

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
June 22, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call – Anthony Rosso, Chairperson, James Goodwin, Vice Chairperson, Brian Binney, Secretary and Thomas Miles, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and William Beier, Treasurer, were present. Michael Levin, Authority Solicitor, was present. Vanessa Nedrick, Authority Engineer, was absent and James Bulicki, Authority Engineer, was present via conference call. 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, operational, and labor matters.

Approve Meeting Minutes for May 25, 2022 Meeting – Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve the minutes for May 25, 2022. 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 – No comment.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Levin stated that he will be meeting with Falls Township regarding Aqua's acquisition of Lower Makefield. He noted that the Township is looking for TOFA's feedback.

Mr. Levin reported that he is continuing discussions with Evoqua.

Mr. Goodwin asked if there have been any updates regarding Wheelabrator. Mr. Levin stated nothing right now, but he would reach out to Wheelabrator.

Engineer's Report –

2021 Inflow and Infiltration Project – Mr. Bulicki reported that the manhole rehab is ongoing.

Tank Maintenance Agreement – Mr. Bulicki stated that Request for Qualifications documents have been posted to PennBid and are due by July 7, 2022.

Business Section Evaluation – Mr. Bulicki reported that a contract has been received by Raftelis and he is requesting Board approval to authorize Mr. Hartman to sign in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve Mr. Hartman to execute the contract for Raftelis in the amount of \$35,000.00. 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

2022 Standard Details Revision – Mr. Bulicki is requesting Board approval to allow RVE to revise the standard details for construction in the amount of \$7,945.00.

Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve RVE to revise the standard details for construction in the amount of \$7,945.00. 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 –

Ms. Parmer presented the Executive Director's Report:

COVID – 19 Update - Ms. Parmer reported no Authority employee reported testing positive for COVID – 19 since the May 25, 2022, Board meeting.

CBA Negotiations – Ms. Parmer reported the CBA negotiations are progressing with just in-house participation at this stage.

Business Section Evaluation – Ms. Parmer reported the Business Section Evaluation RFP with Raftelis has been approved by the Board on June 22, 2022, and work is expected to begin shortly. In response to questions from the Board, it was stated that the project schedule is for 90 days and that the final report will include recommendations for improvement.

Delaware Valley Trust (DVT) Safety Grant – Ms. Parmer reported that the Authority will likely receive \$1037.00 from DVT in the form of a grant for the field staff initiative to improve lighting at various stations.

Mr. Ryba reported that the first round of iron samples has been completed and the second will be done in two weeks. He stated the results will then be sent to PADEP for their recommendations.

Mr. Ryba stated that most of the lining project materials have been ordered and received. He also stated that a letter will be sent out to the effected residents and a community outreach meeting will be held mid-July.

Review of the Bill List –

Mr. Binney questioned the most recent KE Seifert invoice of \$10,000.00. Mr. Ryba replied that there was a broken valve and there was staffing issues which required him to contact Seifert to have the issue resolved in a resolved in a timely matter.

Mr. Binney asked why we are receiving fines from Waste Management.

Ms. Parmer responded that we have received numerous fines in the last few months with regards to our recycling bin. She stated one was because some of the cardboard was not compressed enough which had the lid elevated. She also noted that we receive fines if there are any plastic bags in the bin. Ms. Parmer stated that the summer help has been instructed to make sure everything is broken done properly and to keep an eye on what is placed in the recycle bin.

Mr. Binney has requested that Ms. Parmer keep track of all he supplies ordered for the lining project with the cost so we can compare what the cost is versus what was budgeted for.

Bills for Payment – Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 494,671.72. 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 – Mr. Miles stated that everyone is doing a good job.

Mr. Binney – Mr. Binney stated that on the Profit and Loss statement Budget vs Actual the Emergency Budget has already exceeded the budget by 69%. Mr. Ryba stated that there have been quite a few main breaks this year.

Mr. Rosso asked how many times KE Seifert has been called out and Mr. Binney responded four times this year. Mr. Rosso suggested we continue to handle the breaks when we can in-house.

Mr. Binney has requested to see RVE's proposal for evaluating the building renovations to accommodate the new Vector truck.

Mr. Beier – Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their efforts. He stated that he is proud of the job everyone is doing.

Mr. Goodwin – No comment.

Mr. Rosso – No comment.

Adjournment – Mr. Rosso suggested a motion be made to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.

