

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 11, 2023

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

Guests: Diana Woodward, Supervisor Chris Santay, Dale Graves, Arend Visher.
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 Flake seconded by Williams to approve June 6, 2023 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Flake seconded by Heckman to approve July 11, 2023 Bill List. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Martin to approve July 11, 2023 General Account Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Diana Woodward a new water customer addressed the Board concerning the meter pit that was on her property. She said it appeared that someone had been tampering with the pit. She stated that someone just this week entered her property and made repairs to the pit. Chairman Hanson advised that parts for the pit had been on back order and Plant Operator Davis was just able to make the repairs. Woodward expressed her concern that communication in advance would have been appreciated when someone from the Authority was going to enter her property to make any kind of repairs.

Guest Arend Visher who had set up video & audio tape equipment, addressed the Board, advising he was new to the area, visiting township meetings to video & audio tape to share on his social media site.

Davis addressed the Board advising last Wednesday there were issues with the operating systems between the two wells, that cause the chlorinator pump in the school pumphouse to continue to pump when the well was shut down. The result was a high residual in the system. He contacted Chandler Baum from Negleys to repair. All seemed to be working well but Friday the malfunction happened again. Notification was sent to customers advising of the situation with a request before using water to run for at least 3-5 minutes to flush the lines. Negleys again made repairs. Mains were flushed and all was operating back to normal. School pumphouse was started back up today. While performing these repairs a leaking expansion tank along with leaks on two check valves

was found. Davis advised the tank had been installed in 2017 with a five year warranty and would need to be replaced. He also advised that restructuring of the fire line to the hydrant would need to be done so sufficient water from both wells would be available if needed by the fire company. He stated Negleys would provide a quote to re-route the fire line, replace pressure tank and repair leaks on the check valves.

Secretary Hahn advised that the 2022 CCR report had been mailed to customers on 6/15. She also advised invoices for quarterly billing were mailed July 5. Visser asked if water usage reports were for public information. Hanson advised that customer's individual water consumption would not be something for public knowledge. Visser advised he would be interested in seeing a usage report to show actual monthly consumption. Santay suggested to the Board that Visser file a right to know request for the report and for the Authority to get legal guidance before disclosing any information. Flake advised Visser he could submit his request to him as he was the Authority's Open Records officer

Hahn advised during meter readings for the quarterly billing, even though water was shut off at the property at 951 Old Route 30, meter was showing usage. She contacted Davis to doublecheck readings. Davis discovered that someone had turned the water on. 700 gallons had been used. Davis again shut off the water. Hahn advised that settlement on the property was scheduled for Thursday, 7/13. The company handling the settlement had already requested a final invoice. Hahn advised the settlement company that the entire invoice would have to be paid in full before water service could be restored to the property.

Davis reported he was holding off on seeking quotes for the logging project at the Rock Top well site until lumber prices came up. He also stated that he was going to hold off getting quotes for the security fencing, pending what information would need to be submitted if the Authority was going to file for grant money for the project. Flake suggested finding an advisor through Hill & Associates for guidance in applying for the grant. Davis advised he had a contact at Hill & Associates and would reach out to him for information as to who at the firm may be able to help.

Board reviewed a 6 month report of expenses/ receipts. Held discussion on various forms of investments offered by PLIGIT. **Motion** made by Flake, seconded by Heckman for Flake to work on setting up a PLIGIT Prime Fund account investing \$100,000. **Motion** carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted
Debra Hahn
Secretary