

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting May 18, 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, with some Board members and professionals attending via telephone.

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 via telephone: Mr. Plesh, Mrs. DeLuca, Mr. Simonetti, Mr. Coluccio, Mr. Drischler, Mrs. Krally, Mr. Trocki, and Mr. Higgins. Also present via telephone: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Brown and Mr. Vancheri. Board members present at the Authority office: Mr. Esposito. Also present at the Authority office: Mrs. Biery.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Esposito asked the Board to review the minutes from the April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 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 April 2020, a copy of which was distributed to the Board.

Treasurer's Report

In the month of April 2020 there were no Tap Fee or Assessment payments received.

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

Solicitor's Report

AVJSA Expansion Project

Amendment to Articles of Incorporation

Mr. Brown reported that both West Deer and Indiana Township Supervisors approved the Amendment to Articles of Incorporation to extend the life of Authority. Mr. Brown will place a legal notice in the Valley News Dispatch and it will appear this week.

Approval of Lump Sum Payment Election and Letter to AVJSA

Mr. Brown reported that the major development with regard to the expansion project is that AVJSA's consulting Engineer submitted their estimate of total project costs, a copy of which was provided to the Board. Mr. Brown reviewed and explained the details to the Board and asked that the Board approve the Lump Sum Payment Option and Letter to exercise its option to finance its share of the project costs. Said option and letter would need to be delivered to Allegheny Valley Joint Sewage Authority within the next few days to be in compliance with the terms of the Lump Sum Payment Agreement.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Higgins to approve the Lump Sum Payment Election and letter to AVJSA. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report

AVJSA Expansion Project Meeting May 4th and May 14th

Mr. Schmitt provided the Board with additional detail regarding the increase in project costs.

Hampshire Estates Tap Fee

Mr. Schmitt discussed with the Board the replacement of the aging Hampshire Estates Treatment plant and the need for the Board to decide what tap-in fee should be charged, as the owner of Hampshire Estates and a developer of property adjacent to the treatment plant intend to build additional units. The cost of the treatment plant and any grant monies received will impact the tap-in fee calculation. Mr. Esposito said that he feels the Board could agree on a \$2,500 tap fee, based on the limited information available at this time.

Capital Projects

Detention Tank

Mr. Schmitt said that though the system currently contains the flow, he said the need for a detention tank is possible in the future. A presentation of the flow meter project results is planned that will show the Board why such a facility may be needed.

Force Main Replacement

Mr. Schmitt directed the Board's attention to photos of the sewer line leak and repair along the creek on Route 910 in Harmar Township. Mr. Schmitt said that this situation was similar to past problems with sections of force main upstream where acid soil conditions caused holes in the line. Unless additional problems occur, he does not consider replacement of the force main in this area a necessity at this time.

East Little Pine Creek Sewer Extension

Mr. Schmitt said that extension of service to this area as a capital project should be considered. Award of grant monies, if any, won't be known until September.

The Fields at Hartwood Meadows

A developer has approached the Authority about a potential plan across from Hartwood Estates. It may have 80 EDUs, which would be completed in phases. Mr. Schmitt said the pump station has capacity to handle the flow for this plan, but it may be necessary to have the developer construct a new line to the pump station to prevent hydraulic overload in the existing sewer line. This situation is under review.

Manager's Report

Revised (Yellow Phase) COVID-19 Policy

Mrs. Biery reviewed the revised (Yellow Phase) COVID-19 Policy. Mrs. Biery said she would like to bring the Authority workers back to work on May 19th. The union representative reviewed the information and approved this policy with a few minor changes.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mrs. Krally to approve the revised (Yellow Phase) COVID-19 and bring the Authority workers back to work on May 19th.
Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Proposals

Mrs. Biery presented two proposals to consider for the pending bond issue. Mr. Brown described the function of the trustee.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Higgins to retain Zion Bank as trustee for the Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Richmont Estates Escrow

The initial project was a plan of 94 units. Four units were added to the project. A separate amendment is needed to include the additional units. The developer has exceeded the estimated cost of construction escrow deposited with the Authority. Requirement of additional escrow funds was included in the Amendment since 35% of the project remains to be completed.

Operations

The Board had no questions regarding the Foreman's Operations Report.

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Esposito said he 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 on May 25, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

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