

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Minutes of Meeting
November 21, 2019

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019 in the Township Building with the following in attendance: Richard Bach, Chairman; Joseph Van Houten, Secretary; Kevin Green, Treasurer; Rod Stone, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and Daniel Stairikerty. Also present at the meeting was Keith Hass, Executive Director; Richard D. Magee, Jr., Municipal Authority Solicitor; Alfred S. Ciottoni, Municipal Authority Engineer; Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors Liaison to the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority and Debra Heaney, Finance Assistant. Dave Tomko, Township Director of Operations, also joined the meeting for discussion related to the Pebble Ridge/Woodridge Water Main Infrastructure agenda item.

THANK YOU

DTMA Chairman, Mr. Richard Bach began the meeting by issuing a huge thank you to Messrs. Keith Hass, Scott Miele, Brent Eaton, Mark Matakonis, Jerry Kinder and Sean Gore for work above and beyond the call of duty relative to the recent 36-hour power outage in the Township.

ACTION ITEMS

MINUTES APPROVAL: October 24, 2019

Upon a motion by Mr. Van Houten, seconded by Mr. Green and unanimously approved by the Authority, the minutes of the October 24, 2019 DTMA meeting was approved as submitted.

BILL'S LIST: November 2019

Mr. Van Houten made a motion to approve the November 2019 Bills List for the General Fund Account in the amount of \$23,714.14; Developers Escrow Fund in the amount of \$10,221.15; Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$3,384.50; Prepaid Invoices in the amount of \$30,734.95; Prepaid ACH Credit Invoices in the amount of \$9,212.22 and Transfers to the Township in the amount of \$87,322.76. Mr. Stairiker seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved by the Authority.

TREASURER'S REPORT: November 21, 2019

Mr. Van Houten made a motion to approve acceptance of the November 21, 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Authority.

RESOLUTION FOR PA H2O PA WATER SUPPLY GRANT

Upon a review of information regarding the PA H2O PA Water Supply Grant by Mr. Hass, Mr. Stone made a motion for consideration of a resolution requesting a grant from the PA Dept. of Community and Economic for the DTMA-Delaware Valley University Water System Interconnect/New Britain Borough Project and furthermore allows the Executive Director to insert the exact amount at a not-to-exceed total of \$1,000,000. Mr. Van Houten seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Municipal Authority. Mr. Hass stated that a 50% DTMA match will be required for any grant amount received.

RESOLUTION FOR PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER GRANT

Upon a review of information regarding the PA H2O PA Water Supply Grant by Mr. Hass, Mr. Van Houten made a motion for consideration of a resolution requesting a grant from the PA Dept. of Community and Economic for the South Tank Rehabilitation Project and furthermore allows the Executive Director to insert the exact amount at a not-to-exceed total of \$500,000. Mr. Stone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Municipal Authority. Mr. Hass stated that a 15% DTMA match will be required for any grant amount received.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Generators

Mr. Hass explained that for the past 1 ½ years he has been working on equipping the DTMA with emergency generator power equipment at strategic locations to meet water demands should a catastrophic incident occur within the Township's water system. With specific reference made to the fact that the hospital's water supply involves a current interconnection with the Borough, Mr. Hass introduced discussion of an emergency generator for the hospital at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

Following discussion of the importance of having the ability to seamlessly supply water to Doylestown Hospital, the consensus of the members of the DTMA was to direct Mr. Hass to pursue research regarding the estimated expense of a generator which would provide Doylestown Hospital with water in the event of a catastrophe with subsequent discussion regarding a tank and/or generator to be pursued at a later date.

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OLD BUSINESS

Pebble Ridge/Woodridge Water Main Infrastructure

Mr. Ciottoni addressed the DTMA Board regarding the Pebble Ridge Area Summary of Cost Estimates and the associated maps. He explained the table details the cost and potential revenue of two options for extending public water main in the Pebble Ridge area. The Board was reminded DTMA approved at the October 2019 meeting extending the public water in this area to residents on Westaway Lane, Stony Lane Circle, and a portion of Old New Road at an approximate cost of \$1.3 million dollars in conjunction with the new Doylestown Walk development.

