

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

October 16, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Authority office located at 945 Little Deer Creek Road, Russellton, Pennsylvania and via Zoom.

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Higgins called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Biery to call the roll. Board members present: Mr. Higgins, Mrs. DeLuca, Mr. Drischler, Mrs. Krally, Mr. Parks, Mr. Plesh and Mrs. Pastura. Board members absent: Mr. Simonetti and Mr. Stello. Also present: Mr. Sprung, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Biery and Mr. Vanchieri.

Flag Salute

The Board rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Higgins asked the Board to review the minutes for the Regular Meeting on September 25, 2023.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mrs. Pastura to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Accountant's Report

Mr. Vancheri presented the Operating Accounts Receipts and Expenses and Funds Available and Debt Obligations reports for September 2023.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Plesh reviewed the Checkbook Summary of paid bills for the month of September 2023.

The following Tap and Assessment payments were received since the last Regular Meeting:

Connie Feil	32 Deer Street	Partial Tap		\$100.00
Ruth Galuska	5 Deer Street	Partial Tap		\$100.00
			Total Taps Paid	\$200.00

Of this amount, \$130.00 will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund and \$70.00 will be transferred to the Preventive Maintenance Fund.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pastura and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve the Treasurer's report and the paid bills for the month of September 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mrs. Pastura to move the meeting into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:18 p.m. where the Board discussed legal issues.

Engineer's Report

Resolution 2023-3 Local Share Act Grant

Mr. Sprung presented for approval Resolution 2023-3 to make application for the Local Share Act Grant. This grant would cover the cost of lining the additional manholes identified as in need of repair at an estimated cost of \$119,700.00. Award of this grant will not be determined till this time next year.

RESOLUTION 2023-3

Be it RESOLVED, that the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority of Allegheny County hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$119,700.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Manhole Lining.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Lynn Biery, Manager and Cullen Higgins, Chairman as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Ron Plesh, duly qualified Secretary of the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority, Allegheny County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority at a regular meeting held October 16, 2023 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority this 16th day of October, 2023.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Pastura to approve Resolution 2023-3. Motion carried unanimously.

PennVEST Loan

Mr. Sprung reported that a meeting with PennVEST is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2023. If loan approval is received, then the Hampshire Estates sewer treatment plant upgrade and CCTV 4 & 5 Defects project will be put out for bid. Bid information will be provided to PennVEST, and the closing on the loan would be anticipated to take place February 2024. The two projects will likely begin in the Spring.

AVJSA Project Update

Mr. Sprung reported that a meeting with Allegheny Valley Joint Sewer Authority to discuss the plant expansion project is scheduled for October 30, 2023.

Manager's Report

Administration

Mrs. Biery reported as of October 13, 2023, 127 quarterly and 214 bi-monthly customers for a total of 341 customers who have signed up for paperless, which results in a significant annual savings in postage.

Operations

Mrs. Biery reported that field staff are currently working on cleaning sewer lines in anticipation of winter coming.

Mr. Plesh asked who is responsible for the grounds and maintenance; he would like to see the weeds pulled and the grounds to be cleaned up.

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Higgins had nothing to report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Meeting to Public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Supplemental Meeting

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Krally to cancel the Supplemental Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pastura and seconded by Mr. Drischler to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

11-20-23


