

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 1, 2022**

Present- Robert Martin, Dawn Williams, Andy Hansen, Willie Heckman, Darrin Flake (via phone), Plant Operator Jeremy Davis. Secretary Treasurer Debra Hahn. Solicitor Adam Boyer. Supervisor Chris Santay

The meeting held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building was called to order by Vice-Chairman Hanson at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Monthly Reports:**

**Motion** by Heckman seconded by Martin to approve February 1, 2022 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Heckman seconded by Williams to approve the General Account Report for March, 2022 Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Heckman, seconded by Martin to approve March Bill List #3, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members reviewed the revised water service area map with updates to include Oak Tree Road and Edwards Court. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Martin to approve the map. Motion carried unanimously.

Davis advised the Board that he had located the source of the major water leak on February 6 at 951 Old Route 30. The home at that location was unoccupied. He monitored the meter readings from February 4 -6 and determined the source of leak. He shut off water to the home. He contacted the owner to advise him of the leak and that he would be responsible in paying the cost of the water loss. Owner advised Davis that he had shut off the water in the house in December. Hahn noted there was another leak that had occurred at 4 Edwards Court. She had noticed over the past several quarters increased usage. She contacted the owners and they advised they had a leaking toilet which they had shut off, after receiving their last water invoice.

Davis advised the Board that he and Flake attended a meeting with Brian Preski, a representative of NAWSC (National Water Specialties Company) on Backflow Prevention Systems. Installing backflow preventers (BFP) on customer's water service lines prevents any backflow of non-potable materials flowing back into the water system which could be harmful for human consumption. Davis advised this system is not currently required by DEP, but could very well be a requirement in the future. He noted the system works best with larger water systems. NAWSC provides everything from

start to finish to put the plan in place and monitor the system. Customers would be responsible for the purchase and installation of the valves, along with costs for the required testing. Davis recommended that the Authority work on having BFP's put on the commercial properties currently on the water line. Cashtown Inn, Fire Hall, Engine house, Cashtown Garage and Franklin Township school and to look to the future having backflow valves on home residents water lines. He stated the any new hookups should be required to install the backflow valves.

Discussion continued on the proposed Kuhn land development plant. Solicitor Boyer advised that he and Engineer Hill had worked together to come up with a draft Developers agreement. The agreement would contain language that the Authority is willing to permit the installation of water mains installed by the Developer in compliance with the Authorities policies, rule & regulations. The Developer would be responsible for all costs of constructing the water mains and any costs incurred by the Authority for legal and engineering fees. Solicitor Boyer said it was urgent that the Authority get the Agreement signed by the Kuhns, before the property is sold for development. He also advised that he and Hill would work to have updated Rules & Regulations and new connection fees to present at the April meeting for Board approval.

Davis advised he would be in contact with Hill and Negleys to confirm exactly how many lots the Authority would be able to supply water.

In other business, the plan to mark meter box locations was tabled until the April Board meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Debra Hahn  
Secretary