

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 4, 2025**

Present: Board Members- Andy Hansen, Darrin Flake, Dawn Williams, Willie Heckman, Robert Martin. Secretary/Treasurer-Debra Hahn., Plant Operator-Jeremy Davis. Adam Boyer-Solicitor, Dave Cunningham-Keller Engineers

Guests: Chris Santay, Jeff Bowling, Mike Reiblich-BonTon Builders, Kris Raubenstine-Hanover Land Services

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 Williams to approve February 4, 2025 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Martin to approve March 4, 2025 Bill List. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Heckman to approve March 4, 2025 General Account Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Hahn reported that Plant Operator Davis had posted one shut off notice on Monday, March 3. She also noted there were 18 customers who had not responded yet to the request for information on their water line for the Lead Inventory Request. She advised she would continue to reach out to them for a reply. Hahn also advised that the LSA Grant contract had been received.

Chairman Hansen noted that the first project using grant money would be for security fencing around the pumphouse located at the school, along with placing security measures around the ladder area at the Rock Top water tower.

Kris Raubenstine of HLS addressed the board on the potential need for water services for the proposed development on property currently owned by Dave & Mary Margaret Kuhn. Hansen advised Raubenstine that it had been significant time since the Authority had heard any meaningful communication concerning water services for the potential development. He advised that Dave Kuhn had approached the Authority several times years ago to generally speak to the Authority about possibly supplying water for the development, but noted that Kuhn was the seller of property, not the potential buyer or the developer, and that Mr. Kuhn had not provided much specific information about the

project. Hansen advised that since the Authority has not heard anything further on the project in quite some time, the Authority intended to move forward in another direction by making plans to upgrade the water system, and had applied for grant monies with plans to extend the existing water lines in other directions. Hansen advised that with these subsequent other plans in the works, the Authority would likely not be able to handle adding another 50 plus homes on to the system without putting a financial burden on the existing water customers. Hansen stated the board had recently approved motions to reserve EDUs for all current empty lots within the existing water service line area making extra capacity slim.

Dave Cunningham of Keller Engineers advised that after studying the current system usage and taking into account the reserved EDUs along with the Authority's plans to extend the lines (which would possibly add 40 more hookups for existing homes not currently connected to the Authority), the Authority could handle adding a grand total of approximately 80 homes. Given that 58 homes were tentatively proposed for the Kuhn property and 40 EDUs had already been reserved, Mr. Cunningham stated that the Authority would not be able to accommodate the development of the Kuhn property as it currently stands.

Discussion was held on the proposed underground water storage tanks for fire suppressant for the Kuhn development. Fire Chief Bowling stated that he had looked over the prints and expressed his concerns on the size of the tanks and how fast tanks could be refilled in the event of a fire. Raubenstein commented that the tanks aren't designed yet, just the idea.

Solicitor Boyer asked Mike Reiblich-BonTon Builders if they were under contract with the Kuhns for the sale of the property, to which Reiblich replied that the property was under contract provided certain contingencies were met.

It was noted by Boyer that the Authority was obligated to supply water within the Authority's water service as it stands, and that it was his understanding that the Kuhn property does not lie within that existing service area. Township rules and regulations state the property would have to be within 150 feet of the water main to have a mandatory connection. According to the sketch plans, the housing on the Kuhn property would not be within that area.

Board members tabled the request for water service to give time to study and consider the request until the April 1st Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Hahn, Secretary