

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Minutes of Meeting
August 15, 2019

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019 in the Township Building with the following in attendance: Richard Bach, Chairman; C. Edward Hege, Vice-Chairman, Joseph Van Houten, Secretary and Kevin Green, Treasurer. Also present at the meeting was Keith Hass, Executive Director; Alfred S. Ciottoni, Municipal Authority Engineer; Richard Magee, Municipal Authority Solicitor and Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors Liaison to the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority.

ACTION ITEMS

MINUTES APPROVAL: July 18, 2019

Upon a motion by Mr. Van Houten, seconded by Mr. Hege and unanimously approved by the Authority, the minutes of the July 18, 2019 DTMA meeting was approved as submitted.

BILL'S LIST: August 2019

Mr. Van Houten made a motion to approve the August 2019 Bills List for the General Fund Account in the amount of \$13,754.28; Developers Escrow Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$67.50; Prepaid Invoices in the amount of \$15,719.64; Prepaid ACH Credit Invoices in the amount of \$8,830.28 and Transfers to the Township in the amount of \$87,218.41. Mr. Green seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved by the Authority.

TREASURER'S REPORT: August 15, 2019

Mr. Van Houten made a motion to approve acceptance of the August 15, 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Hege seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Authority.

NEW BUSINESS

DTMA Resignation

Mr. Edward C. Hege, Vice-Chairman of the DTMA announced his resignation from the DTMA effective August 16, 2019 due to his upcoming move out of the Township. The Board reluctantly accepted his resignation and wished him well in his new home.

OLD BUSINESS

Westaway Lane and Stony Lane Circle Water Main Extension Agreement Update

Mr. Hass referenced the updated spreadsheet provided in the packet. He reported 8 out of 13 signed agreements from Stony Lane and 7 out of 16 signed agreements from Westaway Lane were received. Mr. Hass stated that costs would be compiled for the DTMA's next meeting, and that maps would be prepared to look at the present infrastructure with future decisions to be made accordingly. Mr. Bach agreed to knock on doors to solicit additional interest.

Regional Water Update

Mr. Hass referenced The Intelligencer article of July 31, 2019 which confirmed that Warrington is planning to sell its water system to North Wales Water Authority for \$17 million.

Water Main Extension and Water Service Project Update

Mr. Hass reviewed the Water Main Extension and Water Service Project Update with the members of the DTMA with specific mention of projects on the update sheet.

Knoell Property, County Builders, Inc., New Britain Borough

Mr. Hass stated that the building is going up on this property, water main construction is complete and water services need to be installed into the apartment buildings. In addition, the DTMA installed seven services on May 24 for homes to connect on Shady Retreat Road.

Metro Storage, Rt. 611

Mr. Hass reported that final inspection is on-going with water service construction in January and February 2019 and the water meter purchased in August 2019.

The Tabor Village – Phase I and II

Mr. Hass reported that Phase I of this project is now complete and that he and Mr. Ciottoni met with the developer and engineer regarding this 148 bed personal-care facility. All three buildings are connected to DTMA public system with partial escrow release granted in November 2018.

Doylestown Hospital – Phase 2 Medical Office Building

Mr. Hass reported that construction is on-going on this medical office building and that he met with the proprietors to discuss a long-term agreement.

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Phase2 of the Doylestown Hospital project is nearly complete. A new three story medical building housing multiple medical offices will be connecting to existing DTMA water main. Water service installation began in April 2019 and continues in August 2019.

Wawa, Buckingham Township

A meeting was held August 29, 2018 with the Engineer from Wawa and they are requesting a 2" service off an existing main located in an easement on their property.

Central Bucks Family YMCA (Lower State Road)

Mr. Hass stated that this water system plan is expanding with a review underway for the Central Bucks Family YMCA to upsize the existing water service for their expansion.

Proposed Doylestown Township Ordinance Requiring Water Connections

Mr. Van Houten, as Chairman of the Public Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, reported on the current research being pursued and added that a committee meeting is actually scheduled for this evening. A resident, Mrs. Cindy Wood, expressed her disapproval of the proposed ordinance stating that she and her husband were quite content with their well water which they test on a regular basis. She stated that she is very much opposed to the concept of being forced to connect to public water upon the sale of their home, and asserted that doing so could cost \$9,000 and \$10,000. Mr. Hass maintained in addition to the safety benefits, a connection to DTMA public water could provide a higher return on their investment upon the sale of their home.

On a separate topic, discussion ensued regarding the fact that nine Central Bucks School District buildings reported a high level of lead in their water. The presence of lead is internal to the school district's plumbing. Mr. Hass assured the DTMA Board our water does not contain lead. Mr. Hass reported that DTMA contacted the Central Bucks School District offering to provide assistance in any way possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Municipal Authority adjourned to Executive Session at 4:22pm 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The DTMA Board Chairman, Mr. Richard Bach, requested to go on record in an expression of commendation and appreciation to Mr. Keith Hass for the manner in which he pursued renegotiation of the Neshaminy Manor Agreement which had expired over two years ago but was now settled and executed for the next 15 years.

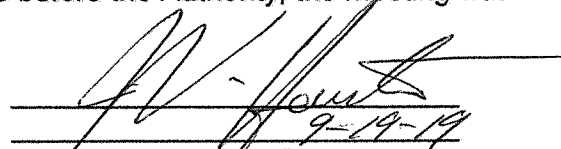
The next DTMA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 3:30pm.

Mr. Hass invited the members of the DTMA to the upcoming DEP meeting about the Pine Run PFAS Contamination Area which is scheduled for August 27, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Hass
Executive Director



Date 9-19-19