

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Minutes of Meeting
February 16, 2023

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority was held at 3:30pm on Thursday, February 16, 2023 in the Township Building with the following members in attendance: Joseph Van Houten, Chairman; Kevin Green; Vice-Chairman; (via Zoom) Daniel Stairiker, Secretary and Robert Shaffer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer (via Zoom). Also present at the meeting was Keith Hass, Executive Director; Richard D. Magee, Jr., Municipal Authority Solicitor; Alfred S. Ciottoni, Municipal Authority Engineer and Barbara Lyons, Board of Supervisors Liaison to the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (via Zoom).

WELCOME

The DTMA Chairman, Mr. Joseph Van Houten, opened the meeting at 3:30pm.

VISITORS/PUBLIC AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

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ACTION ITEMS

MINUTES APPROVAL

January 19, 2023

Upon a motion by Mr. Stairiker seconded by Mr. Van Houten and unanimously approved by the Authority, the minutes of the January 19, 2023 DTMA meeting was approved as submitted.

REPORTS

AUTHORITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

CDM SMITH PFAS STUDY UPDATE – WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Ciottoni stated that a report is expected from CDM Smith regarding water supply options. He added that he and Mr. Hass planned to review the report in full before presenting it to the board; hopefully, at the next meeting of the DTMA.

AUTHORITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR EASTON ROAD ROUNDABOUT

Mr. Magee presented a cost sharing agreement with PennDOT to the Board for the new Easton Road Roundabouts Project. He explained that current DTMA water mains must be relocated in order for the roundabout to be constructed. Mr. Magee added that PennDOT is responsible for 75% of the cost of the water utility relocation with the DTMA being responsible for the remaining 25%.

Mr. Green made a motion to authorize the execution of the Cost Sharing Agreement with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), 7000 Geerdes Blvd, King of Prussia, PA 19406 for the water utility relocations required for the new roundabouts. DTMA's share of estimated cost is \$40,037.50. PennDOT's share of estimated cost is \$120,112.50. Mr. Stairiker seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Authority.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

EASTON ROAD PFC SITE – DEP MEETING UPDATE

Mr. Hass reported on a recent meeting with the DEP regarding the Easton Road PFC site. DEP reported since the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for PFAS were lowered in January additional property owners' private wells are considered above the acceptable limit. Mr. Hass reminded the DEP about the availability of DTMA public water nearby.

Mr. Hass also reported on funding options should public water be required in this area of the Township. PennVEST and DEP funding are potentially available if a project is designed and "shovel ready". Mr. Hass suggested commencing a preliminary design at this site.

Mr. Van Houten suggested that we consider moving forward in that direction and, following some discussion, the consensus of the Authority was to proceed with starting initial design work.

OLD NEW ROAD AND FERRY ROAD INTERCONNECTION UPDATES

Mr. Hass reported on a kickoff meeting with the North Wales Water Authority for the Old New Road water supply interconnection. DTMA also met with a property owner along Old New Road to discuss a possible easement required for the meter vault.

In addition, Mr. Hass reported the water supply interconnection at Carriage Hill is expected to be constructed by NWWA by the end of this year as part of the Ferry Road project and settlement agreement.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Hass reported on a significant main break that occurred late in the afternoon on Monday, February 6, 2023. An eight-inch valve failed resulting in the loss of thousands of gallons of water flowing into the street. He explained within five minutes of notification DTMA was on site and able to isolate the main break. A contractor and DTMA worked into the night to repair the valve and water main. Mr. Hass explained the repair went smoothly and is further proof of the value of a locally owned water utility. He concluded his report by referencing a commendation email detailing DTMA's response from Mr. Joe Delikat at 707 Greenview Lane.

405 EDISON FURLONG ROAD

Mr. Hass reported that he recently received a conceptual drawing from a developer for a 10-home subdivision in the Edison/Furlong Road area. Mr. Hass stated that he and Mr. Ciottoni are performing due diligence on the site as a potential water storage tank location.

DTMA PUBLIC WATER SURVEYS

Mr. Hass reported that formal public water interest surveys will be sent out to all property owners of the Township where paving is scheduled to occur in the next few years. Mr. Hass explained that he is currently coordinating this effort with the Township. Mr. Green suggested adding the advantages of connecting to public water in the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL'S LIST: February 2023

Mr. Stairiker made a motion to approve the February 2023 Bills List for the General Fund Account in the amount of \$40,688.14; Developers Escrow Fund in the amount of \$3,912.00; Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$160,615.02; Prepaid Invoices in the amount of \$5,650.18; Prepaid ACH Credit Invoices in the amount of \$16,385.49; and Transfers to the Township in the amount of \$99,688.56. Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion that was then unanimously approved by the Authority.

TREASURER'S REPORT: February, 2023

Mr. Stairiker made a motion approving acceptance of the February 16, 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Authority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


The next **DTMA Board of Directors Meeting** is scheduled for March 16, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

PMAA Board Member Training is scheduled for Thursday, March 30 in Valley Forge, PA. Mr. Van Houten highly recommended this training and encouraged all members of the DTMA to contact Mr. Hass regarding their intentions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Hass
Executive Director



3/16/2023

Date