

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

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

Guests: Dave & Mary Margaret Kuhn, Bruce Strasbaugh, Engineer, William Hill, Dale Graves & Diana Moy

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 Martin to approve October 3, 2023 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Flake to approve November 7, 2023 Bill List. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Dale Graves, water customer and owner of the Cashtown Garage addressed the Board concerning his PAWC Sewer invoice. He advised that he had currently turned off the water at the garage while repairs to the building were being made. He stated that even though water was turned off, his sewer bill remained the same. When he contacted PAWC he was advised that the sewer rate is a set monthly rate and not based on water consumption. Hansen advised Graves that the Municipal Authority was a completely separate utility and had no control of PAWC charges for sewer. Any concessions to his sewer invoice would have to be addressed with PAWC.

Dave Kuhn approached the board again, concerning his proposed contract of sale for a development of his property located at the east end of Cashtown. Kuhn stated that he was again requesting confirmation from the Authority that water could be provided to the development. Kuhn had contacted PMCA asking if the building code would allow sprinklers as opposed to fire hydrants. He was advised by PMCA that Franklin Township SALDO only mentions hydrants. Kuhn advised he did some research on his own and found that home sprinkler systems was the best way to fight a house fire. From his research he found minimal pressure was needed for sprinklers, as opposed to amount of pressure needed for fire hydrants. William Hill of Keller Engineer attended the meeting at the request of Kuhn. Hill advised he was of the opinion that sprinklers would not

cause any drain on the water system pressure wise. He noted that most developments in the area were going with requirements for sprinklers, not hydrants. Hansen advised that as stated before, the Authority would be able to provide water to the development. The issue now was sufficient water pressure would be needed to support fire hydrants or sprinklers, whichever was the Township zoning requirements. He suggested Kuhn approach the Township again for their clarification of the zoning requirements for fire suppression.

Board members reviewed their recently paid C.E. Williams invoice for water line work at the Cashtown Fire Engine house. Work involved replacing the meter pit and lines to the engine house. Williams advised that per Authority rules & regulations, the responsibility of any repairs from the meter pit to the dwelling are the customer's financial responsibility, not the Authority's. The charges on the invoice should have been broken out, charging the Fire Department for their responsibility and the Authority's theirs. Hansen advised he would contact CE Williams on the charges and report back to the Board at the December meeting.

Board members reviewed 2024 Budget figures. Final budget to be approved at December meeting.

Hanson advised he had not heard any updates from Keller Engineers concerning the Statewide Local Share Assessment grant application. He would reach out to David Cunningham of Keller Engineers to confirm the application had been submitted.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hahn
Secretary