

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
May 24, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:05 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call – James Goodwin, Chairperson, Brian Binney, Vice Chairperson, William Beier, Treasurer were present. Thomas Miles, Secretary and John Haney, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer were present. Michael Levin, Authority Solicitor and James Bulicki, Authority Engineer, were present. Vanessa Nedrick, Authority Engineer was absent. 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 the Executive Session consisted of discussions regarding operational and administrative matters.

Approve Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2023 Meeting – Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the minutes for April 26, 2023. Mr. Binney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 3-0

Public Comment – No comment.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Levin reported that he is requesting Board approval for a water service agreement for 1000 Tyburn Road. He noted that it is for a compost facility, and they have already paid their tapping fees.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the water service agreement for 1000 Tyburn Road. Mr. Binney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Mr. Levin reported that he is recommending that he file for a bench trial regarding the Evoqua agreement since it is an amount over the \$50,000.00 threshold to receive payment back for the Headley Pump replacement DUE TO THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY Evoqua's process sewage discharge.

Mr. Levin noted that he is awaiting the draft from Aqua regarding the Lower Makefield agreement. He stated that it is his understanding that it is awaiting corporate approval.

Engineer's Report –

Mr. Bulicki reported that he is recommending the Board reject the bids for the emergency on-call and electrical on-call services.

Mr. Binney made a motion to reject the bids for emergency on-call. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Mr. Binney made a motion to reject the bids for electrical on-call. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Mr. Bulicki informed the Board that no bids were received for the

alterations to the vector bay. He is currently exploring other alternative bidding options.

Executive Director's Report –

Municipal Bid Recommendations – Vector Truck – Mr. Hartman recommended to the Board's acceptance of the \$8,100.00 bid from Craig Altman of IPC Services, LLC, for the 2001 Freightliner Vector truck.

Mr. Haney made a motion to approve the vector truck bid for \$8100.00. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Onan Generator – Mr. Hartman recommended to the Board the rejection of the \$6,350.00 bid from Eugene Martin for the 2003 Onan generator.

Mr. Binney made a motion to reject the bid of \$6,350.00 for the Onan generator. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Haney	Yes
Mr. Miles	Yes

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Return to Work Policy – Mr. Hartman reported to the Board that the basis for the Return-to-Work Policy has been provided to the Union for input and will subsequently be provided to the Safety Committee for input and to the Board for its consideration.

Delaware Valley Trusts (DVT) Insurance Proposals – Mr. Hartman reported to the Board that all requested information had been provided to the DVT for its use in preparing a proposal for the Authority's liability insurance needs. In response to an inquiry from Vice Chair Brian Binney, Mr. Hartman said he would also request from DVT a proposal for health insurance.

Operation Manager's Report –

Mr. Ryba reported that the first phase of the lining project in Fairless Hills has been completed and the next phase will begin next week. He noted that the project is moving ahead on schedule.

Mr. Ryba stated The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that comes out once a year has been completed and has been posted to the website. He noted that once the printed copies come in, they will be mailed to the apartment complexes.

Mr. Ryba advised that he has been working with RVE to obtain a quote from Muffin Monster to replace the Tyburn Comminutor.

Business Manager's Report –

Ms. Parmer reported that we will be sending out Cycle 3 bills this week. She added Cycle 1 past dues went out and Cycle 3 bills are due on June 1.

Ms. Parmer reported that there are no customers turned off for non-payment.

Ms. Parmer reported that KVK paid their last tapping fee.

Ms. Parmer stated that letters have been sent to the past due escrow accounts and she has received 2 calls back.

Review of the Bill List –

Mr. Binney asked Mr. Bulicki about the bills for the water lining mapping. Mr. Bulicki responded that DEP wants to know what areas need lining with regards to the New Falls chemical feed.

Mr. Binney asked about the reimbursement to Livigren. Ms. Parmer responded that they moved out of the Bristol Oxford Valley Road location, and they had an overpayment on their account.

Mr. Beier asked about the compressor rental for \$780.00. Mr. Ryba responded that we do have one but this one is being rented until the new one comes in. He noted that the rental fees will be credited to the new compressor purchase.

Bills for Payment – Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$588,847.36. Mr. Miles seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Board Comment

Mr. Haney – Mr. Haney asked if there has been much feedback on the sewer rate increase. Ms. Parmer stated that it has not been bad. Mr. Haney told everyone to enjoy the upcoming holiday weekend.

Mr. Miles – Mr. Miles wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day. Mr. Miles asked Mr. Bulicki to see the report for the electrical on-call bid. Mr. Miles asked how Mecco, the restoration contractor, is doing. Mr. Ryba stated that it is going well and a lot better than the prior contractor.

Mr. Beier – Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their efforts, and he is very pleased with the office staff. He also stated how pleased he is with the lining crew and the money we are saving.

Mr. Binney – No comment.

Mr. Goodwin – No comment.

Adjournment – Mr. Goodwin suggested a motion be made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.