

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

September 20, 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 Member absent: Mr. Coluccio. Also present: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Sprung, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Biery and Mr. Vancheri.

Flag Salute

The Board rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Higgins asked the Board to review the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 16, 2021.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve the minutes of the August 16, 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 August 31, 2021, a copy of which had been distributed to the Board.

Treasurer's Report

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

Schumaker Homes for Mary Wiseman	220 Church Lane 834-A-181	Tap Deferred	2,000.00
Louis Devito for Costa	Deerton Street 1216-S-87	Assessment	13,567.86
Ronald Olar	87 Ford Street	Assessment	121.58
Judith L Payne for Thomas Parker	7 Old Saxonburg Blvd	Assessment	161.89
Glasso Building Co.	Lot 11 942 & 944 Copper Creek Trail Lot 12 938 & 940 Copper Creek Trail	Taps	8,000.00
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			\$23,851.33

Of these amounts, \$20,351.33 will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund and \$3,500.00 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 August 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

AVJSA Expansion

Mr. Brown reported the AVJSA opened the bids on August 27th. The low bid for all four components is \$97,666,000.00, 30% higher than the bid estimate. The AVJSA Board awarded the bids at their meeting on September 15th. DCDBA has a 43 percent responsibility or \$42 million and must close on the bond issue by the beginning of December at the latest. Municipal bond market rates are historically low now. Therefore, Mr. Brown suggested we finalize these decisions of additional projects, include refinancing the RUS bonds along with the aforementioned \$42 million in a Bond Parameters Resolution at the October meeting.

Mr. Brown said 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 7:28 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:43 p.m. where the Board discussed personnel issues.

Engineer's Report

Rich Hill Pump Station SSO, August 18, 2021

Mr. Schmitt reported the Allegheny County Health Department was notified of the overflow and was satisfied with the explanation. Mrs. Biery added the cause of the overflow was a mechanical issue with the VFD on pump #2. Repairs were made to a manhole near Rich Hill Pump Station, which was damaged on September 1, 2021 by the storm which produced 4.07 inches of rain.

Hampshire Estates

Mr. Schmitt reported he was contacted by Mr. Mockenhaupt, owner of the Hampshire Estates Apartment Complex. He would like to add 36 units to the complex and another developer would like to come through the lines to serve 18 new homes. Hampshire Sewage Treatment plant serves the complex, DCDBA owns the plant but Mr. Mockenhaupt owns the lines. Mr. Mockenhaupt offered to exchange the sewer lines and rights-of-way for 36 taps. Mr. Schmitt will put some numbers to it and the board will revisit the issue next month.

Parking Lot Repaving

Mr. Schmitt reported on an informational estimate of \$63,000 for paving the lower parking lot of the Authority. This issue was tabled until bids are obtained in the Spring of 2022.

Manager's Report

Rich Hill Pump Station

Mrs. Biery reported it will take five to six weeks to obtain the parts to repair the VFD on pump #2 which the insurance company agreed to cover at approximately \$25,000.00.

Upgrading Billing Software

Mrs. Biery and Mr. Higgins reported on a meeting with Mr. Keth of Footprints where he answered their concerns. There is a question as to MuniPay having the capability of making automatic deductions for our customers. Mr. Higgins felt confident this is a capability and if not, we could seek competitors for this service. Mr. Keth assured that no updates to the current workstations would be required as Macs are preferred and 95% of the work will be done remotely, incurring minimum travel and lodging expense. Ongoing support will be billed for additional hours over the quoted amount. Mr. Keth could

not expand on the quote past the plus or minus 20 percent but would be able to outline specifics when the work begins.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mrs. Krally to approve the Footprints Billing Program Upgrade. Motion carried unanimously.

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. Drischler and seconded by Mr. Plesh to cancel Supplemental Meeting scheduled for September 27, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Simonetti and seconded by Mrs. Krally to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

10-18-21

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paula Krally", written over a horizontal line.