busch informed the Board that he has spoken to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority regarding the Surge Tank. Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority has dropped the estimated cost for the Tank from \$3 million to \$2.1 million. David Busch would not recommend the Township of Falls Authority signing a contract for the Surge Tank at this time.

Act 537 Plan- The Township is requesting a proposal from Remington Vernick & Beach to prepare the Act 537 Plan.

David Busch stated that Remington Vernick and Beach would do a good job preparing the Act 537 Plan.

Item #7 - Review of Bill List- Lisa Mangone made a motion to approve the revised bill list for May 25, 2011, in the amount of \$ 786,626.39 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.

Item #10 – Board Comment – Lisa Magone will be participating in the Susan G. Komen 3 Day for the Cure and would like The Authority to donate a rain barrel to be raffled off at the Township’s Community Day in September for this event.

Debra DeBlasio made a motion to donate a rain barrel to be raffled off at The Township’s Community Day in September. John Palmer seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0-1.

John Palmer stated that he has heard that there is a grant for solar

power that would be available in the near future.

Tom Beach informed John Palmer that he would look to see if there was a grant for solar power.

John Palmer questioned if the Inflow & Infiltration projects should be suspended for two years in order to remain within budget and free up money for a potential project along Bristol Pike.

David Busch stated that DEP and Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority want to see annual progress toward the reduction of I & I so suspending work may not be possible. It was further stated that some of the cost of these projects might be financed over a longer period of time reducing the impact on the annual operating budget and the rates of the Authority.

Adjournment – Lisa Mangone made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 P.M. John Palmer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.