

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting November 16, 2020

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, with some Board Members and Professionals attending via telephone.

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Esposito called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Biery to call the roll. Board members present: Mr. Plesh, Mrs. Deluca, Mr. Simonetti, Mr. Coluccio, Mr. Drischler, Mrs. Krally, attending by telephone and Mr. Esposito, present at the Authority office. Board Member absent: Mr. Higgins. Also present via telephone: Mr. Sprung, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Vancheri. Mrs. Biery present at the Authority office.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting on October 19, 2020.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2020.

Accountant's Report

Mr. Vancheri presented the Operating Account Receipts & Expenses and Funds Available & Debt Obligations Reports for the period ending October 31, 2020, a copy of which had been distributed to the Board. Mr. Vancheri reported that collections were down partly as a result of the inability to terminate water service during the pandemic. The proposed Budget for 2021 was presented to the Board for review. Mr. Esposito asked that the Board be prepared to adopt the budget at the December meeting. Mr. Vancheri also said that a bond payment for the AVJSA Expansion Project would likely be due in late 2021. The DCDBA Bond Issue can be structured so that the first payment is interest only and could be covered temporarily by utilizing monies from other Authority Fund Accounts until a determination is made as to the rate increase that will be required. Mr. Brown said he has spoken with the Authority's Underwriter and confirmed that the debt can be structured to allow for an interest only payment. The financing of the Authority's own projects and refinancing of the RUS debt could also be included and, depending on the rates, could save the Authority money.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Krally presented the Treasurer's Report. There were no tap fees received since the last Regular Meeting on October 19, 2020. The following Deferred Assessment payment was received.

Bankers Settlement Abstract for Heather Kozik/Edward Lewetag	135 Cedar Lane	\$350.70
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This payment will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund.

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

Solicitor's Report

AVJSA Expansion

Mr. Brown reported that AVJSA had received an extension on their consent order, that bids will be let early next year and bids will be opened some time in February. The Authority will need to have financing in place in Spring of 2021. Mr. Sprung asked about the status of the Flow Exceedance Agreement. Mr. Brown said the latest draft of this agreement is ready to be submitted to AVJSA's Solicitor for consideration.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mr. Coluccio to move the meeting into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7: 22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

Engineer's Report

Survey Responses

Mr. Sprung said that on October 28th the follow up survey was sent out to those property owners that had not responded to the first survey. Of the 135 surveys 79 responded No, 25 responded Yes, 3 Unsure, 1 Maybe and 24 did not return their survey. (There was one property that included three EDUs and one property that included 2 EDUs) Unfortunately, the Yes responses are not concentrated in a specific area. Mr. Esposito feels that, since the No responses were so significant, the project should be put on hold and the pursuit of grant monies be continued. He asks the Board give thought, for discussion at the December meeting, to the possibility of spreading the cost over the system, which would be a departure from the way projects have been developed in the past and would set precedent going forward.

Mrs. Biery said she had spoken with Indiana Township's Engineer and was told that there have been two advisory meetings with the property owner of 100 Deer Court off of Saxonburg Blvd regarding a possible 12 lot development, which will require the installation of a pump station. At this time, nothing has been approved.

Manager's Report

Exterior Lighting Quotes

Mrs. Biery presented two quotes for replacement of the lighting on the exterior of the office building. A difference in the wattage between the fixtures was noted in the two quotes and the Board opted for the higher watt fixtures.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to authorize Power Pros to replace the exterior office building lighting at a cost of \$1,395.00. Motion carried unanimously.

4Dv18 Upgrade

Mrs. Biery reported that the upgrade, which was approved at the October Regular Meeting, will take place in late November or early December.

Duquesne Light Sewer Line Relocation

Mrs. Biery reported that the proposed relocation of the sewer line at the corner of Oak Road and Route 910 has been cancelled.

Employee Christmas Bonus

The Board authorized a \$200 Christmas Bonus for each employee.

Chairman's Report

Verizon Draft Lease

Mr. Esposito informed the Board that he and Mr. Brown made some modifications to the lease and Mrs. Biery has forwarded it to Mr. Kopac of SmartLink.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Supplemental Meeting

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to cancel the November 23rd Supplemental Meeting. Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mrs. Krally and seconded by Mr. Coluccio to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

12-21-20

