

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
March 22, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:03 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call – James Goodwin, Chairperson, William Beier, Treasurer, Thomas Miles, Secretary and John Haney, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer were present. Brian Binney, Vice Chairperson was absent. 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 personnel and administrative matters.

Approve Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2023 Meeting – Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the minutes for February 22, 2023. Mr. Miles seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Public Comment – No comment.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Levin reported that the test results were received regarding the resin beads from Evoqua and he will reach out to Evoqua to seek reimbursement for the damaged pump since the results confirmed that they were in fact resin beads in the pump. He noted that if he is unsuccessful in dealing directly with Evoqua, he can certainly file a suit.

Mr. Levin reported that on Monday there was a meeting with Aqua regarding the Lower Makefield agreement. He stated that they seemed fine with a new agreement, and he is hopeful that he may have a draft agreement by next the meeting.

Mr. Haney asked if KVK has been paying their tapping fees. Ms. Parmer stated that they have not paid this month, but they have been paying and only have two payments left to be made.

Engineer's Report –

Mr. Bulicki requested Board approval for Payment Certificate #8 to Standard Pipe for the final payment in the amount of \$27,923.71.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve Payment #8 to Standard Pipe for the final payment in the amount of \$27,923.71. Mr. Miles seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Haney	Yes
Mr. Miles	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes

Mr. Goodwin Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

Mr. Goodwin asked how the plans are coming along with the Vactor bay. Mr. Bulicki stated he is hoping to put it out to bid in the next week or two and has a recommendation for the Board for either the April or May meeting. After that he said it will be an additional 30 days before the bid could be awarded. Mr. Beier asked if it is normal for the process to take this long. Mr. Bulicki stated that they were trying not to have to put the work out to bid; however, the cost came in too high not to bid the work.

Executive Director's Report -

Mr. Hartman advised the Board of the following updates:

Mr. Hartman reported that the Hyundai forklift had been received and was in use.

Mr. Hartman reported that the New Vactor truck had been received and that operator training would take place within a few weeks. He added that a Township bay had been secured to house the new Vactor truck until the permanent TOFA bay was made ready. In response to a question about the disposition of the old Vactor truck, Mr. Hartman reported that he was awaiting the results of an estimate of value that had been performed and that the truck would be posted for sale on the GovDeals and/or the Municibid sites.

Mr. Hartman reported that Ms. Jardine is working with Laurel Awning on the TOFA building awning graphics and that Laurel Awning was awaiting the availability of the Ocean Blue fabric that TOFA had selected for the awnings.

Mr. Hartman reported that the Fulton Bank Money Market Account had been closed out and that the \$525,191.03 balance had been deposited with PLGIT. He added that the authority now had \$1,525,191.03 on deposit with PLGIT, evenly split between the PLGIT Class and PLGIT Reserve Funds.

Mr. Hartman reported that all of the Board members had submitted their 2022 Statements of Financial Interest as prescribed by the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act.

Mr. Hartman reported that the Authority had received a check from Falls Township in the amount of \$5,250.00 representing half of the cost of the electrical repairs associated with the errant saw cut of the center bay floor.

Mr. Goodwin asked Mr. Hartman about the need for refresher training in first Aid and in the use of the AED equipment. Mr. Hartman responded that he would have the training scheduled.

Operation Manager's Report –

Mr. Ryba reported that all curbstops have been tested and repaired as needed in the area for the lining project. He noted that a general meeting will be held at the TOFA office tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. and Gary Soroan from Triton will be here to discuss the project and answer any questions.

Mr. Ryba stated that six more fire hydrants have been replaced this month and they are on schedule to meet the goal of 50 by the end of the year.

Mr. Ryba reported there was an emergency repair resulting from one of the relaced hydrants that had a watch valve let loose. He noted the repair was made by TOFA staff.

Mr. Ryba stated that there are about 10-12 areas for pavement restoration. He stated that there is a pre-con meeting with Meco Constructors tomorrow so they can get started.

Mr. Goodwin asked if there have been any water main breaks. Mr. Ryba stated there has not due to the mild winter. Mr. Goodwin asked if PECO has reimbursed us from the break on Lincoln Highway, Mr. Ryba said he will follow-up and see where we are with that.

Business Manager's Report –

Ms. Parmer reported that she has been working with Engineer, James Bulicki and Melissa Hough of Flager Associates to clean up the old escrow accounts. She noted letters will be going out to certain developers so we can get them closed.

Ms. Parmer stated that there are 2 customers with no water service due to lack of payment.

Mr. Goodwin asked Mr. Ryba if there have been and issues with leaking with the Neptune meters. Mr. Ryba responded there have not been unless it has a frozen plate. He noted that when some of the Kamstrup meters were originally put in, the contracted installers used the wrong washers which caused some to leak. Mr. Miles asked if we are still rebuilding meters. Mr. Ryba stated, yes, and that Charlie McAnulty has been doing a great job with the meter program.

Review of the Bill List –

No comments.

Bills for Payment – Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$911,460.90. Mr. Haney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Board Comment

Mr. Haney – No comment.

Mr. Miles – Mr. Miles wished good luck with the new Vector truck.

Mr. Beier – Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their efforts. He feels everyone is doing a great job. Mr. Beier would like to see the crew rewarded with lunch or donuts.

Mr. Goodwin – No comment.

Adjournment – Mr. Goodwin suggested a motion be made to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. He noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.