

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 13, 2021

Present: Board members: Darrin Flake, Bruce Strasbaugh, Dawn Williams, Andy Hansen. Plant Operator: Jeremy Davis. Patrick & Elizabeth Sheaffer/Remax. Dave Kuhn, Supervisors: JR Crushong and Chris Santay. Solicitor Adam Boyer

The meeting held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building was called to order by Chairman Darrin Flake.

Approval of Monthly Reports:

Motion by Williams, seconded by Strasbaugh, to approve the revised May 2021 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Williams to approve June, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Strasbaugh to approve the General Account Report for July, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Strasbaugh, seconded by Hansen to approve Bill List # 7 for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Kuhn presented a proposed plan to sell approximately 40 acres of land located within the water service area, across from the Franklin Township Elementary School. Patrick Sheaffer of Remax addressed the Board advising the plan would be for approximately 50 single family homes to be built, with services of both water and sewer needed. Plant Operator Jeremy Davis stated the Authority would have the capacity to provide water services to the homes. As proposed development is in its early stages, no further action was needed by the Board.

Chairman Flake addressed the Board advising a back-up plant operator was needed, due to the resignation of previous backup operator. Davis advised the Board that Trent Stumbaugh of Negleys was currently training an individual who would be suitable for the job. Flake suggested Davis to invite the individual to the August Board meeting.

Davis addressed the Board with the need to purchase a back-up chlorinator pump for the system. Flake requested Davis to bring a cost estimate to the August meeting for review.

Williams suggested that the Board begin plans to install needed water pits along the Orrtanna Road. It was noted that Franklin Township Road Crew employees would be available to help with the installation as a cost savings to the Authority. Davis advised there was concern on accessing the water main behind a group of Orrtanna Road homes. Strasbaugh noted he would be willing to work with Davis to help locate the line as he was familiar with the line placement. Davis was requested to propose a plan at the August meeting for the installations.

Solicitor Boyer addressed the Board, concerning a new Sunshine Law starting in September. He advised that Board agendas would need to be posted on the Township's website at least 24 hours before Board meetings. He noted that the Board would only be able to take action on the items listed on the agenda.

In other business, discussion was held on the recent phone calls/letters, water customers were getting from PAWC (Pa American Water Company) concerning their water service being disconnected due to delinquent sewer payments. Both Hahn & Davis received numerous calls with concerns that customers water service would be terminated. Customers were advised their water service would not be terminated based on delinquent sewer payments. Flake advised he contacted PAWC and spoke with them concerning the issue. He stated that there should be no more 'threats' to water customers with services being terminated.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Hahn, Secretary