

Township of Falls Authority

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June 25, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

James Goodwin, Chairperson, William Beier, Vice Chairperson; Paul Hartzell, Treasurer, Lolain Striluk, Secretary, and Patty Powers, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer were present. Mike Levin, Authority Solicitor, and James Bulicki, Authority Engineer were present.

Peter Kim, 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 administrative and operational matters.

Approve Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2025 Meeting

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the minutes for May 28, 2025. Mr. Hartzell seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Ms. Powers	Yes
Ms. Striluk	Yes
Mr. Hartzell	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

Public Comment

No public comment.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Levin stated that he has two water service agreements for Board approval. Mr. Levin recommended Board approval for 306 North Oxford Valley Road. He stated that this address currently is being metered through 308 North Oxford Valley Road, and they are requesting to have a separate connection for this address.

Mr. Goodwin made a motion to approve the water service agreement for 306 North Oxford Valley Road. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Ms. Powers	Yes
Ms. Striluk	Yes
Mr. Hartzell	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

Mr. Levin recommended Board approval for 980 Trenton Road with the request of 2 additional EDUs.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the agreement for 980 Trenton Road with the request of 2 additional EDUs. Ms. Striluk seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Ms. Powers	Yes
Ms. Striluk	Yes
Mr. Hartzell	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

Engineer's Report

Mr. Bulicki recommended Board approval for the Vermillion Interconnection electrical replacement in the amount of \$42,600.00.

Mr. Hartzel made a motion to approve the Vermillion Interconnection electrical replacement in the amount of \$42,600.00. Ms. Striluk seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Ms. Powers	Yes
Ms. Striluk	Yes
Mr. Hartzell	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

Mr. Bulicki recommended Board approval for the Twin Oaks valve replacement in the amount of \$74,950.00.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the Twin Oaks valve replacement in the amount of \$74,950.00. Mr. Hartzel seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Ms. Powers	Yes
Ms. Striluk	Yes
Mr. Hartzell	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

Mr. Bulicki recommended Board approval for Resolution 2025-04 for the Small Water and Sewer grant.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 for the Small Water and Sewer grant. Mr. Hartzell seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Ms. Powers	Yes
Ms. Striluk	Yes
Mr. Hartzell	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

Operation Manager's Report

Mr. Ryba reported that the final phase of the lining project is scheduled to be lined by the end of this week. He noted that restoration has begun and will continue until it is completed.

Mr. Ryba reported that for the Cabot Diesel Actuator repair it was suggested to proceed with a new valve which would be cheaper. He stated that he is waiting for the Engineer's approval.

Mr. Ryba reported that PADEP was out to conduct their three-year inspection. He stated that the inspection did not yield any violations but there are a few small recommendations that will be addressed once the final report is received.

Mr. Ryba reported that KAPPE Associates came out to install a repaired drive shaft for pump #1 at Rock Run Pumping Sstation. He noted that the pump has been put back into service.

Mr. Ryba stated that the 2024 CCR's have been mailed and sent out to non-billed customers.

Mr. Ryba reported that there was a water leak at 150 Tyburn Road. He noted that the staff ran a new copper service line to the curb box to repair the leak.

Business Manager's Report

Ms. Parmer reported that cycle 1 bills will be sent out this week and Cycle 3 bills are due July 1st^d.

Ms. Parmer stated that cycle 1 is the last of the cycles to receive their first water bill with the increase. She noted that there will be one more rate re-structuring meeting held on July 10, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Ms. Parmer reported that there are currently no customers off for nonpayment.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Kim reported that the Twin Oaks and Vermillion projects have been budgeted for.

Mr. Kim stated that he is working on the T-Mobile tower rental agreement.

Mr. Kim stated that the 2024 financial reporting is in process, but he is expecting there to be delays.

Mr. Kim stated that the public information meeting on the rates will be held on July 10th. Ms. Striluk asked if there is something that could be put up on the website to better explain the increase. Mr. Kim stated the information is on the website, but he would see if there is something more he could provide online.

Mr. Kim stated that the lining project is in the final phase. He stated that there is only one segment left in that section to be completed, which would take about a month.

Mr. Kim stated that for vehicle 325 we are looking to go through the dealer. He stated that a rebuilt engine would cost about \$11,500.00.

Mr. Kim stated that he and Mr. Ryba will be attending the PMAA conference 9/7-9/10.

Mr. Kim stated there is another meeting set-up with Lower Bucks Joint Municipal Authority regarding Wheelabrator.

Mr. Kim reported that the state has requested additional documents for the permit application for the dumping of the vector truck's grease.

Mr. Kim stated that the CCR's are completed as Mr. Ryba mentioned.

Review of the Bill List

Mr. Hartzel asked if it is better to rent a compressor or purchase one. Mr. Ryba stated that a new one is about \$60,000.00 and this one we rent is only needed for the lining project.

Bills for Payment

Mr. Hartzel made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$598,318.63. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Ms. Powers	Yes
Ms. Striluk	Yes
Mr. Hartzell	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

Board Comment

Ms. Powers- No comment.

Ms. Striluk – Ms. Striluk asked Mr. Bulicki when the study on the pumping stations will be completed. Mr. Bulicki replied the study is complete and he should have it for the next Board meeting.

Mr. Hartzell – Mr. Hartzell gave a reminder for the staff to be cautious with the heat and stay cool.

Mr. Beier - Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their efforts. Mr. Beier asked if we did 150 Tyburn in-house as it seemed to be a big job. Mr. Ryba replied we did do it in-house with the vactor truck.

Mr. Goodwin - Mr. Goodwin offered his condolences to Mr. Kim and his family.

Adjournment

Mr. Goodwin suggested a motion be made to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. He noted that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.