

Township of Falls Authority

Board Members:

James Goodwin, Chairperson
John Haney, Vice Chairperson
William Beier, Treasurer
Paul Hartzell, Secretary
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TOWNSHIP OF FALLS AUTHORITY

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 7, 2025

A reorganization meeting of the Township of Falls Authority was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2025, 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, Bill Beier, Treasurer, John Haney, Secretary, Mr. Hartzell, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, and Lolain Striluk were present. James Bulicki, Authority Engineer, and Mike Levin, Authority Solicitor, were present.

Peter Kim, Executive Director, John Ryba, Operations Manager, Megan Parmer, Business Manager, Tammy McAnulty Recording Secretary and Rachel Jardine were also present.

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

Poll of the Board:

Ms. Striluk	Yes
Mr. Hartzell	Yes

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Election of TOFA Board Officers

Chairperson Appointment– Mr. Kim called for a motion to appoint a 2025 Chairperson. Mr. Haney made a motion to appoint Mr. Goodwin as Board Chairperson. Mr. Hartzell seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

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

Poll of the Board:

Ms. Striluk	Yes
Mr. Hartzell	Yes
Mr. Goodwin	Yes

Motion Carried 3-0.

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

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Secretary Appointment– Mr. Goodwin made a motion to appoint Mr. Hartzell as Secretary. Mr. Haney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Appointment– Mr. Goodwin made a motion to appoint Ms. Striluk as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Haney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Appointment of Professional Staff

Item #1 – Appointment of TOFA Solicitor – Set Compensation Fees – Ms. Striluk made a motion to reappoint the firm of Flager and Associates, PC, at its proposed 2025 rates of \$225.00 per hour for general legal support and \$395.00 per hour for development projects. Mr. Haney seconded the motion. (copy attached)

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Mr. Haney made a motion to appoint Bidlingmaier & Bidlingmaier as Special Counsel for 2025 to handle labor matters such as union agreement negotiations and conflicts of interest at a rate of \$185.00 per hour. Mr. Beier 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

Item #2 – Appointment of TOFA Auditor – Mr. Haney made a motion to appoint the auditing firm Brinker Simpson & Co., LLC, for the 2024 Audit not to exceed \$17,500.00 per the existing three-year agreement fee schedule. Mr. Beier seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

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

Mr. Haney made a motion to reappoint the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers at its agreed upon rate schedule for 2025. (Rate Schedule attached) Mr. Beier 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.

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

Item #4 – Appointment of Accountants – Mr. Haney made a motion to appoint Major & Mastro as Accountants for 2025 at a rate of \$90.00/hr. Mr. Beier 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.

Item #5 – Appointment of a Financial Advisor – Mr. Hartzell made a motion to appoint Concord Public Financial Advisors as Financial Advisor for 2025 at a rate of \$195/hr. plus expenses. Mr. Beier 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.

Item #6 – Appointment of Depositories – Mr. Beier made a motion to appoint the banks as listed on the agenda as the Authority depository banks for 2025 (First National of Newtown, PLGIT, US Bank, First Citizens Community Bank and Trumark Financial Credit Union). Mr. Haney seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Item #7 – Setting Authority Rates – Mr. Haney made a motion to set the following rate schedule for 2025 (See attached rate schedule for 2025). Mr. Hartzell seconded the motion.

Poll of the Board:

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Item #8 - Set Meeting Dates for the Monthly Board Meetings – Mr. Beier 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 19th and December 17th. Mr. Haney 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.

Item #7 – Public Comment – No comment.

Item #8 – New Business – No new business.

Item #9 – Board Comment –

Ms. Striluk – Ms. Striluk stated she is happy to be here and is hoping to contribute to the Board.

Mr. Hartzell – Mr. Hartzell welcomed Ms. Striluk.

Mr. Beier – Mr. Beier thanked everyone for their efforts and welcomed the new Board Member.

Mr. Haney – Mr. Haney thanked Mr. Kim for fine tuning the budget and for the work on the necessary rate changes. He stated he is looking forward to 2025.

Mr. Goodwin – Mr. Goodwin wished everyone a Happy New Year. He noted that the increase in water and sewer rates is necessary especially with the impending 6-million-dollar meter replacement program that will be coming.

Adjournment – Mr. Goodwin suggested a motion be made to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 P.M. the Board was unanimously in favor.