

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

February 21, 2022

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. Plesh, Mr. Simonetti, Mr. Drischler, Mrs. Krally, Mrs. Pastura, Mr. Parks and Mr. Higgins. Board Members absent: Mrs. DeLuca. Also present: Mr. Sprung, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Biery and Mr. Vancheri.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence

The Board rose, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence on the passing of James E. Yaconis, the first chairman of Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Higgins asked the Board to review the meeting minutes for the Reorganization Meeting on January 24, 2022.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Pastura to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 Reorganization Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Higgins asked the Board to review the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 24, 2022.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Simonetti to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 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 January 2022.

Treasurer’s Report

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

Richland Township	3979 Pollock Drive 5398 Turner Road	Taps	\$ 2,600.00
Anne Marie Whitesett/Bronco Brnardic	172 E Union Rd	Tap	2,000.00
Joseph & Gary Fosnaught	20 Hemlock Street	Assessment	55.00
David Michael (Wilbur Michael)	33 Michael Road	Assessment	5,635.00
Ashley & Daniel Munsch	83 Robinson Lane	Taps	<u>4,000.00</u>
			\$14,290.00

Of these amounts, \$9,590.00 will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund, \$2,100.00 will be transferred to the Preventive Maintenance Fund and \$2,600.00 will be transferred to the Force Main Fund.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pastura and seconded by Mr. Simonetti to approve the Treasurer's Report and paid bills for the month of January 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Executive Session

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

The meeting was reconvened at 7:50 p.m. where the Board discussed pending litigation and personnel issues.

Engineer's Report

Independence Contracting

Mr. Sprung reported Independence Excavating moved Deer Creek near their facility without permits. PennDot has hired RETTEW to conduct an inspection. RETTEW has contacted the Authority regarding the exposed line in the creek and will share their survey so that an evaluation may be made of the new elevation in regard to the line. This will be an ongoing process with additional updates.

PA Department of Community and Economic Development-Commonwealth Financing Authority Grant Opportunity

CFA grants have opened up and applications are due March 15, 2022. Three projects are recommended to apply for this grant money: Hampshire Estates Sewage Treatment Plant, Rich Hill Force Main and Saxonburg Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Extension. Motions are needed to approve the three Resolutions that are required to make application for the grants.

RESOLUTION 2022-1

Be it RESOLVED, that the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority of Allegheny County hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$1,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Hampshire Estates Sewage Treatment Plant.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Lynn Biery, Authority 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/Treasurer 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 February 21, 2022 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 ____ day of _____, 2022.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Simonetti to approve Resolution 2022-1 Hampshire Estates Sewage Treatment Plant. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2022-2

Be it RESOLVED, that the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority of Allegheny County hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$998,010.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Rich Hill Force Main.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Lynn Biery, Authority 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.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority this ____ day of _____, 2022.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve Resolution 2022-2 Rich Hill Force Main. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2022-3

Be it RESOLVED, that the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority of Allegheny County hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$998,010.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Saxonburg Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Extension.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Lynn Biery, Authority 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.

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MOTION was made by Mrs. Krally and seconded by Mrs. Pastura to approve Resolution 2022-3 Saxonburg Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Extension. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

Mrs. Biery reported progress is being made on the new billing program and presented a sample bill. \$6,500.00 has been billed to date.

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 Mr. Simonetti to cancel the Supplemental Meeting scheduled for February 28, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mrs. Krally and seconded by Mr. Drischler to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

3-21-22

