

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
February 26, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 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, Brian Binney, Secretary, William Beier, Treasurer, and Thomas Miles, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, were present. Michael Levin, Authority Solicitor and James Bulicki, Authority Engineer, were present, Vanessa Nedrick was absent. Timothy Hartman, Executive Director, John Ryba, Operations Manager, Megan Parmer, Business Manager and Tammy McNulty, Recording Secretary, were present.

Solicitor’s Report on the Executive Session – Mr. Levin reported that the Executive sessions consisted of various policy discussions and project matters.

Approve Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2020 Meeting – Mr. Beier made a motion to approve January 22, 2020 meeting 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. Levin had no new business to discuss.

Engineer's Report –

Penn's Place PS Upgrade – Mr. Bulickii's is requesting the approval from the Board for Change Order #1 in the amount of \$622.00 to Blooming Glen.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$622.00 to Blooming Glen. 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

Mr. Bulicki is requesting Board approval for Payment Certificate #1 in the amount of \$136,457.16 to Blooming Glen.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve Payment Certificate #1 in the amount of \$136,457.16 to Blooming Glen. 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

Fallsington Interconnection – Mr. Bulicki is requesting payment for Change Order #1 in the amount of \$26,960.76 to Isidore Construction.

Mr. Beier made a motion to pay Change Order #1 in the amount of \$26,960.76 to Isidore Construction. 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

Mr. Bulicki is recommending payment of Certificate #3 in the amount of \$42,962.00 to Isidore Construction.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve Payment Certificate #3 in the amount of \$42,962.00. 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

Nottingham Village I/I Project – Mr. Bulicki is recommending payment of Change Order #1 in the amount of \$45,925.25 to SAK Construction.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$45,925.25 to SAK Construction. 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

Mr. Bulicki is requesting payment of Certificate #2 in the amount of \$85,735.54 to SAK Construction.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve payment of Certificate #2 in the amount of \$85,735.54 to SAK Construction. 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

2020 I/I – Mr. Bulicki is requesting Board approval of the RVE proposal to design and manage the next scheduled I/I project for a cost not to exceed \$71,290.00.

Mr. Binney asked why on the list of roads containing the sewer mains there are two roads off by themselves. Mr. Ryba showed Mr. Binney on the map how the water flows through sewer mains down towards these roads. Mr. Hartman asked Mr. Bulicki if the cost includes design as well as inspections and Mr. Bulicki responded that it does.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the RVE proposal design and manage the I/I project at a cost not to exceed \$71,290.00. 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

On-Call Paving – Mr. Bulicki recommended the Notice of Intent to Award to Isidore Construction the Authority’s on-call paving work at the unit price listed in their quote.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to award the Notice of Intent to Award to Isidore Construction. Mr. Miles seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Binney	No
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	No
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carried 3-2

Executive Director’s Report –

Retirement Plan Renewal – Mr. Hartman explained to the Board that he was informed by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) administration that it was necessary for the Authority to adopt a restated, but essentially unchanged, employee pension agreement with the PMRS. Mr. Hartman noted he had provided the Board with the documents provided to him by the PMRS and that staff, including the Authority’s labor counsel, had participated in a conference call with PMRS administrative counsel to better understand the need for and the elements of the amended agreement. Mr. Hartman presented the amended restated agreement to the Board for approval with staff endorsement:

Mr. Beier made a motion to adopt a restated and unchanged employee pension agreement with PMRS. 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

Mr. Hartman then read into the record and presented to the Board, Authority Resolution 2020-1 formally adopting the amended pension plan.

Mr. Beier made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-1 adopting the amended pension plan as read.

2020 Field Operations Truck – Mr. Hartman referred the Board to Mr. Ryba's detailed specifications for an Authority field operations truck and requested the Board authorize the purchase of a truck meeting those specifications through the Pennsylvania COSTARS program for a cost not to exceed \$42,000.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve a new field operations truck not to exceed \$42,000. 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

Sewer Backup Policy – Mr. Hartman reported that he had reached out to a number of area sewer authorities to gauge the level of remedial assistance provided to customers whose properties had been negatively affected by sewer backups. He told the Board that their responses were consistent with the Authority’s practice of dispatching a cleanup contractor to handle immediate hazards and advising the customer to contact its homeowners insurance company to handle any further remediation in consultation with the Authority’s carrier. He recommended that the Board endorse the continuation of this policy.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to endorse the continuation of the sewer backup policy. All were in favor.

Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority Support – Mr. Hartman reported that he had met with top management of the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) to confirm its continued participation in the Contractor Services Agreement between the two authorities which runs through July 31, 2021. He said they informed him it was the intent of BCWSA to honor the Agreement through its current term. Mr. Hartman added that BCWSA was also interested in continuing as the Authority’s water main lining contractor and that BCWSA was in the process of developing a quote for lining the water mains for the neighborhood closest to the new Fallsington Interconnect.

Personnel Update – Mr. Hartman informed the Board that all three Crew Members hired in April of 2018 had successfully completed the requirements established in the Memorandum of Agreement with SEIU 32BJ and have been

promoted to Operator 1 prior to the prescribed 24 months.

Statement of Financial Interests Filing – Mr. Hartman advised Board and staff that the Statement of Financial Interests forms had been distributed and requested that they be completed and submitted as soon as possible. He added that the filing due date for the 2019 submission by the Authority is May 1, 2020.

Bill List – No Board comment.

Bills for Payment – Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,293,746.71. 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 asked Mr. Ryba if we received quotes on the backhoe. Mr. Hartman stated that he and Mr. Ryba had gone to Earthborne to inspect a suitable replacement backhoe with an extended boom. Mr. Ryba stated that they are waiting for a quote on the new backhoe and the trade-in value for the existing backhoe.

Mr. Binney – No comment.

Mr. Beier – Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their efforts and he expressed his pleasure at seeing the safety items taken care of. Mr. Beier also stated that he is happy to see that the water samples are coming back good since we do not want to have any issues. Mr. Ryba commented that everything has been good with the samples. Mr. Beier stated that we just need to know prior to any problems.

Mr. Goodwin – Mr. Goodwin asked why there were men out on Penn Lane marking, and asked what they were working on. Mr. Ryba stated that it was Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority marking pit locations for the potential lining project.

Mr. Rosso – No comment.

Adjournment – Mr. Rosso made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.