

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 7, 2023**

Present: Board Members- Andy Hansen, Darrin Flake, Dawn Williams, Willie Heckman, Robert Martin. Secretary/Treasurer-Debra Hahn., Plant Operator-Jeremy Davis

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

Approval of Monthly Reports:

Motion by Heckman seconded by Martin to approve February 7, 2023 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Williams seconded by Martin to approve March 7, 2023 Bill List. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Heckman to approve March 7, 2023 General Account Report. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the meeting agenda listed Jim Hersch customer at 951 Old Route 30 to attend the meeting to discuss his overdue water bill. Mr. Hersch did not attend.

Davis advised he is still working on obtaining quotes for security fencing, etc, to secure the Rock Top wellsite water tower and the school pumphouse. He also advised he had one quote for logging the area at the Rock Top wellsite, but wanted to get at least two other quotes. He was hopeful he would be able to have all quotes available for April's meeting.

Davis addressed the Board on the approval at last month's meeting to purchase leak detection equipment from LB Water at a cost of \$2700. Davis advised after reviewing specification of higher quality leak detecting equipment, he suggested the purchase of one that would better suit the needs of the water system piping at a cost of \$3,338.

Motion by Williams seconded by Heckman to approve the purchase. Motion unanimously approved.

Williams requested an update from Davis on status of parts for the installation of new meter pits that were on back order. Davis advised all was still on backorder.

Discussion was held on the property located behind the Rock Top wellsite which was recently listed for sale. Martin had questioned if there was a legal right of way agreement

between the Authority and the current owners. Both Davis and Hahn advised there was a right of way agreement that was filed a few years ago. Hahn advised she would contact Solicitor Boyer to review that Right of Way and advise if it would apply to new owners.

Flake addressed the Board concerning application for a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant that would hopefully come available again in the fall. He stated that project specifications/costs be gathered for the application to be submitted in time to meet a December deadline. Board members reviewed the criteria listed on last year's grant application. Several suggestions were discussed on what projects the Authority could request grant funds. Davis suggested the possibility of extending water service to High Street and/or to the east end of Old Route 30 to Flohrs Church. Upgrades to both pumphouses. Installation of security fencing etc, around both well sites. Purchasing a new backup well pump. Williams advised to be careful adding too many projects to the application. When application was reviewed and one project was not accepted, the entire grant application would be denied. Davis advised he would check with Negley's to get their advice on any pumphouses upgrades. Davis also would gather costs for the security measures needed at both wellsite.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Debra Hahn
Secretary