

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 24, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:11 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call – Anthony Rosso, Chairperson, present, 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, Vanessa Nedrick and James Bulicki, Authority Engineers, 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 Executive Session consisted of various business and administrative matters.

Approve Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2021 Meeting – Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve the minutes for February 24, 2021. Mr. Beier 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 the Authority received communication from Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA) requesting that the Township of Falls Authority oppose the House Bill 957 which would establish customers with several properties served by one unit to be classified as commercial unless they opted to remain residential customers. Staff recommended the Authority express its opposition via letters to the members of the PA House Local Government Committee.

Mr. Binney made a motion to follow the recommendation of PMAA. 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

Mr. Levin stated that Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority (LBCJMA) has approached Falls Township requesting they adopt their pre-treatment limits. He noted that the TOFA Board can recommend to Falls Township if they are in favor or against. Mr. Rosso asked Ms. Nedrick if she has reviewed the request and she stated she has. She noted that this only would apply to commercial businesses in the area that Lower Bucks Joint Municipal services. The Board indicated its support for adopting LBCJMA pre-treatment limits.

Mr. Levin stated that KVK picked up the new ultrasonic meter today and it should be installed tomorrow. Mr. Rosso suggested staff read the meter weekly to see the usage.

Engineer's Report –

Headley Sewage Pump Station Fence Project – Mr. Bulicki reported that the fence has been completed and the project is now complete.

2019-2020 Inflow and Infiltration Project – Mr. Bulicki recommended Payment Certificate #2 in the amount of \$64,662.66 to Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. Mr. Bulicki noted that we are still holding the final payment as well as \$20,000.00.

Mr. Binney noted that he will vote to authorize this payment but nothing further until Mobile Dredging signs the pending change order.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve Payment Certificate #2 to Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

2021 Inflow & Infiltration Project – Mr. Bulicki is recommending Change Order #1 which reflects a \$60.00 reduction in the total project cost due to a change from full length lining to point repair lining by Standard Pipe Services.

Mr. Binney made a motion to approve Change Order #1 reflecting a \$60.00 reduction. 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

On-Call Paving – Mr. Bulicki is recommending Payment Certificate #3 in the amount of \$21,827.52 to Isidore Construction Company, LLC. for on-call paving.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve Payment Certificate #3 to Isidore Construction Company, LLC. for on-call paving in the amount of \$21,827.52. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

EPA Risk and Resilience Assessment/Emergency Response Plan – Mr. Bulicki reported that they are finalizing the Risk and Resilience assessment prior

to revising the Emergency Response Plan.

Executive Director's Report –

Second Quarter Requisition for release of Budgeted Operating Funds –

Mr. Hartman requested approval of Requisition RF-2 in the amount of \$3,426,583 to be submitted to the Trustee, U.S. Bank, for release of the second quarter budgeted operating funds on an as available and as needed basis.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve Requisition RF-2 in the amount of \$3,426,583 to the Trustee, U.S. Bank for the release of the second quarter budgeted operating funds on as needed basis. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

2020 Statement of Financial Interests – Mr. Hartman noted that the Statement of Financial Interest forms have been distributed to Board members and staff and that the deadline for their submission was April 30.

2020 Audit Status – Mr. Hartman advised the Board that a written audit status had been provided to the Board and that the auditor reported the audit was progressing smoothly with the exception of the PMRS Valuation Report which was not expected to be received until mid-April due to computer programming changes.

COVID – 19 Update - Mr. Hartman reported that no one was currently quarantined. He added that the Fire Marshal had requested identifying information for all employees design vaccination and that the names of those individuals had been sent through the Fire Marshal to the County.

2021 Vehicle Order Update – Mr. Hartman reported that the ordered 2021 pickup truck has been received by the dealer and is now with the utility body builder for completion.

Mr. Ryba reported that Ernie Williams of Sprawling was out to install a new flow meter at Oxford Valley Pump Station. He noted that he is just waiting on parts for the Tyburn Station.

Review of the Bill List –

Mr. Binney asked Mr. Levin if the bills regarding KVK were coming out of their escrow. Mr. Levin stated no but he will resubmit them.

Mr. Binney asked about the amount of the payment to Q.C. Labs not being the same as the bill amount. Ms. Parmer stated it is for two months since the bills overlapped.

Mr. Binney stated that the bills under RVE list numerous charges for 250 Canal Road for sanitary sewer inspection however we do not service the sewer there. Ms. Nedrick noted that it is a typo and should be listed as water not sewer. She stated she will have the corrections made.

Bills for Payment – Mr. Rosso made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$996,896.17. Mr. Beier 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 wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mr. Binney – Mr. Binney wished everyone a happy and safe Easter. He also noted that since he sits on the Board of the Planning Commission, he is aware that GSP bought three more trailer parks owned by Pennwood Crossing. He is requesting the Board consider finding some money to connect sewer to this area. Mr. Bulicki presented some preliminary figures of \$330,000.00 for a pump station and about \$500,000.00 to provide the sewerage to the MMA system to include engineering fees. He stated that TOFA should receive about \$280,000.00 back in tapping fees. Mr. Rosso would like an estimate to include the entire area down there and suggested looking into grants.

Mr. Goodwin – No comment.

Mr. Rosso – Mr. Rosso apologized for being late for the meeting. He noted that he was contacted by a few of our prior summer helps looking to see if we would be doing the program this year. Mr. Hartman stated he wasn't sure if it was included in this year's budget. Mr. Goodwin expressed that he feels we should not have summer help this year since the guys are not even fully back into homes yet. Mr. Hartman will look into this further.

Adjournment – Mr. Rosso made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.

