

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 3, 2026**

Present: Board Members- Dawn Williams, Darrin Flake, Dianna Moy, Robert Martin, Plant Operator, Jeremy Davis, Secretary/Treasurer-Debra Hahn.

The meeting held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building was called to order by Chairman Williams at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Monthly Reports:

Motion by Flake seconded by Moy to approve February 3, 2026 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Martin to approve March 3, 2026 Bill List #3. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Martin to approve March 3, 2026 General Account Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Plant Operator Davis reported it had been a busy month with maintenance issues at both well sites. He stated he noted pressure issues within the system and thought it was coming from a malfunctioning pump at the Rock Top Well. Upon further investigation with Negleys on site, it was discovered it was a malfunctioning control box which he was able to have repaired. Davis went on to say that he had concerns with the lifespan of both pumps at each wellsite. With records not showing exactly when both pumps were installed, he noted that the life span of the pumps is 20 years. He had concerns if both went out at the same time, the system would be inoperable. He suggested a new pump be installed at the Rock Top site. A quote of \$8,909.54 from Negley's for pump replacement was reviewed. Davis advised that the price of the quote did not include any piping as it would not be known the condition of the pipe, until work commenced.

Motion by Flake, seconded by Martin to replace the pump and any piping as needed. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that there was no documentation on file of the depth of the well. When work was being performed to replace the pump, that measurement needed to be obtained and permanently recorded at the wellsite. Secretary Hahn asked if funds for the work be pulled from PLIGIT. Williams advised no. Payment to be made from general account.

Davis also advised the heater motor in the School pump house had locked up. He contacted Ketterman Electric who replaced the heater. Ketterman also was able to fix the heater at the Rock Top wellsite which also was in need of repair. Davis suggested that backup heaters be purchased for both sites in the future.

Davis reported that he spoke with CE Williams on the grant funded Meter Pit Replacement project. He said the funding of the grant included transmitters in each pit for meter readings to be obtained remotely. He stated there would be an annual fee for the software of \$4000 with a 3% yearly increase for the software. He stated a cost of \$200 for each pit transmittal. He noted CE Williams would begin the project as weather permitted.

Board members held discussion on the \$4,000 software fee being too costly. Davis advised he would do some research to see if there were any options in purchasing a system that would be less expensive.

Davis discussed the moving of the blow-off valve to the other side of High Street, to correspond with the States planned work to repave all of High Street this year. He stated it was a safety concern where the valve is currently located so close to the road, with any maintenance needing to be done with the valve. **Motion** by Martin, seconded by Diana to employ CE Williams to move the line under the road to the other side. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Williams reported there was still hope in obtaining grant money for a backup generator for the system. She stated when the engineer applied for the grant, the wrong attachments were sent with the application and it was rejected. The error was discovered and the engineer re-submitted the application with the correct attachments. The grant is currently be reviewed for approval.

Davis advised Midco Diving was scheduled to come this spring, to clean out the Rock Top water tower.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hahn, Secretary.