

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 25, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call – Anthony Rosso, Chairperson was absent, 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, was absent and James Bulicki, 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 – Mr. Levin reported that Executive Session consisted of various legal, financial and administrative matters.

Approve Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2021 Meeting – Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the minutes for July 28, 2021. Mr. Miles seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Abstain

Motion Carried 3-0

Public Comment – No public comment.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Levin reported that a conference call was held with Wheelabrator regarding a proposed reduction in water usage at their facility. He stated that Wheelabrator will be looking to re-negotiate their water service agreement once everything is in place. Mr. Miles requested we receive the procedures from Wheelabrator on what they are looking to do. Mr. Ryba noted that they will be providing in writing exactly what they will be doing as well as what changes they are looking for.

Mr. Levin reported that the attorney for KVK Tech has reached out again requesting an additional 30-day extension since they are still investigating. However, he said they are willing to pay \$100,000.00 in tapping fees now until everything is figured out. Mr. Goodwin asked if requesting \$200,000.00 would be a feasible request but Mr. Levin feels that it may not be due to their current cash flow issues. Mr. Binney stated he could support a 30-day extension with the \$100,000.00 tapping fee down payment. However, he said he could support no further extensions beyond the 30-days he could support.

Engineer's Report –

On-Call Paving – Mr. Bulicki recommended Change Order #3 with a reduction in cost of \$261.50 to Isidore Construction.

Mr. Binney made a motion to approve Change Order #3 with a reduction in cost of \$261.50 to Isidore Construction. Mr. Miles seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Mr. Bulicki recommended Board approval for Payment Certificate #7 in the amount of \$27,301.09 to Isidore Construction.

Mr. Binney made a motion to approve Payment Certificate #7 in the amount of \$27,301.09 to Isidore Construction. Mr. Miles seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Mr. Bulicki recommended Board approval to pursue the Rapid (SCADA) System for Oxford Valley and Penn Village pump stations. Mr. Bulicki noted that it participates in the PA COSTARS pricing program and is under budget.

Mr. Binney made a motion to approve moving forward with the Rapid System for Oxford Valley and Penn Village pump stations not to exceed \$35,000.00. Mr. Miles seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Executive Director's Report -

Refinancing Resolution 2021-10 - Mr. Hartman referred the Board to copies of Resolution 2021-10 which he said had been reviewed with the Board previously by the Authority's Bond Counsel. He recommended the Board adopt the resolution which is required for the \$24,365,000 2011 and 2016 Bond issues refinancing.

Mr. Binney made a motion to adopt the resolution which is required for the \$24,365,000 2011 and 2016 Bond issues refinancing. Mr. Miles seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

2022 Budget - Mr. Hartman advised the Board that management staff would prepare a draft 2022 budget for Board review prior to the September 22

Board meeting.

COVID – 19 Update - Mr. Hartman advised the Board that two employees were briefly quarantined due to either direct employee contact with someone who was infected with the virus or because a household member was in contact with an infected individual. He added that the quarantine was lifted in both instances when COVID – 19 test results proved negative. Acting Chairman Goodwin directed staff to ascertain the current CDC guidance on the need for fully vaccinated individuals to quarantine following exposure to individuals infected with COVID – 19.

Review of the Bill List – Mr. Binney asked Mr. Bulicki what year’s connections we are trying to get released. Mr. Bulicki responded that they are working on 2018; he said 2017’s were released early last year. Mr. Binney asked how many more we are looking for. Mr. Bulicki responded he believes 12 more.

Mr. Binney also stated that each month he is seeing expenses for tools. Mr. Ryba noted that they have been ordering some supplies, but he will review to make sure all expenditures are necessary.

Bills for Payment – Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$904,763.90. Mr. Miles seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Board Comment

Mr. Miles – Mr. Miles noted that with school starting back up, we should make sure the field staff is mindful of buses and traffic.

Mr. Binney – No comment.

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

Mr. Goodwin – No comment.

Adjournment – Mr. Goodwin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.

