

TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Township of Falls Authority was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 in the conference room at 557 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA, at 8:09 P.M.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call - Debra DeBlasio, Chairperson, John Palmer, Vice Chairperson, and James Goodwin, Secretary were present. Edward Zanine, Authority Solicitor, Tom Beach and Vanessa Nedrick Authority Engineers, David Busch, Executive Director, Keystone Alliance Consulting, Edna Miller, Business Manager and Megan O'Neill, Recording Secretary were also present. Lisa Mangone, Treasurer, and Anthony Rosso, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer were not at the meeting.

Item #1 - Solicitor's Report on the Executive Session - Edward Zanine reported November's Executive Session consisted of personnel matters.

Edward Zanine reported Executive Session dealt with possible litigation.

Item #2 - Approve Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2013- John Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes for November 20, 2013. James Goodwin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Item #3 - Public Comment - No one was signed up for Public Comment.

Item #4 – Solicitor’s Report – Edward Zanine reported he is working on the lawsuit the Authority has been served with by Bucks County Water and Sewer.

Item #5 – Engineer’s Report –

543 Lincoln Highway – Vanessa Nedrick reported the project is completed.

Vanesssa Nedrick requested that the Board release the escrow funds in the amount of \$62,163.00, for the project.

John Palmer made a motion to release the escrow funds in the amount of \$62,163.00. James Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

James Goodwin	Yes
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

Motion Carried 3-0.

Viking Associates – Vanessa Nedrick reported that plans have been reviewed and signed and submitted to the PADEP.

Mercer Court – Vanessa Nedrick reported that the Pre-Construction Meeting was held on November 25, 2013 and the project will start in a few months.

Inflow and Infiltration Program – Vanessa Nedrick reported the bid opening for the project took place on December 11, 2013.

Vanessa Nedrick recommended that the Board award the project to Tri-State Grouting, LLC for the base bid in the amount of \$177,437.00.

James Goodwin made a motion to send a notice of intent to award the Inflow and Infiltration Project to Tri-State Grouting, LLC for the base bid in the amount of \$177,437.00. John Palmer seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

James Goodwin	Yes
John Palmer	Yes
Debra DeBlasio	Yes

Motion Carried 3-0.

I-95/ Turnpike Interchange – Vanessa Nedrick reported a meeting was held with the Turnpike Engineers on November 8, 2013.

Vanessa Nedrick feels the meeting went well and there are a few issues the will be going over. She will keep the TOFA Board updated.

Item #6 – Executive Director’s Report - Executive Director’s Report attached.

David Busch informed the Board he has applied to the Township for a permit for the Flag Pole. The cost of the permit is \$644.00.

David Busch presented the Board with the 2014 Operating Budget. The budget includes a 15 percent increase in water and sewer rates for the billing starting January 1, 2014.

Debra DeBlasio stated there has been one water rate increase since 2007 and two sewer increases since 2007.

Debra DeBlasio made a motion to increase both the water and sewer rates per the rate schedule. James Goodwin seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

James Goodwin Yes

John Palmer Yes

Debra DeBlasio Yes

Motion Carried 3-0.

Item #7 - Review of Bill List- Debra DeBlasio made a motion to approve the bill list for December 18, 2013, in the amount of \$ 458,490.38. John Palmer seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

James Goodwin Yes

John Palmer Yes

Debra DeBlasio Yes

Motion Carried 3-0.

Item #10 – Board Comment – John Palmer would like David Busch to look into the Authority being refunded the fee for the flag pole permit.

The Board requested all repairs to the Authority trucks to be done at S & L Auto.

Adjournment – James Goodwin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P. M. Debra DeBlasio seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

