

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 5, 2024**

Present: Board Members- Andy Hansen, Darrin Flake, Robert Martin, Willie Heckman.
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 October 1, 2024 Minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Heckman to approve November 5, 2024 Bill List #11. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Heckman to approve November 5, 2024 General Account Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Martin whose term on the Board expires 12/31/24, advised the Board he would be willing to serve another term. Secretary Hahn advised she would pass the information along to the Supervisors for them to approve at their January board meeting.

Plant Operator Davis reported that while PennDot was working on culvert replacements on High Street last month, they bumped into a water line fitting. Workers contacted Davis who investigated and made the decision to have the fitting replaced, while the area was already opened up. He advised while CE Williams was performing the work, they had an issue with the blow off valve which caused sediment in the water line. He stated he had received a few phone calls from concerned customers noticing the discoloration in the water. He assured them that the water was treated and ok to use.

Board members reviewed the 2025 Budget. Flake advised he would research 2025 salary increases and bring the information to the December meeting.

Board members discussed the recent awarding of LSA grant monies. It was noted that \$540,500 was requested on the grant application, with \$250,000 awarded. Members reviewed which projects could be done with the funds to upgrade the water system. Plant Operator Davis advised he would reach out for quotes for security fencing around the Rock Top Well site. He also stated he would research information on having backflow preventers installed.

Chairman Hansen advised that he spoke with Dave Cunningham of Keller Engineers and he advised LSA grants were being offered again in 2025. Hansen suggested that the board could apply for another \$250,000 to complete the water upgrade projects.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Heckman to approve Resolution No. 1 of 2024 for a second Statewide Local Share Assessment grant for \$250,000. Motion was unanimously approved.

Davis reported that the Authority was going to have to perform Lead Service Line inventory as required by DEP. He stated he received communication earlier in the year of this new requirement but was under the impression that it was the same testing that Negley performed each year for the Authority. He later found out it was inventory that the Authority had to perform to be reported by October 16, 2024. He had been in contact with Negleys who in return contacted DEP on behalf of the Authority that the inventory would be performed and submitted to DEP as soon as possible.

Davis advised DEP needed the information on materials used for the water line connection to the homes and any business within the water service area. He suggested sending letters to customers requesting they report what type of material was used for the service water line to their home. Secretary Hahn advised she would get the mailing prepared and mailed/emailed out as soon as possible.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hahn
Secretary