

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
May 25, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 25, 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 and William Beier, Treasurer, were present. Michael Levin, Authority Solicitor, was present. Vanessa Nedrick, Authority Engineer, was present 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 administrative and labor matters.

Approve Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2022 Meeting – Mr. Rosso made a motion to approve the minutes for April 27, 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 there has been various meetings to discuss metering, I/I and re-adjusting rates with Lower Makefield.

Mr. Levin reported that he has met with Evoqua regarding the resin beads which Authority staff believes may be causing issues with the pump station. He stated that he received permission to inspect the lateral and Evoqua with have someone there as well.

Mr. Levin stated that KVK was late with their last payment so a phone call was made and a payment was brought to the TOFA office.

Engineer's Report –

Business Section Evaluation – Mr. Bulicki reported that only one proposal was received for \$50,000.00. He noted that he will attempt to get other quotes from professional services to compare.

Cyber Security Assessment – Mr. Bulicki noted that he reached out to some companies since RVE does not have in-house capability. He stated that it appears to be around \$4000.00 for the operations side and \$10,000.00 to include the office. He stated that he has placed a call to the Township to see who they currently use.

Mr. Bulicki stated that they did have someone out regarding modifying the locker room.

Executive Director's Report –

COVID – Update - Mr. Hartman reported to the Board that during the

period between the April Board meeting and the present, one employee reported testing positive for COVID – 19. He added that that employee did not experience severe symptoms and did not return to work until a negative test result was registered.

CBA Renewal – Mr. Hartman reported that he has been directed by the Board to draft a counterproposal representing the consensus of the Board for the union's consideration.

Front Office Evaluation Request for Proposals (RFP) - Mr. Hartman reported that the Authority has received one proposal from a consulting firm named Raftelis in response to its RFP to evaluate the financial functions of the office. He said that although he and the Engineer are impressed with the respondent's credentials, they would feel more comfortable seeking out a few more proposals for review and comparison.

Public Outreach – Mr. Hartman reported that Business Manager Megan Parmer and he responded to a request to participate in a consumer education forum at Fairless Hills Senior Center hosted by local elected officials. He told the Board the purpose of the forum was to answer attendees' questions about the utilities who serve them.

Mr. Ryba reported that as stated in the NOV Resolution with PADEP, he met with Mr. Bulicki and came up with a site sampling plan. He noted that it will include 26 sampling sites and that the first batch was collected today. He said they will continue collecting samples every two weeks and the results will be given to PADEP for their recommendation on the course of action regarding the need for anti-corrosion chemical injection.

Mr. Ryba reported that the flush truck will cost \$50,000.00 for the full repair. He stated that possibly he could put the new flush truck into next year's budget. Mr. Beier asked if he thinks we should purchase the new truck.

Mr. Beier made a motion to buy a flush truck the Vactor 2001. Mr. Rosso would like a \$100,000.00 down and finance \$50,000.00 a year. Mr. Beier agreed, and Mr. Rosso seconded the motion.

Mr. Miles asked if the truck would fit in the building.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Binney	No
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes
Mr. Rosso	Yes

Motion Carried 4-1

Mr. Binney stated he is not opposed to the purchase of the truck; however, he said he does not like the way it is being handled. He stated that it will not fit in the building, and it has not been put in the budget.

Mr. Ryba reported that they are working to get everything in order for the lining project. He said he is working on the break down of everything it entails, working on letters for the customers. He also stated that no permits are required. He noted that they are looking to start the first week of August and should take six to eight weeks to complete. He said he is hoping to have the project completed by the end of September.

Mr. Ryba stated that Isidore Construction is coming out next week to do restoration at Oxford Valley and Andover, Wistar Road and a driveway on Cassingham Road. He also noted that Isidore will handle the restoration after the lining project. Mr. Ryba said he will also reach out to Jason Lawson at the

Township regarding road repairs on Moon Drive. Mr. Ryba said he will re-evaluate Isidore's pricing to make sure we are receiving the best rates.

Review of the Bill List – No comments.

Bills for Payment – Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 490,406.27. 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 asked about the issue with PECO. Mr. Ryba stated we are filing a claim with them.

Mr. Binney – Mr. Binney questioned the escrow of \$425,000.00 for Lincoln Storage. Ms. Nedrick stated it is for water and sewer improvements.

Mr. Binney asked where KDCAG is. Ms. Nedrick responded that it is 250 Canal Road.

Mr. Beier – Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their efforts. Mr. Beier stated that the flush truck will make a lot of people happy, and we will save money. He feels it is an asset to the community.

Mr. Goodwin – Mr. Goodwin asked about putting mixers in the tanks. Mr. Ryba stated they are in except for Cabot which doesn't need one.

Mr. Goodwin asked if we received any quotes for power washing. Mr. Hartman stated we received one quote for \$4,000.00 but would like another. Mr. Binney suggested Royal Touch who did his firehouse.

Mr. Rosso – No comment.

Adjournment – Mr. Rosso suggested a motion be made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.

