

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

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

Solicitor's Report on the Executive Session – Mr. Levin reported that the Executive sessions consisted of ongoing operational issues as well as discussion on the upcoming budget.

Approve Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2020 Meeting – Mr. Binney made a motion to approve the August 26, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Public Comment – No public comment.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Levin stated that in Executive session he discussed the PennDot re-construction project on Big Oak Road and its implication on sewer connections. He noted that he is also looking for Board approval on Resolution 2020-07 to enter into the nine-year Master Casting Agreement with PennDot.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-07 per Mr. Levin's description of the agreement with PennDot. Mr. Binney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Engineer's Report –

Headley Sewage Pump Station Generator and Fence Project – Mr. Bulicki stated that they met with the Township and finalized the fencing layout. He noted that the revised plans have been submitted to the Township for permits.

PA Small Water Grant for Water Main Lining – Mr. Bulicki stated that the work should begin September 24, 2020.

2019-2020 Inflow and Infiltration Project – Mr. Bulicki reported that the

damaged sewer line was repaired on South Olds Road by BCWSA on September 21, 2020.

2021 Inflow and Infiltration Project – Mr. Bulicki is recommending Notice of Intent to Award to Standard Pipe Services, LLC. In the amount of \$520,815.00.

Mr. Binney made a motion to approve the Intent to Award to Standard Pipe Services, LLC. In the amount of \$520,815.00. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Mr. Binney asked if with the re-lining project it is necessary to have someone there to inspect while the temporary line is put in. Ms. Nedrick stated that they met with the Fire Marshall and BCWSA to review the job and she agrees it is not necessary for an inspector to be there for that, however, she feels they should be present for the other aspects of the project. She noted that the project will begin tomorrow.

Mr. Binney asked why is it necessary to have two people there to inspect the I/I project. Ms. Nedrick stated that there is two different parts of the job taking place at different areas and it helps to keep the contractors honest in making sure the job is done as specified. Mr. Binney then noted that Mr. Ryba stated that the contractor skipped over some of the manholes and that is how a

piece of equipment got stuck. Mr. Binney asked how that happens if there is an inspector overseeing the work. Ms. Nedrick stated that there are times when the contractor would leave the job and would not notify RVE when they returned. She noted that when the job was performed at Charles Bohem this same contractor did a good job for us, but there has been numerous issues with the company this time. Mr. Ryba stated that his and Mr. Hartman's dissatisfaction has been conveyed to them and he is requesting we do not use them again in the future.

Ms. Nedrick distributed a list of the inspector's duties. Mr. Binney stated he has no issues with the items on the list; however, it is the extras that are sometimes added in.

Mr. Binney asked Ms. Nedrick why an inspector is needed if BCWSA is doing the job. Ms. Nedrick stated that there are times when the wrong fittings have been used, and it is not what TOFA requires so the inspector will make them change it out. She noted they are making some changes and will be working on the issues.

Executive Director's Report –

Employee Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation Annual Calculation – Mr. Hartman presented to the Board for approval the annual employee pension Minimum Municipal Obligation calculation in the amount of \$145,432.

Mr. Binney made a motion to approve the annual employee pension Minimum Municipal Obligation calculated in the amount of \$145,432. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles Yes

Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

COVID – 19 Operations Impact – Mr. Hartman Reported that all three of the employees who had been in quarantine due to actual or potential contact with infected persons had returned to work and that none of them had tested positive for the virus.

2021 Draft Budget – Mr. Hartman reported to the Board that a 2021 Budget draft had been circulated to the Board and that he had begun to receive and respond to comments. He added that he expected to circulate another draft budget in the coming weeks that could result in an adopted 2021 Budget at the October 28 Board meeting.

Mr. Binney asked Mr. Ryba if the fire hydrant is operational on Falls Tullytown Road as mentioned previously. Mr. Ryba stated it is not and he is working on it.

Mr. Binney asked Mr. Ryba why the pump at Amesbury was sent out for repair when he was under the assumption, they were being repaired in-house. Mr. Ryba stated that it was sent out to Flight who has always rebuilt the pumps but he can have some of the field staff trained on working on the pumps if that would be preferred. Mr. Binney stated he would like for our staff to handle the pumps.

Review of the Bill List –

Mr. Binney asked what the charge was for Exeter Supply. Mr. Ryba stated it was for the lateral camera.

Mr. Binney asked what the charge for \$3942.00 to Pendergast was for. Mr. Ryba stated it was for safety harnesses in case a field member needs to go in a manhole. He noted that Pendergast will also be out to do a training on the proper use of the equipment.

Mr. Binney asked Ms. Nedrick if everything with Viking Associates is now closed. Ms. Nedrick stated the escrow release has been sent over to them and they are now waiting on Viking.

Bills for Payment – Mr. Binney made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$375,474.78. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Board Comment

Mr. Miles – No comment.

Mr. Binney – No comment.

Mr. Goodwin – Mr. Goodwin asked if TOFA will be participating in Fallsington Day this year if they are having it. Mr. Hartman stated that Fallsington Day will be taking place, however, TOFA will not be having a table.

Mr. Goodwin asked what the digging was for out front. Mr. Hartman stated that is for the enhanced lighting that will be installed to illuminate flagpole.

Mr. Rosso – No comment.

Adjournment – Mr. Rosso made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.

