

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7:05 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, was absent and James Bulicki, Authority Engineers, 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 administrative and operational matters.

Approve Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2022 Meeting – Mr. Binney made a motion to approve the minutes for January 26, 2022. 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

Public Comment – Mr. Jeffrey Maffey and Mr. Mark Santella appeared on behalf of Wheelabrator Falls requesting consideration of revising their current agreement regarding the facility’s minimum water usage payment obligation. They reiterated Wheelabrator is requesting to reduce the minimum usage of 500,000 gallons a day on average per quarter to 25,000 gallons a day. They explained Wheelabrator is considering installing an evaporation capture system on the cooling tower which will allow them to reuse water and will reduce their water usage considerably. They stated, if the Authority is willing to agree to the lower minimum water usage and payment obligation, they will proceed with the project which will give them a target of possibly August to have everything up and running. Mr. Rosso stated that he would like the Authority to look into it further to see how other commercial accounts are handled before the Authority commits. However, he said he believes that this is a reasonable request that can be fairly accommodated.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to authorize Mr. Levin to enter a memorandum with Wheelabrator regarding their potential reduced usage. 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

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Levin has a resolution for PennDot Master Casting which will authorize Mr. Hartman to sign the necessary documents to enter an agreement.

Mr. Binney made a motion to approve the Resolution for PennDot Master Casting which will authorize Mr. Hartman to enter an agreement. Mr. Rosso 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 enter a Water and Sewer Agreement with WAWA located at 500 Lincoln Highway.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve the Water and Sewer Agreement for WAWA at 500 Lincoln Highway. Mr. Goodwin 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 for a Water and Sewer Agreement for Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers Restaurant located at the old Macaroni Grill site.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve the Water and Sewer Agreement for Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers Restaurant. 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 KVK has signed the agreement and has set-up a monthly payment schedule.

Mr. Levin is looking for Board approval for a Sewer Service Agreement for 31 West Tyburn Road so they can connect to public sewer.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve the Sewer Service Agreement for 31 West Tyburn Road. 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 -

2021 Inflow and Infiltration Project - Mr. Bulicki recommended Change Order #4 to Standard Pipe Services for a net reduction of \$46,656.00.

Mr. Binney made a motion to approve Change Order #4 to Standard Pipe services for a net reduction of \$46,656.00. Mr. Rosso 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 reported that there are some local share grants that he would like approval to apply for in conjunction with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants for the Old Bristol Pike project, I/I project and for the remainder of the stations for the RAFA systems.

It was the sense of the Board to proceed.

Executive Director's Report –

COVID – 19 Update - Mr. Hartman reported that there were no reported COVID-19 cases among the staff since the January 26 Board meeting report.

CBA Renewal Schedule – Mr. Hartman reported that the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Authority and SEIU Local 32BJ expires on December 31, 2022. He added that he would request a preparatory meeting with the Shop Steward to discuss the negotiation schedule.

Personnel News – Mr. Hartman reported that Authority Foreman Keith Summerville has announced his retirement on April 26, 2022. Mr. Hartman reviewed with the Board plans to recognize Mr. Summerville's service.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms – Mr. Hartman reminded the Board members and staff that the Statement of Financial Interest Forms needed to be filed by May 1, 2022.

Mr. Ryba reported that the RAFA/SCADA systems are being installed this week. He also noted that they are beginning to prepare for the lining project and will begin checking curb stops and gathering necessary equipment. Mr. Ryba reported that the project should begin around the first week of May and last about 6-8 weeks.

Ms. Parmer requested Board approval for Requisition R4 in the amount of \$3,426,583.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve Requisition R4 in the amount of \$3,426,583. 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

Review of the Bill List -

Mr. Binney asked why there was a \$20,000 check for the Commonwealth of PA but not on the bill list. Ms. Parmer responded that it is listed under DEP Chapter 109 in the Transaction List by vendor.

Mr. Binney asked when we are getting rid of the phone lines at the stations since this was one of the selling points supporting the SCADA system. Mr. Ryba stated that he has been using them as a back-up however he will find out how much the lines are costing us.

Mr. Binney asked about the New Falls Injection project. Mr. Ryba responded that he has run into some red tape with the DEP with permitting. Mr. Bulicki added that the dosing should be up and running shortly.

Mr. Binney stated that there was a charge of 4 hrs. for RVE for a site visit to read specs to patch the hole on Wistar Road. He does not feel this is necessary and does not want to see charges like this moving forward.

Bills for Payment – Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the bills in the

amount of \$1,263,887.67. Mr. Rosso 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

Board Comment

Mr. Miles – No comment.

Mr. Binney – Mr. Binney asked about the grease trap inspections. Mr. Ryba stated that the FOG Program was set-up for 6-month inspections. He is hopeful to return to doing the inspections during the 1st quarter, with utilizing the Project Manager to keep records and handle the scheduling.

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

Mr. Goodwin – No comment.

Mr. Rosso – No comment.

Adjournment – Mr. Rosso suggested a motion be made to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m following an Executive Session. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.