

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

May 17, 2021

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

Mr. Higgins 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, Mrs. Pastura, Mr. Parks and Mr. Higgins. Board Members absent: Mr. Coluccio. Also present: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Biery and Mr. Vancheri.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting on April 19, 2021.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Accountant's Report

Mr. Vancheri presented the Operating Accounts Receipts & Expenses and Funds Available & Debt Obligations Reports for the period ending April, 2021, a copy of which had been distributed to the Board.

Treasurer's Report

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

	941 Copper Creek Trail		
	943 Copper Creek Trail		
	946 Copper Creek Trail		
Glasso Development	948 Copper Creek Trail	Tap Fees	\$8,000.00
Richland Township	5760 Oakhill Rd	Tap Fee	\$1,300.00
	Millerstown Culmerville Rd		
Amber Sonick	Block & Lot 2013-M-257	Tap Fee	\$260.00
Ronda J Winnecour, Trustee for Scott Rhodes	5051 Bakerstown Culmerville Rd	Partial Tap	\$105.08

Of these amounts, \$1,300.00 will be transferred to the Force Main Fund, \$5,437.30 will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund and \$ 2,927.78 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 paid bills for the month of April 2021. Motion carried unanimously

Solicitor's Report

AVJSA Expansion

Mr. Brown reported that Allegheny Valley Joint Sewer Authority plans to advertise the bids for the expansion project by June 1st. Based on the timetable, DCDBA will be looking to float bonds for its share of the project some time in September and close in October. The underwriter will need to know if DCDBA plans to include any of its own projects in the financing and the prospect of refunding the RUS bonds would provide some savings. Because of the timing of the closing, there would not likely be interest and debt service payments due in 2021, and the Authority will have time to review its rates and prepare the budget for 2022.

Mr. Brown said that the other topics he has for discussion must be held in Executive Session.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to move the meeting into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:40 p.m. where the Board discussed personnel issues.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Rich Hill Diminutor Project and the Route 910 Force Main Replacement, which are under the Capital Improvements projects, are moving forward. He said that the Foreman, Mr. DeBaldo, had reported that one of the overflow events that occurred at the Rich Hill Pump Station was attributed to rain, when it was actually caused by a blockage in the diminutor. This blockage was not noted on the log. Mrs. Biery will ask that this type of information also be noted on the pump station logs.

Hampshire Estates Treatment Plant

Mr. Schmitt distributed to the Board a map showing the treatment plant location and explained how taking over the existing sewer lines, which at this time are owned and maintained by Mr. Mockenhaupt, would allow for providing service to 17 homes planned for Eastview Farms as well as existing homes in the area. Mr. Schmitt asked for and received the Board's approval to negotiate a deal with Mr. Mockenhaupt to obtain rights of way through his property that would allow other properties to be served by the treatment plant. Such tentative agreement would be brought to the Board for review and approval.

Manager's Report

Office Damage Update

Mrs. Biery reported that the repairs from the February 7th water leak in the office is now complete.

Acceptance of Installed Sewer Lines

Mrs. Biery said that the Timber Run Plan and extension to 324 Monier Road had passed inspection at the end of their 18 month maintenance bond periods. She asked that the Board formally accept ownership of and responsibility for these lines.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mr. Plesh to accept ownership and maintenance of the sewer lines extended to serve 324 Monier Road and the Timber Run Plan in West Deer Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Plesh asked about the status of delinquent collections. Mrs. Biery said that water service terminations for past due accounts will resume in July.

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. Simonetti and seconded by Mr. Drischler to cancel Supplemental Meeting scheduled for May 24, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Pastura to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

6-21-21

Paula Keally