

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Minutes of Meeting
September 19, 2019

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 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 Stairiker, the newest member of the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority. Also present at the meeting was Keith Hass, Executive Director; Alfred S. Ciottoni, Municipal Authority Engineer and Rick Colello, Board of Supervisors Liaison to the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority. Jeffrey P. Garton, Township Solicitor, joined the meeting for Executive Session.

WELCOME & INTRO

DTMA Chairman, Mr. Richard Bach, introduced the members of the Authority and its professionals to Mr. Daniel Stairiker and welcomed him to the Authority to fill the term left by the resignation of Mr. Edward C. Hege.

ACTION ITEMS

MINUTES APPROVAL: August 15, 2019

Upon a motion by Mr. Van Houten, seconded by Mr. Green and unanimously approved by the Authority, the minutes of the August 15, 2019 DTMA meeting was approved as submitted.

BILL'S LIST: September 2019

Mr. Van Houten made a motion to approve the September 2019 Bills List for the General Fund Account in the amount of \$46,224.20; Developers Escrow Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$81,777.19; Prepaid Invoices in the amount of \$4,408.31; Prepaid ACH Credit Invoices in the amount of \$8,361.99 and Transfers to the Township in the amount of \$87,689.63. Mr. Green seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved by the Authority.

TREASURER'S REPORT: September 19, 2019

Mr. Van Houten made a motion to approve acceptance of the September 19, 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Authority.

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APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT #8 PACT ONE, LLC. – CONTRACT 2018-1 FURLONG AREA WATER SYSTEM

Mr. Van Houten made a motion to approve PACT One, LLC, P.O. Box 74, Ringoes NJ 08551 Payment Request #8 in the amount of \$63,357.19 holding back \$10,000 of said request as retainage. Mr. Green seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Rod Stone voting against the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Municipal Authority adjourned to Executive Session at 4:09pm 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. Jeffrey P. Garton, Esquire participated as Special Counsel to the DTMA for said Executive Session.

Upon conclusion of the DTMA's Executive Session, the public meeting reconvened at 4:44pm.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Westaway Lane and Stony Lane Circle Water Main Extension Agreement Update

Mr. Bach referenced the updated spreadsheet listing the current position of the residents in the Westaway Lane and Stony Lane Circle neighborhoods regarding potential interest in hooking up to public water.

Mr. Hass explained that there is a greater than 50% interest from Stony Lane Circle and exactly 50% on Westaway Lane.

At the request of the DTMA, Mr. Hass agreed to come back to their next meeting with a cost analysis and a projected return on investment based on the amount of people currently interested in public water which is below the 75-80% participation normally desired by the DTMA.

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Regional Water Update

Mr. Hass referenced The Intelligencer article of September 15, 2019 which reported that Warrington officials unanimously approved the sale of its sewer system to the Buck County Water and Sewer Authority on September 10 for \$16.4 million just over a month after supervisors approved a \$17 million sale of its drinking water system to the North Wales Water Authority.

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 the following projects:

The Tabor Village – Phase I and II

Mr. Hass reported that all three buildings are connected to the DTMA public system from the first phase of construction. Phase II of Tabor Village consists of a proposed 148 bed senior living facility and two office buildings. Mr. Hass added that the DTMA will be serving this project after recently receiving final approval by the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors.

The Grasso Property

Mr. Hass stated that this plan is now moving forward after receiving preliminary approval by the Board of Supervisors at their recent meeting.

Proposed Doylestown Township Well Testing Ordinance

Mr. Bach referenced the draft ordinance created in conjunction with representatives of the Township Board of Supervisors to arrive at a reasonable proposal mandating private well testing at the time of sale or transfer of real property when said property abuts a street or other access way that has frontage where public water is provided by the DTMA. If said well fails, connection to the public water system prior to the time of the transfer of title to said property is mandated.

The draft ordinance was presented to Board of Supervisors at their meeting on Tuesday, September 17 and the response of the Board of Supervisors was favorable.

Mr. Hass reported that he hoped to bring a final version of the ordinance back to the DTMA at its October meeting.

Mr. Green publicly thanked the Township Board of Supervisors for their support of this ordinance.

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DEP Easton Road PFC HSCA Site Update

Mr. Hass reported on a meeting that he attended with the DEP a few weeks ago in regards to the eight (8) private homes whose water was found to be contaminated with PFAS. The DEP is considering a public water extension or installing individual filters as a solution to the contamination. The DEP is planning a public meeting after Thanksgiving to explain their recommendations and receive public input.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DTMA Board Meeting, originally scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 3:30pm, was rescheduled to Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 3:30pm. Mr. Hass agreed to confirm with the DTMA professional staff and to re-advertise the meeting accordingly.

Mr. Hass announced the PA AWWA – SE District and Eastern Section WWOAP – Joint Fall Conference scheduled for October 9, 2019 in Exton, PA.

Mr. Hass announced the AWWA 2019 Water Quality Conference scheduled for November 3 – 7, 2019 in Dallas, TX.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Hass
Executive Director

Date