

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting February 17, 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.

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Plesh called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Biery to call the roll. Board members present: Mr. Plesh, Mrs. DeLuca, Mr. Simonetti, Mr. Drischler, Mrs. Krally, Mr. Trocki and Mr. Higgins. Board members absent: Mr. Coluccio and Mr. Esposito. Also present: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Sprung, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Biery and Mr. Vancheri. Members of public in attendance: Karen Tahon, Andrew Suity, Thia Suity and Sara Hertweck, Indiana Township Supervisor.

Flag Salute

The Board rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Plesh asked the Board to review the minutes from the January 20th Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting and note any corrections. There were none.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mrs. Krally to approve the minutes of the Reorganization and Regular Meeting of January 20, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Accountant's Report

Mr. Vancheri presented the Accountant's Report a copy of which was distributed to the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Krally reviewed the paid bills for the month of January 2020 and the Treasurer's Report.

The following tap and assessment payments have been received since the last regular meeting of January 20, 2020.

Richland Township	Tap Fee – Willow Creek Drive	1,300.00
Richland Holdings	Tap Fees – 100 & 102 Lex Lane	4,000.00
William & Connie Feil	Tap & Assessment Payment	40.00
Scott Rhodes by Ronda		
Winnecour	5051 Bakerstown Culmerville Tap	303.46
William & Connie Feil	Tap and Assessment Payment	765.55

Of these payments \$1,300.00 will be transferred into the Force Main Fund, \$1,788.16 will be transferred into the Preventative Maintenance Fund and \$3,320.85 will be transferred into the

Capital Improvement Fund.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mr. Trocki to approve the Treasurer's Report and paid bills for the month of January. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

AVJSA/DCDBA Lump Sum Payment Process Amendment

Mr. Brown circulated to the Board AVJSA's Lump Sum Payment Process Amendment, reviewed its terms and proposed that the Board approve, which will allow DCDBA to finance its share of the AVJSA Plant Expansion Project via a Bond Issue.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mrs. Krally to approve the AVJSA Lump Sum Payment Process Amendment contingent upon approval by the AVJSA Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report

East Little Pine Creek

Residents Karen Tahon, Andrew Suity, Thia Suity and Sara Hertweck, Indiana Township Supervisor were present for discussion of the progress of the line extension to O'Hara Township's line. Mr. Schmitt said that a grant for this project had been applied for; though competition for these grants is high, he is hopeful that some grant money would be received. O'Hara Township had increased its tap fee from \$3,300 to \$13,514 per household. He explained the Act 57 calculation. Mr. Schmitt said there are plans to meet with O'Hara to discuss the issue. Ms. Hertweck indicated that due to the increase in tap fee, the Indiana Township Manager is filing a new grant application. Indiana Township's prior grant application had been declined.

Hampshire Estates

Mr. Schmitt explained that the plant, which was built in the '70s, is in need of either repair or replacement. There are currently 36 units utilizing this plant and there is plenty of room for additional customers. A developer purchased the property across the street and is interested in extending a line to serve the potential subdivision. A right of way agreement for access to the treatment plant is being negotiated between the parties. Because there is no debt associated with the treatment plant, there is no tap fee. With the impending repair/replacement of the facility, a tap fee will need to be calculated and imposed. Mr. Schmitt explained the calculation of the tap fee to the Board and indicated that a grant has been applied for, which if received, would change the amount of the tap.

AVJSA Flow Amendment

Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Sprung met with KLH Engineers to discuss a possible amendment to the 1976 AVJSA/DCDBA Contract Customer Agreement. Under the present agreement, there is no limit to the amount of flow that can be sent from DCDBA to AVJSA. At this time, due to pipe

size and pump size, the Rich Hill pump station is physically only capable of sending a maximum of approximately 11 MGD. There is concern that continued excessive flow would have a negative impact, not just on the hydraulics of the plant, but also on the SBR treatment process. With the potential for growth in Indiana and West Deer Townships, and increased flows as a result, discussion will continue regarding a possible amendment to address peak flow.

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Plesh had nothing to report.

Manager's Report

Toshiba Copier Proposal

Mrs. Biery referred the Board to the Lease Proposal and Purchase Proposal for a new Toshiba Copier to replace the current Xerox machine, which has been troublesome.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Krally and seconded by Mr. Drischer to accept the copier lease proposal from Toshiba. Motion carried unanimously.

Deer Run Pump Station Retrofit Control System Proposal

Mrs. Biery referred the Board to the proposal. Mr. Schmitt described the Deer Run System to the Board and said that the current system is from the '90's and had also sustained flood damage. Technology has changed significantly since then and parts are more difficult to obtain. DRV provides a good product and the cost is under the bidding limits.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mrs. Krally to accept the proposal from DRV for the Deer Run Pump Station retrofit control system proposal at a cost of \$7,990.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Supplemental Meeting

The Supplemental Meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to interview three underwriting candidates.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Trocki and seconded by Mr. Drischler to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

3-16-2020



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