The first additional segment (Option #1) discussed extending the DTMA water main the entire length of Old New Road and eliminating a dead end at David's Way at a cost of \$669,000. Option #2 included the aforementioned segments and fortifying the DTMA system by installing public water in Buck Road and associated cul-de-sacs (Anvil Lane and Springdale Road). The Option #1 and Option #2 total cost is approximately \$1.2 million dollars.

Mr. Van Houten recused himself from any discussion pertaining to "Option #1" as depicted on the Pebble Ridge Map and Summary of Cost Estimates document due to the fact that his residence is located in that area.

Mr. Ciottoni emphasized the need to get this project out to bid in a timely manner.

Mr. Dave Tomko, Township Director of Operations, who joined the meeting for this discussion, provided a tentative timeline estimate for road work within the Township. Mr. Van Houten stated that he was opposed to the concept of the DTMA incurring any cost as it related to road restoration because Township monies have already been allocated for that expense.

Mr. Stone stated that the current plan of Option #1 and Option #2 proposed by Mr. Ciottoni seemed to be a logical plan. Mr. Hass recommended pursuit of the entire project (Option #1 and Option #2) as proposed.

Mr. Bach maintained that since the DTMA is in the business of supplying water to our residents, its monies should be used to expand the water system especially considering the current rise in the PFAS contamination reports. Mr. Bach remarked that this proposal provides an opportunity to enlarge upon the project that was originally discussed by the Authority.

Mr. Daniel Stairiker made a motion to approve the Pebble Ridge/ Woodridge Water Main Infrastructure project including Option #1 and Option#2 as proposed by the DTMA Engineer, Mr. Alfred Ciottoni, for the estimated total of \$2,499,000

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to complete the entire project. Mr. Stone seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Van Houten abstaining.

Mr. Hass confirmed that homeowners that choose to tie into the system will be charged approximately \$11,500 plus tap-in and meter fees.

He also stated that the 2020 DTMA Budget will be adjusted accordingly to accommodate this project and will be presented for final approval at the DTMA's next meeting.

Water Main Extension and Water Service Project Update

Mr. Hass referenced the Water Main Extension and Water Service Project Update with the members of the DTMA.

Proposed Township Water Well Testing Ordinance

No further report was issued regarding this topic.

Operations Update

Topic discussed in New Business.

Furlong Area Water System – PACT ONE, LLC Change Order #1

Mr. Hass discussed the status of the pending project closeout. A PACT Change Order request in the amount of \$75,000 was received by DTMA. Staff will review and make a recommendation at the December Board of Directors meeting.

In addition, a summary was provided of the Johnson property settlement negotiations. Mr. Green made a motion to offer a payment to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson not to exceed \$13,000. This payment will include the stipulation all work performed by the Johnson contractor is final and DTMA will have no further responsibility for any restoration. Mr. Stone seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Van Houten opposed. Mr. Hass will follow up with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DTMA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 3:30pm with the DTMA Holiday Party to follow the meeting.

Reference was made to the DEP Pine Run PFAS Contamination Area meeting held on November 18, 2019.


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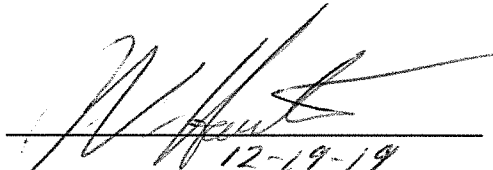
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Municipal Authority adjourned to Executive Session at 5:30pm for the purpose of discussing potential litigation with Plumstead Township concerning the existing Bulk Water Agreement between the DTMA and Plumstead Township and Plumstead Township's recent action of entering an agreement with the North Wales Water Authority. Richard Magee, Municipal Authority Solicitor, did not participate in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of the DTMA was reconvened following its Executive Session but with no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Hass 
Executive Director



12-19-19
Date