

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting July 20, 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. Esposito 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. Esposito and Mr. Higgins. Absent: Mr. Coluccio and Mr. Trocki. Also present: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Vancheri and Mrs. Biery. Mr. Brown was in attendance remotely.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Esposito asked the Board to review the minutes from the June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting. Mr. Brown clarified that the tap fee for Hampshire Estates that was agreed upon by the Board at that meeting must be formally adopted via Resolution.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2020.
Motion carried unanimously.

Accountant's Report

Mr. Vancheri presented the Operating Account Receipts & Expenses and Funds Available & Debt Obligations Reports for the period ending June 2020, a copy of which was distributed to the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Krally presented the Treasurer's Report. There were no tap or assessment payments made since the last Regular Meeting.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve the Treasurer's Report and paid bills for the month of June 2020.
Motion carried unanimously.

Open Meeting to Public

Mr. Esposito recognized Karen Tahon, Ben Tahon, Cynthia Suity and Andrew Suity, members of the public in attendance, who came to the meeting for an update on the Saxonburg Blvd/Berryhill project. Mr. Schmitt reviewed the estimated cost of the project and said that the status of the grant applications should be known by mid-August. Mrs. Tahon mentioned that there had been a surveyor on the property behind her and that a development was being considered by the property owner. Mr. Schmitt said that multiple options for financing are being considered. Therefore, the tap fee and cost per customer served will not be set until financing and any grant monies are identified.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Brown reported that there have been no new developments with regard to the AVJSA expansion project.

Mr. Esposito suggested that he and Mr. Brown review and update the Developers' Agreement for future developments.

Mr. Esposito asked when negotiations for the Collective Bargaining Agreement would begin, since the agreement expires on September 30th. Mrs. Biery said she had not yet been contacted by the Union. Mr. Brown suggested that Board members be identified that would like to work on the agreement and Mrs. Biery should contact the Union Representative to request their proposal.

Engineer's Report

Long Term Capital Projects

Mr. Schmitt distributed to the Board a copy of calculations he had prepared of various scenarios for financing and rates for the previously identified long term capital projects, which will be discussed by the Board at the next Regular Meeting.

Manager's Report

Mrs. Biery reported that she had received a quote for GPS for the Authority vehicles. Mr. Esposito asked that a written proposal be presented to the Board at the next Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Biery reported that the Richmond Estates sanitary sewer lines were complete and had been tested. Per the Developers Agreement, a final invoice and accounting must be prepared and upon payment of those charges and receipt of as-built drawings, the Performance Bond can be exchanged for the 18 month Maintenance Bond. At that time, the Authority can assume ownership of the sanitary sewer lines.

Mr. Esposito asked how the employees are doing with respect to the virus situation. Mrs. Biery reported that one person had been exposed but had quarantined and tested negative. Social distancing, mask wearing and sanitation procedures are being followed. Mr. Simonetti asked if the Authority would resume being a polling place for the November election. Mrs. Biery said she had received a letter from Allegheny County indicating that they plan to use the office as a polling place. The Board discussed and agreed that they are not interested in having the Authority be a polling place, given the continuing spread of the virus. Mr. Esposito asked how the Authority should handle employees who have been on vacation in states identified as "hot spots". Mr. Brown said that, while Allegheny County recommends a 14 day quarantine, it is not a requirement. Mr. Esposito suggested that, upon returning from vacation, employees' temperature should be taken each morning. Mrs. Biery will order a digital no-touch device.

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Esposito had nothing to report.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Supplemental Meeting

MOTION was made by Mr. Simonetti and seconded by Mr. Drischler to cancel the Supplemental Meeting scheduled for July 27, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Simonetti and seconded by Mr. Drischler to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

8-17-20

