

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 1, 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,

Guests: Mike Reiblich - BonTon Builders, Kris Raubenstine-Hanover Land Services, Patrick Sheaffer, Dave & Mary Margaret Kuhn, Diana Moy, Dale Graves, Bruce Strausbaugh

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

Motion by Williams, seconded by Heckman to approve April 1, 2025 Bill List. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Martin to approve April 1, 2025 General Account Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Hahn reported there were 10 water customers with no response from the request to provide the Authority with the type of their service line for the DEP mandated Lead Service Line inventory. She stated that there were several who responded but needed help in determining the type. She gave of list of those customers to both Hansen and Davis for them to review and work on getting responses.

Board member Heckman advised that she was going to be moving to Franklin County and would be submitting her resignation from the Board. She planned on being able to attend the May board meeting and submit her resignation to take effect May 31, 2025.

Solicitor Boyer addressed the Board advising that currently there was no formal agreement made between the Water Authority and Boyer regarding representation when the Authority might be dealing with other clients of Boyer or other colleagues within the Barley Snyder law firm. Solicitor Boyer had prepared a letter of what their role is relative to the Authority and his representation. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Heckman to accept the legal representation/conflict of interest letter regarding Boyer's representation of the Authority. Motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion was held on the request for water service for the potential housing development, Willow Farms/Kuhn property. Kris Raubenstine of Hanover Land Services, representing Willow Farms spoke to the board, following up on discussion at the March board meeting.

Hansen opened up the discussion, asking Board members if they had any questions for Raubenstine. On the subject of the planned water storage tanks for fire suppression, Board member Martin asked who was going to pay for the initial filling of those tanks, as Raubenstine commented at the March meeting, the home owner's association would pay. Martin commented, the township would more than likely request that the tanks be installed before homes, so no home owners would be available to pay. Martin also expressed concerns that once the tanks were filled with treated water, chlorine residual would be lost and could not be used for human consumption. He also asked how the water was going to be pressurized in case of a fire. Raubenstine commented that all those details would be worked out once they get into the designs of the tanks.

Dave Kuhn addressed the board advising he had reviewed the Authority's approved Minutes from 2023 and stated that the Authority advised they could supply water for the development.

Chairman Hansen reiterated that board had not heard anything on this project for quite some time and the Authority had moved forward in another direction by making plans to upgrade the water system, applying for and receiving approval of grant monies to extend existing water lines in a different direction. He also noted that with reserved EDUs in place for lots within the current water service area, the Authority would not be able to accommodate adding a total of 58 additional customers from the development on to the current water system.

Hansen asked if there would be any consideration in scaling back the number of homes for the development. Both Raubenstine and Reiblic stated yes, some would be better than none.

Solicitor Boyer reminded the Board that the Authority was obligated to supply water within the Authority's water designated water service area. But the Kuhn property did not fall within that area. The Authority would have to decide if they want to extend the service area to cover this property, or wait until more information is gathered from the Authority's engineer.

Board member Heckman stated she felt more information should be gathered from the Authority engineer on how many more homes could be added to the system, before a decision could be made.

Hanson suggested the Authority hold a public workshop all interested parties for further discussion. He noted he would be in touch with everyone on a date.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Martin to table the decision of Willow Farm's request for water service. Motion carrier unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hahn
Secretary