

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 24, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:12 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call – Anthony Rosso, Chairperson and William Beier, Treasurer, participated via teleconference, James Goodwin, Vice Chairperson, Brian Binney, Secretary, were present. Thomas Miles, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, was absent. Michael Levin, Authority Solicitor, present and James Bulicki, Authority Engineer, present and Vanessa Nedrick, Authority Engineer was 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 – Executive Session consisted of various business and administrative matters.

Approve Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2021 Meeting – Mr. Binney made a motion to approve the minutes for January 27, 2021. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Public Comment – No public comment.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Levin reported that this past week a zoom meeting was held with KVK Teck and a new meter will be installed for more accuracy. Mr. Levin noted that the company will be entering into production phase this year and we will be able to be access the actual usage.

Mr. Levin stated that he received a proposal agreement from PA American Water with regards to water shut-offs for our delinquent sewer customers. He noted that the agreement appears to be in compliance with TOFA's regulations and he recommended the Board's approval to enter the agreement.

Mr. Binney made a motion to approve the shut-off agreement with PA American Water. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Engineer's Report –

KVK - Mr. Bulicki reported that a replacement flow meter has been ordered. Mr. Hartman added that the meter has already been delivered.

2019-2020 Inflow and Infiltration Project – Mr. Bulicki is recommending Payment Certificate #2 in the amount of \$64,662.66 to Mobile Dredging & Video

Pipe Inc.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve payment Certificate #2 in the amount of \$64,662.66 to Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe Inc. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Failed 2-2

2021 Inflow and Infiltration – Mr. Bulicki is recommending Payment Certificate #1 in the amount of \$41,953.50 to Standard Pipe Services, LLC.

Mr. Binney made a motion to approve Payment Certificate #1 in the amount of \$41,953.50 to Standard Pipe Services, LLC. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Mr. Binney asked if the Fallsington Interconnect is still waiting for water

allocation and is it open. Mr. Ryba responded that it is open and this has happened before.

Executive Director's Report –

Mr. Hartman requested board approval to post an Operator 4 position to backfill the vacancy that will result from the retirement of the current Foreman.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve posting the position of Operator 4. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes with the stipulation that the new hire will be at the bottom of the seniority list and work weekends.
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

Small Water and Sewer Grants – Mr. Hartman reported that the Authority Engineer and management staff have developed a good working relationship with the Department of Community and Economic Development staff with regards to the reimbursement of grant related expenditures. He said the full \$215,000 award amount for the 2020 water main lining project is expected to be released shortly.

2020 Pickup Truck Order – Mr. Hartman reported that the pickup truck budgeted in 2020 has been received and is now in operation. He added that the 2021 budgeted pickup is scheduled to be built in May of this year.

COVID – 19 Status - Mr. Hartman reported that no employee is currently quarantined due to the contraction of COVID – 19 or due to exposure to anyone who has contracted it. He added that in- building service calls will resume on Monday, March 1.

Mr. Goodwin asked if the trucks and office are still being fogged. Mr. Hartman responded that they both are being fogged twice a week but we can probably reduce the fogging to once a week.

Mr. Binney asked if the injection system is up and running. Mr. Ryba stated that it should be running by next meeting.

Review of the Bill List –

Mr. Binney stated that he noticed that the Harris bill amount has not changed. Ms. Parmer noted that a call was placed with Mr. Rosso and Harris Computer Systems and all the services listed are used.

Mr. Binney asked about the invoice for MJF Electric regarding the New Falls generator and what it was for. Ms. Nedrick stated that the part needed for the generator repair was covered under warranty, however, labor was not.

Bills for Payment – Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$910,046.85. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Board Comment

Mr. Beier – Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their efforts and he stated that a great organization has been put together. He noted that he is very pleased about where we are now financially compared to 7 years ago when he joined the Board.

Mr. Binney – Mr. Binney referred to the Profit and Loss statement and asked about the training/dues/meeting being budged for \$10,000 and how it has used \$10,000 already. He also asked why the cell tower income is down. Ms. Parmer stated she will look into this.

Mr. Binney stated that he is glad everyone is staying healthy and hopes everyone keeps up the good work.

Mr. Goodwin – Mr. Goodwin stated that he too is pleased to see us in a much better financial standing. He also noted he is glad to see us getting back to normal.

Mr. Rosso – No comment.

Adjournment – Mr. Goodwin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.