

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

November 15, 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. Brown, Mrs. Biery, Mr. Vancheri and James Southworth for the Executive Session.

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 October 18, 2021.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Accountant's Report

Mr. Vancheri explained to the Board, in detail, three scenarios for the 2022 Budget in conjunction with three corresponding proposed rate increases. All three options include \$30.00 per month debt service for each of the 6,684 customers to cover the new debt and any of the three proposed Operating and Maintenance rates should allow rates to remain stable through 2026. Mr. Brown said that adoption of Resolution 21-03 Rate Increase prior to the closing on November 23rd is required.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REVISING AND ESTABLISHING A NEW SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM RATE SCHEDULE FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority ("DCDBA") is authorized by the Municipality Authorities Act, Act 22 of 2001, as amended, Section 5607(d)(9) thereof, to impose reasonable and uniform rates for service, specifically sanitary sewer service, provided by DCDBA to customers utilizing the DCDBA Sewer System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the DCDBA has evaluated various information involving the DCDBA rate structure, current and projected operating budgets, the current and projected customer base and anticipated needs of the facilities of the DCDBA Sewer System; and

WHEREAS, DCDBA is obligated by contract with the Allegheny Valley Joint Sewage Authority ("AVJSA") to pay its proportionate share of an AVJSA treatment plant expansion project, and DCDBA has issued its Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series of 2021 to finance its proportionate share of the AVJSA Project; and

WHEREAS, the new debt service necessary to pay the Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series of 2021 requires a rate increase for customers of DCDBA as more fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, DCDBA has not increased customer rates for a period of eight⁴ years and has prudently managed its operating costs and expenses to avoid prior rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the Board of DCDBA determines that it is in the best interests of the maintenance of a sound and efficiently operating sewer system that it, through the Board of Directors, has determined that it is both unavoidable and necessary for the sanitary sewer system rate structure of DCDBA to be revised as more fully set forth herein;

NOW, therefore, be it and it is hereby resolved by the Board of Directors of DCDBA as follows:

1. The sanitary sewer rate schedule as more fully set forth in the schedule, effective immediately, is hereby approved and established as the sanitary sewer rate structure for the identified customers of the DCDBA Sewer System. The rate schedule is identified as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

2. The Board of Directors of DCDBA expressly determines that the rate structure adopted by virtue of this Resolution as more fully set forth in Exhibit "A" is consistent with the requirements of reasonableness and uniformity set forth in the Municipality Authorities Act, Act 22 of 2001, as amended.

3. The sanitary sewer rate schedule set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto is effective November 15, 2021 and commencing in the April 2022 (bi-monthly) and April 2022 (quarterly) billing cycles. The rate schedule applies to all current rates districts, excluding all customers within the Hampshire Estates Rate District, which shall remain unchanged.

4. The officers and staff of DCDBA are hereby authorized and directed to undertake all steps necessary to put the new rate structure and the provisions of this Resolution into full force and effect.

5. Any resolution or resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of the within Resolution are hereby expressly repealed.

Adopted by the Directors of the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in regular public meeting assembled on November 15, 2021.

Exhibit A 3

Quarterly Debt Service	\$90.00 per EDU
Minimum Quarterly Operating & Maintenance 0 – 8,000 Gallons	\$56.00 per EDU
Variable Rate	\$6.00 per each additional 1,000 Gallons
Bi-Monthly Debt Service	\$60.00 per EDU
Minimum Bi-Monthly Operating & Maintenance 0 – 5,000 Gallons	\$37.33 per EDU
Variable Rate	\$6.00 per each additional 1,000 Gallons
Non-Metered Quarterly	\$218.00 per EDU
Non-Metered Bi-Monthly	\$145.33 per EDU

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve Resolution 21-03 Rate Increase with Exhibit A-3. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pastura and seconded by Mr. Dischler to approve the Budget for 2022 (Scenario A-3). Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

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

Joseph & Gary Fosnaught	20 Hemlock Street	Assessment	100.00
	5969 William Flynn Highway		
Richland Township	4064 Gibsonia Road	Taps	2,600.00
Jason Clover	McKrell Road	Tap	2,000.00
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			\$4,700.00

Of these amounts, \$1,400.00 will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund, \$700.00 will be transferred to the Preventive Maintenance Fund and \$2,600.00 will be transferred to the Force Main Fund.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mrs. Pastura to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve the checkbook summary (paid bills for the month of October). Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor’s Report

AVJSA Expansion Project

Mr. Brown reported on the status of the Bond Issue as the pricing is in place and an aggressive schedule to close on the Bonds. The Trustee’s representative, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Krally and Mr. Brown will be at the Authority’s office to sign the bond documents and the notary will be there to notarize them. Closing on the bonds will be the following day and the money will be available. The Authority will wire 3.8 million dollars to pay off the existing 2010 RUS Loans. AVJSA’s bond counsel is preparing a Custodial Agreement to lay out the terms under which the 44-million-dollar payment will be turned over. When the transfer of money is made, “sign-offs” will be made to confirm the money has been transferred and our obligation contractually to AVJSA has been met. The last portion of the money to be expended covers the closing costs.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pastura and seconded by Mr. Drischler to move the meeting into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:02 p.m. where the Board discussed personnel issues.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mr. Plesh to approve the appointment of Special Counsel, James Southworth on an Unemployment Benefits Claim, if it becomes necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer’s Report

Resolution 21-04

Mr. Schmitt reported that work is proceeding on the force main project. PennDOT requires a formal resolution, to go under Route 910 and is asking the board to approve Resolution 21-04.

RESOLUTION 21-04

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority
(Name of Municipality/Authority)

of Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority
(Name of Municipality if Authority)

Allegheny, County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Chairperson of said Municipality/Authority be authorized and directed to sign the attached Agreement on its behalf and that the Secretary/Treasurer be authorized and directed to attest the same.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Krally and seconded by Mrs. DeLuca approve Resolution 21-04 Authorizing Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer to execute Application for Highway Occupancy Permit (Force Main). Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

Appointment of Special Counsel

The Appointment of Special Counsel was approved by the Board if it becomes necessary.

Mrs. Biery had nothing further to report.

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Higgins had nothing to report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Meeting to Public

No one from the public was present.

Supplemental Meeting

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Krally to cancel Supplemental Meeting scheduled for November 22, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Krally to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

12-20-21

