

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 1, 2024**

Present: Board Members- Andy Hansen, Darrin Flake, Robert Martin, Willie Heckman, Dawn Williams. 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 Williams seconded by Martin to approve September 3, 2024 Minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Heckman to approve October 1, 2024 Bill List #10. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Martin to approve October 1, 2024 General Account Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Hahn reported that meter readings for the third quarter were read on 9/30. She also reminded Robert Martin that his term on the Authority Board was expiring 12/31/24. She requested Martin let the Board know by the November meeting if he was willing to serve for another five year term.

Board members reviewed water tank cleaning/inspection quotes from three different companies: Midco, Atlantic Underwater Services Inc. and LiquiVision Technology Services. After review of quotes, **Motion** was made by Heckman, seconded by Martin to approve the Midco quote for \$4,236 for cleaning and inspection and \$450 for the confidential full written report for a total cost of \$4586. **Motion** unanimously approved. Hahn advised she would submit signed quote to Midco along with a request for a 2025 schedule for the inspection/cleaning.

After the Board reviewed and approved an invoice from USA Bluebook of \$4341.30 for the purchase of leak detection equipment, Board member Williams questioned why the equipment was purchased, when a grant application had been submitted earlier in the year for the funds that would help pay for the purchase. Plant Operator Davis advised the equipment was needed now, to help in the detection of a major water leak in September. Williams asked if any news had been received concerning the grant. Chairman Hansen advised no word yet but he would follow-up on the status of the grant.

Davis advised water usage had went up significantly mid-September. He advised after going through all the normal procedures to try and locate the leak with no success, he made the decision to purchase the leak detecting equipment. Fluid Pinpointing was also called in to help. Using the equipment, Davis was able to locate the leak at 1065 Old Route 30. C.E. Williams was called to make repairs to fix the leak. Once on site, it was discovered that the leak was occurring from the meter pit to the residence at 1065 Old Route 30, which according to the Rules and Regulations of the Authority was the home owner's financial responsibility to repair. Being that contractor was already on site with equipment, Davis advised he contacted the homeowner and advised the leak needed to be fixed and they would be responsible for the cost of the repairs. He stated that the home owner agreed and gave permission for the contractor to proceed with the repair work knowing they would be responsible for the charges to repair. Davis advised the contractor to invoice the Authority for the work. Secretary Hahn was instructed to send the home owner the invoice for the repair work to be reimbursed to the Authority.

Davis also advised that he was going to try and get together materials to have three much needed water meter pits installed. He reminded the board that materials for meter pit installations were on back order with LB Water but thought he may have enough materials on hand to have the three pits installed.

Board members held discussion on reserving additional water hookups within the current water service area. At the past two Board meetings, 10 water hookups were reserved for empty lots. Depending on the number of homes that could be placed on one acre lot, additional water hookups could possibly be needed. Hansen advised he would check with the township for that info and report back at the November meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hahn
Secretary