

DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting August 17, 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 via telephone, Mr. Drischler, Mrs. Krally via telephone, Mr. Esposito, Mr. Trocki via telephone and Mr. Higgins. Absent: Mr. Simonetti. Also present: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Sprung, Mrs. Biery via telephone, and Mr. Vancheri.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Esposito asked the Board to review the minutes from the July 20, 2020 Regular Meeting. Mr. Esposito asked what the Board had decided regarding the Hampshire Estates Tap In Fee. Mr. Schmitt said that the Board had discussed setting the fee at \$2,500 dependent upon receipt of grant funding. He reported that neither project for which grants were applied received grant funding.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Drischler to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 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 July 2020, a copy of which was distributed to the Board. He also reported that the Audit for the year ended December 31, 2019 was completed there were no comments with regard to the internal control letter and no material weaknesses were noted. Copies of the Audit Report were mailed to the Board on July 31st.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Krally presented the Treasurer's Report. The following Tap Fees were received in the month of August:

Richland Township	5406 Turner Road	\$1,300.00
Richland Holdings	101 & 103 Lex Lane	\$4,000.00
Northpoint Development	5241 Middle Road	\$2,000.00

Of these payments, \$1,300.00 will be transferred into the Force Main Fund, \$3,900.00 will be transferred into the Capital Improvement Fund and \$2,100.00 will be transferred into the Preventative Maintenance Fund.

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

Engineer's Report

Residents from Saxonburg Boulevard were in attendance. Mr. Schmitt reported that no grant monies were awarded to the Authority for this project. With funds borrowed from PennVest and a tap in fee of \$5,000 per EDU, the sewer bill for this area would be approximately \$144.00 per month. Mrs. Tahon said that, even at that cost, she is still interested in having sewer service extended. Mr. Schmitt suggested that he and Mrs. Biery will put together a survey to the customers that could potential be served to determine if there is interest.

Capital Projects

Mr. Schmitt reviewed the list of long-term capital projects. Grant monies were not awarded for any of these projects, but application for other grants could be made. A decision as to whether or not to move forward with these projects can be made by the Board at a later date.

Manager's Report

GPS for Authority Vehicles

A copy of the Verizon proposal for four Authority vehicles was provided to the Board.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Higgins to approve authorization and execution of the services order form and contract with Verizon subject to the Chairman's review of the contract language. Motion carried unanimously.

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal

Mrs. Biery reported that she received a quote for the upcoming health insurance renewal. Tentatively, an 8% increase in premium is expected. Quotes from the representative for different options for a lower premium will be provided at the September meeting for consideration.

Rich Hill Pump Station

Mrs. Biery reported that Pump #1 at Rich Hill Pump Station was repaired and installed. The pump ran for a period of time and then the VFD for that pump failed. As previously reported, due to their age, the VFDs will need to be replaced as they fail. DRV, Inc. will be providing a quote, the price of which should be in the neighborhood of \$21,980, which is what it cost to replace the VFD on Pump #3 in 2018. This replacement is considered an emergency repair.

Copper Creek Development

With the Maintenance Bond expiring May 31st of this year, the final inspection for Copper Creek took place in early May, with no additional items to be addressed by the Developer.

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mr. Coluccio to formally accept the sewer lines in Copper Creek. Motion carried unanimously.

Collective Bargaining Agreement

In Mr. Brown's absence, Mrs. Biery reported that a proposal from the Union is expected soon. Mr. Esposito suggested that the Supplemental Meeting be held as scheduled in anticipation of receipt of the Union's proposal. The committee will plan to meet prior to the Supplemental Meeting and then have a discussion with the full Board.

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Esposito had nothing to report.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Supplemental Meeting

As discussed, this meeting will be held as scheduled.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Drischler and seconded by Mr. Plesh to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

9-21-20

