

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 3, 2024

A reorganization meeting of the Township of Falls Authority was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 557 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Goodwin at 6:00 pm.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call – James Goodwin, Chairperson, Brian Binney, Vice Chairperson, Bill Beier, Treasurer and John Haney, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer were present. Mr. Miles, Secretary, was absent. James Bulicki, Authority Engineer and Randy Flager, Authority Solicitor were present. Timothy Hartman, Executive Director, John Ryba, Operations Manager, Megan Parmer, Business Manager, Tammy McNulty Recording Secretary and Rachel Jardine were also present.

Reorganization – Temporary Chairperson – Mr. Goodwin made a motion to appoint Mr. Hartman as temporary Chairperson. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Election of TOFA Board Officers

Chairperson Appointment– Mr. Hartman called for motions to appoint a 2024 Chairperson. Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint Mr. Goodwin as Board Chairperson. Mr. Haney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Haney	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Binney	Yes

Motion Carried 3-0.

Vice-Chairperson Appointment– Mr. Goodwin made a motion to appoint Mr. Binney as Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 3-0.

Treasurer Appointment– Mr. Goodwin made a motion to appoint Mr. Beier as Treasurer. Mr. Binney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Haney	Yes
-----------	-----

Mr. Binney            Yes  
Mr. Goodwin        Yes

Motion Carried 3-0.

Secretary Appointment– Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint Mr. Haney as Secretary. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 3-0.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Appointment– Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint Mr. Miles Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

#### Appointment of Professional Staff

Item #1 – Appointment of TOFA Solicitor – Set Compensation Fees – Mr. Goodwin made a motion to reappoint the firm of Flager and Associates, PC, at its proposed 2024

rates of \$195.00 per hour for general legal support and \$395.00 per hour for development projects. Mr. Binney seconded the motion. (copy attached)

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint Bidlingmaier & Bidlingmaier as Special Counsel for 2024 to handle labor matters such as union agreement negotiations and conflicts of interest at a rate of \$175.00 per hour. Mr. Haney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Item #2 - Appointment of TOFA Auditor - Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint the auditing firm Simpson & Co., LLC, for the 2023 Audit not to exceed \$15,000.00 per the existing three-year agreement fee schedule. Mr. Haney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Mr. Haney	Yes
-----------	-----

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Item #3 – Appointment of TOFA Engineer – Set Compensation Fees –

Mr. Binney made a motion to reappoint the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers at its agreed upon rate schedule for 2024. (Rate Schedule attached) Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint Jones Engineering & Associates as the Conflict and Special Projects Engineer at the rates agreed upon. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Item #4 – Appointment of Accountants – Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint Major & Mastro as Accountants for 2024 at a rate of \$90.00/hr. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Item #5 – Appointment of a Financial Advisor – Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint Concord Public Financial Advisors as Financial Advisor for 2024 at a rate of \$195/hr. plus expenses. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Item #6 – Appointment of Depositories – Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint First National Bank of Newtown as an Authority depository bank for 2024. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint PLGIT as an Authority depository bank for 2024. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Mr. Binney made a motion to appoint US Bank as an Authority depository bank for 2024. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Item #7 – Setting Authority Rates – Mr. Goodwin motioned to set the following rate schedule for 2024 (noting there has been no change): (See attached rate schedule for 2024). Mr. Binney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Item #8 - Set Meeting Dates for the Monthly Board Meetings – Mr. Binney made a motion to accept the monthly meeting date schedule with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. Meetings held the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Item #7 – Public Comment – No comment.

Item #8 – New Business – No new business.



Item #9 – Board Comment –

Mr. Haney – Mr. Haney wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also stated he is looking forward to a great 2024.

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

Mr. Binney – Mr. Binney stated that he noticed that RVE advertised the bid opening for the I/I project in the newspaper with opening bids being held on January 17<sup>th</sup>. He asked if anyone comes to the Authority for the bid opening since it is conducted over PennBid. Mr. Bulicki noted that typically he does come here for the opening, but that he doesn't need to if the Board would like to change that. The Board agreed it is unnecessary for Mr. Bulicki to come to the Authority to oversee the openings since it is done through PennBid.

Mr. Goodwin – Mr. Goodwin wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated he is looking forward to a great year.

Adjournment – Mr. Goodwin suggested a motion be made to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 P.M. the Board was unanimously in favor.