

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

May 16, 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, Mrs. DeLuca, Mr. Simonetti, Mrs. Krally, Mrs. Pastura, Mr. Parks, and Mr. Higgins. Board member absent: Mark Drischler. Also present: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Biery, Mr. Vancheri, Mr. Dennis Watson and Mr. James Southworth.

Flag Salute

The Board rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Higgins asked the Board to review the minutes for the Regular Meeting on April 18, 2022.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Pastura to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Meeting to Public

Darlene Sneider who requested to be placed on the agenda was not present.

Mr. Larry Cardillo, IUOE Local 66 Union representative, presented the grievance filed by two employees after it was denied at the first step. Their grievance claimed they were due retroactive compensation on their short-term disability insurance claims. The grievance will be discussed further in Executive Session.

Mr. George Tymas of 1032 MacArthur Drive, Russellton was in attendance with questions about the recent rate increase and the Allegheny Valley Joins Sewer Authority plant expansion. Explanations were given by members of the Board, the Engineer and the Solicitor regarding the history between AVJSA and DCDBA, the events leading up to their consent order, the resulting project costs and the grants and funding pursued by DCCBA.

Accountant's Report

Mr. Vancheri presented the Operating Accounts Receipts and Expenses and Funds Available and Debt Obligations reports for April 2022.

Engineer's Report

Project Updates

Mr. Schmitt reported the Rich Hill Pump Station Diminutor project is delayed until August because of materials backorders.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Hampshire Estates Sewage Treatment Plant project has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection for permitting. Comments by the DEP have been answered and when the permit is obtained the project will be put out for bid.

Mr. Schmitt reported the Force Main Project is pending until pricing and expenses can be reviewed and finalized.

Mr. Schmitt reported on the Inflow Survey that began last week. The two year 24-hour storm that occurred on May 6th resulted in an overflow at the Rich Hill Pump Station. Although this type of storm is typically not flagged by the DEP, this warrants proactive maintenance action to the system. The Board had approved the survey with Gibson-Thomas Engineering technician Drew Robinson along with Authority field personnel of the system's 4,000 manholes. To date, 143 manholes have been inspected, 36 have significant issues that need to be repaired. Eight manholes were found below grade by GPS and need to be uncovered and raised. A photographic presentation was made to the Board of some of the manholes that need to be repaired. As the system is 43 years old, a plan will be put in place to begin regular inspection and maintenance.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Pastura to continue the infiltration and inflow survey of the main interceptors with Gibson-Thomas Engineering's technician. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

Joey Rae Young	142 McIntyre Heights Dr.	Tap	2,000.00
Richland Township	321 Cambridge Dr.	Tap	1,300.00
Joseph & Gary Fosnaught	20 Hemlock St.	Assessment	55.00
Stephen Hast	216 Ridgehaven Lane	Tap	2,000.00
			\$5,355.00

Of these amounts, \$2,655.00 will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund, \$1,400.00 will be transferred to the Preventive Maintenance Fund and \$1,300 will be transferred to the Force Main Fund.

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

Solicitor's Report

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Pastura to move the meeting into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:56 p.m. where the Board discussed pending litigation and personnel issues.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Krally to compensate James Southworth for up to 7 hours work on the Appeal of Unemployment Compensation claim. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pastura and seconded by Mr. Plesh to settle the disability benefit for the grievance concern. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pastura and seconded by Mrs. Krally to ratify the filing of the appeal of the unemployment claim. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

Mrs. Biery had nothing additional to report.

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Higgins had nothing to report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Supplemental Meeting

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Simonetti to cancel the Supplemental Meeting scheduled for May 23, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Simonetti to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

6-20-22

Paula Kially