

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

September 26, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, in the Board Room at 557 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA, at 7:02 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, absent, Rob Praga, attending Engineer, present, 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 August 22, 2018 Meeting – Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Binney 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 – Mr. Mike Nye was present to ask if Ms. Nedrick has had an opportunity to look into removing the gambion that is negatively impacting surface water in Bristol Township. The Board requested that he leave his contact information so that Ms. Nedrick can respond to him directly since she was not present for the Board meeting.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Flager stated that a special meeting will be held on Oct. 1 by Falls Township which he will attend regarding the amended on-lot sewage ordinance. He stated that he has been working with the Township and they have been very receptive. Mr. Flager reported that the vote will take place at the Township meeting on Oct. 16.

Mr. Flager reported that the Authority is still waiting on further information regarding the Neptune meter issue.

Engineer's Report –

TOFA Building Center Space Fit Out – Mr. Praga stated that they will be applying for a building permit next week.

TTHM & HAA5 Investigation – Mr. Praga stated that per discussions with Authority staff, RVE is looking into operational alternatives to active aeration systems.

2017 Water Main Lining Project – Mr. Praga reported that ADA ramps and paving restorations are complete. He is requesting payment of September requisition for construction and inspection in the amount of \$3221.50.

Mr. Binney made a motion to table this until further clarification on the invoice detail has been received.

New Falls Interconnect Generator – Mr. Praga reported that start up and training for the new generator took place on September 20th and 21st.

SCADA Design – Mr. Praga reported that the contractor is procuring materials and parts to build the SCADA system.

2018 Water Main Lining Project – Mr. Praga stated that construction is underway. He would like to request payment of September requisition in the amount of \$18,360.57 for construction management and inspection services.

Mr. Beier made a motion to pay September requisition in the amount of \$18,360.57. Mr. Binney 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.

2018 I/I Project – Mr. Praga reported that construction has begun. He also stated that the contractor has inspected the sewers in Lower Makefield Township near Charles Boehm School and has found a significant and unusual flows for the time of year. He presented a video taken in the summer when school was not in session. Mr. Praga stated that lining the sewer may be something to consider in the future.

Penn Village Pump Station Bypass – Mr. Praga reported that construction is scheduled to start on September 24.

Tyburn Road Pump Station Bypass – Mr. Praga stated that the preliminary design is underway.

New Falls Interconnection – Mr. Praga stated that RVE is applying for PennDot Highway Occupancy permit.

Act 57 Study – Mr. Praga stated that RVE is waiting for the 2017 audit to be finalized.

Cabot Diesel Study – Mr. Praga reported that RVE is coordinating a site meeting with Authority staff to discuss current operation.

Falls Township Act 537 Plan – Mr. Praga stated that revisions to the plan will be made in response to the August 17th DEP review letter. He stated that TOFA and the Township met with DEP on September 12th. He noted that a revised plan will be resubmitted the week of September 24th.

Mr. Binney stated that last month it was discussed that Ms. Nedrick would send over the necessary documents so that he could follow-up on the Turnpike Interchange Project. He noted that nothing has been sent to date.

Executive Director's Report –

Fallsington Day – Mr. Hartman announced that Megan O'Neill and Tammy McAnulty would staff the Authority's canopy at the annual Fallsington Day event. He added that they would have available toilet testing tablets and candy. It was suggested that they be prepared to take questions about the Township's new on-lot sewage requirements and the Authority's new related responsibilities.

On-lot Sewage Management – Mr. Hartman reiterated that based on input from the Authority and the PADEP the Township was in the process of amending its new on-lot sewage management ordinance and would be conducting a public meeting on Monday evening, October 1, to explain the changes and answer

questions. Mr. Hartman told the Board that he and other members of the staff and consulting staff would be in attendance.

2019 Draft Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets – Mr. Hartman noted that a second draft of the 2019 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets had been circulated to the Board for review and comment. He said that staff had reached out to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA), Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority (LBCJMA) and Morrisville Municipal Authority (MMA) to learn if there would be rate increases in 2019 imposed on their bulk customers. Mr. Hartman related that BCWSA had not yet decided, that LBCJMA indicated it would probably not have rate increases and that MMA said it would probably have a modest rate increase but had not determined how much.

It was the sense of the Board that the proposed Fallsington Interconnect in the Capital Improvement Budget would be very beneficial to the water system.

2017 Audit – Mr. Hartman reported that he and the Business Manager and the Operations Manager are working with the auditors to answer remaining questions and that the auditor expected to have draft audited financials early in October.

Mr. Binney noted that under the PECO charge it identifies damage at 503 Queen Anne. Mr. Ryba stated that while digging up a curb stop with the backhoe the PECO lines were hit. He stated that the lines were marked but it was a tight spot and should have been dug by hand instead of with the backhoe.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of

\$519,317.45. 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 there should be safety or training regarding one calls. Mr. Ryba stated that all of the field crew has undergone One Call class. He stated that lines are usually hit when the lines are mismarked.

Mr. Beier - Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their efforts. Mr. Beier stated that he appreciates all of the efforts with the water storage tank mixers.

Mr. Binney - No comment

Mr. Goodwin - No comment

Mr. Rosso - No comment

Adjournment – Mr. Rosso made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.

