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Township of Falls Authority

February 26, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

James Goodwin, Chairperson, and John Haney, Vice Chairperson were present. William Beier, Treasurer; Paul Hartzell, Secretary, and Lolain Striluk, 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; Tammy McAnulty, Recording Secretary, and Rachel Jardine 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 January 22, 2025 Meeting

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve the minutes for January 22, 2025. Mr. Haney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

Ms. Striluk	Yes
Mr. Hartzell	Yes
Mr. Beier	Yes
Mr. Haney	Abstain
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

Public Comment

Mr. and Mrs. Talbert attended looking for any updates on possibly connecting sewer to Old Bristol Pike. They stated they have attended some township meetings looking for some direction, but they have not been successful. Mr. Ryba stated that TOFA has had 2 meetings scheduled with the township, however both have been cancelled. Mr. Bulicki noted that RVE can design the project, however the issue is funding. He stated that we have applied for grants but unfortunately the amount is not nearly enough. Mr. Talbert asked if eventually the state would mandate the connection. Mr. Talbert noted that residents are required to now have septic tanks inspected every 3 years, but he is not sure where this came from. Mr. Levin stated that this was mandated by the state requiring that the townships oversee it. Mr. Ryba provided his business card suggesting they call or email anytime and he will provide updates as he has them.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Levin recommended Board approval on Resolution 2025-2 correcting a line on the rate table from Resolution 2025-1 for Wheelabrator increasing rate from \$5.37 per 1000 gallons to \$6.22 per 1000 gallons.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-2 correcting the rate table for Wheelabrator. Ms. Striluk seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Engineer's Report

Mr. Bulicki recommended Board approval for Payment Certificate #4 to Vortex for the 2023 I/I project in the amount of \$79,531.90.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve Payment Certificate #4 in the amount of \$79,531.90 to Vortex for the 2023 I/I project. Ms. Striluk seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Operation Manager's Report

Mr. Ryba reported that there were 3 water main breaks. He stated that the one on Ingram Road was about 12' deep but was repaired without disruption to the residents. He noted that the sidewalk still needs repair. Mr. Ryba also stated there was a water main break on West Tyburn Road which was repaired and Falls Township Public Works provided a cold patch until the final restoration can be done. Mr. Ryba also reported a water main break at 351 Doone Place which was repaired but final restoration is still needed.

Mr. Ryba reported there was also a sewer blockage on Andover Road caused by some large roots. He noted the blockage was cleared. He also reported a sewer blockage at the intersection of Elmwood Road and Trenton Road caused by grease and roots which were cleared. Mr. Ryba stated that there have also been some sewer blockages at the American Legion in Fallsington which at first appeared to be the customers blockage but since then it appears it may be a TOFA issue.

Mr. Ryba reported that the first quarter samples were good.

Mr. Ryba reported that the transducer at the Tyburn pumping station was not working properly. He noted that the staff reported the transducer was getting false readings due to the wet well water surface levels. Mr. Ryba stated that the staff moved the transducer to a different location, and it is now working properly.

Business Manager's Report

Ms. Parmer reported that cycle 3 bills will be sent out today.

Ms. Parmer reported that there are currently no customers off for nonpayment, however shut-off notices will be delivered tomorrow and there are about 56 tags.

Ms. Parmer reported that NorthPoint has still not sent their yearly payment which was due on February 13th.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Kim reported that the 2025 vehicle has been received.

Mr. Kim stated that the staff apparel has come in and has been distributed.

Mr. Kim reported that he is still searching for a new payroll company.

Mr. Kim reported that after March bills go out in the mail, all 3 cycles will have been informed about the rate increase. He noted that a public session meeting will be held in March, April and May to answer any questions the residents may have.

Mr. Kim reported that updating the Harris data is continuing.

Mr. Kim commended Ms. Parmer for handling the charts of accounts.

Review of the Bill List

Mr. Hartzell questioned the Southern Corrosion bill. Mr. Ryba explained that it is for the yearly tank maintenance agreement.

Mr. Haney asked if there should be two Fios bills. Ms. Parmer responded yes one bill is for prior month and the other is for the current month.

Bills for Payment

Mr. Beier made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$894785.37. Ms. Striluk seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0

Board Comment

Ms. Striluk – Ms. Striluk thanked Mr. Kim, Mr. Ryba and the rest of the staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Hartzell – Mr. Hartzell stated he hopes the weather warms up.

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

Mr. Haney – Mr. Haney thanked everyone and offered to attend the public session meetings to offer support.

Mr. Goodwin - Mr. Goodwin stated that everyone is doing a great job, and he will also attend the public session meetings if he is available.

Adjournment

Mr. Goodwin suggested a motion be made to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. He noted that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The Board was unanimously in favor.