

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
June 23, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 7:09 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

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

Approve Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2021 Meeting – Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve the minutes for May 26, 2021. Mr. Beier 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. Donald Haas of Bogia Engineering, Inc., was present on behalf of the Lincoln Storage LLC project. Mr. Haas stated that the self-storage facility is looking to connect to water and sewer running behind the facility to Juliet Road. They are requesting that the Township of Falls Authority absorb the additional cost that would be incurred as a result of the Authority's plan changes, and in turn the applicant would dedicate the line to TOFA. He stated that the estimated additional cost the developer would like TOFA to pay is \$36,000.00. He noted this cost is due to the change from an 8' line instead of the proposed 4" line as well as the installment of six to eight additional manholes. Mr. Levin stated that if any other businesses wish to tie in within ten years, the developer can recover some of the cost directly. Mr. Rosso stated that the Board can certainly take the request under consideration, but he is not in favor of the Authority absorbing any of the cost. Mr. Binney noted that the Authority can require the water and sewer lines to run from the front, which would be more expensive, but is not requiring that. Mr. Haas asked if the Board would be entertaining the request to absorb the additional cost of \$36,000.00. Mr. Miles stated that he believes the Authority is within its rights to refuse the request. Ms. Nedrick stated that the Municipal Authorities Act allows TOFA to request this additional work to be done by the contractor. The sense of the Board was to not consider the request for official action at this time.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to close public comment. All were in favor.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Levin reported that he has a water service agreement for Board approval for 1801 South Pennsylvania Avenue for Shades of Green tree service.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve entering into a water service agreement with Shades of Green at 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue. 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. Levin reported that he has the revised agreement from NorthPoint and it appears to have everything the Board has requested. He noted that there were a few revisions on behalf of NorthPoint; however, everything appears in order. Mr. Levin is requesting Board approval to enter into the agreement with NorthPoint following Board review.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve entering into the agreement with NorthPoint, as long as Mr. Levin doesn't receive any negative Board feedback after 5 days. 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. Levin is requesting Board approval to collect the tapping fees from 38 Cabot Blvd.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve Mr. Levin collecting the tapping fees from 38 Cabot Blvd. Mr. Miles 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

Engineer's Report –

Shades of Green – Mr. Bulicki is recommending the Authority approve the water connection plans for Shades of Green at 1801 S. Pennsylvania Ave.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve the water connection plans for Shades of Green. Mr. Beier 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 to enter into a service agreement with Dukes for manhole inspections at the cost of \$44,687.00 to include RVE fees as wells as Dukes.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve the agreement for manhole inspections with Dukes at the cost of \$44,687.00 to include RVE and Dukes fees. Mr. Beier 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

Executive Director's Report -

2021 Audit Update - Mr. Hartman informed the Board that due to the extraordinary delay in receiving the annual PMRS reports, the Authority Auditor, Cathy Seiler of Brinker Simpson, is preparing a qualified audit without benefit of the PMRS data for Board adoption and submittal to the Trustee, U.S. Bank.

2021 2011 Bond Issue Refinancing - Mr. Hartman advised the Board that the refinancing schedule may be affected by the delay in receiving the annual PMRS reports. He added that Chairman Rosso, Secretary Binney, Financial Advisor Chris Gibbons and he participated in a conference call with PMRS CEO Tim Reese earlier in the day and were later assured by Mr. Reese that the

Authority was in the top 3% of municipalities whose reports would be generated. Mr. Hartman said that no specific time frame for reports production was given.

Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association Voting Delegates Notification –

Mr. Hartman informed the Board that the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA) has requested that the Board designate primary and alternate voting delegates to represent the Authority in PMAA matters and to notify it of the delegation selections. Mr. Hartman said that he and Operations Manager John Ryba would be willing to serve in those capacities if the Board saw fit and provided the Board with language for a motion. He added that voting is usually requested for periodic slates of PMAA officers and changes to bylaws.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve Mr. Hartman and Mr. Ryba as primary and alternate PMAA voting delegates for the Authority. Mr. Beier 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

Authority Parking Lot Security – Mr. Hartman advised the Board that staff would be exploring ways to better secure the Authority parking lot since it has recently become the target for vandalism and thefts.

Mr. Ryba informed the Board that the TOFA project manager, Rachel

Jardine passed her water certification exam and will now hold a water license. He noted that this is not an easy task especially for someone with no field experience. He stated that this will allow him to have Rachel assist him with some water sampling that he does in the office.

Review of the Bill List -

Mr. Binney asked if the 4" meter purchased for Aria Health gets reimbursed. Ms. Parmer stated yes, and added it has already been paid for.

Bills for Payment - Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$573,678.37. Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Board Comment

Mr. Miles - Mr. Miles asked if there were any updates on SCADA. Mr. Ryba reported that TOFA just contracted with Allied Controls which will take over the maintenance. He noted that Allied will handle the upgrades and integration with the stations.

Mr. Binney - Mr. Binney asked about the injection at New Falls. Mr. Ryba stated that he is waiting on the exact chemical and container size that he needs

to order. He added he should know this week. Mr. Ryba stated that he needs to figure out the mechanics of on-site delivery from Coyne Chemical. He noted everything should be up and running by next meeting.

Mr. Beier – Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their efforts.

Mr. Goodwin – No comment.

Mr. Rosso – No comment.

Adjournment – Mr. Rosso made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.

