

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Minutes of Meeting
December 21, 2023

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority was held at 3:30pm on Thursday, December 21, 2023 in the Township Building with the following members in attendance: Joseph Van Houten, Chairman; Kevin Green, Vice-Chairman and Daniel Stairiker, Secretary. 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.

WELCOME

The DTMA Chairman, Mr. Joseph Van Houten, opened the meeting at 3:34 pm.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
COMMENTS**

No visitors attended the DTMA meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

MINUTES APPROVAL

Upon a motion by Mr. Stairiker, seconded by Mr. Green and unanimously approved by the Authority, the minutes of the November 16, 2023 Board of Directors Regular Meeting was approved as presented.

REPORTS

AUTHORITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

PFAS Design Treatment Facilities Update

Mr. Ciottoni announced that the DTMA very recently received two grants for a total of \$1.7 million. He reported that DTMA applied for these grants in 2022 and was awarded the full amount of the grant request.

The projects which these grants apply to include the following:

1. The Northern Transmission Water Main Extension Project

2. Forest Park Water Interconnection Project

Mr. Ciottoni then reported that the design engineer for the PFAS Design Treatment Facilities submitted a permit application to PADEP on December 7. However, PADEP responded that the application needed a sewage planning module waiver request for the wastewater generated from the facility. As part of the waiver request, Mr. Ciottoni explained that approval by the Township Board of Supervisors is required by January 3, 2024 in order to be considered for the PennVEST deadline.

After discussion with Chairman Lyons it was recommended the Sewage Planning Module Application Mailer would be placed on the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors January 2, 2024 Meeting Agenda for Township consideration.

AUTHORITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report was given at this time by the Authority Solicitor, Mr. Richard Magee.

OPERATIONS

DTMA and Water Sector SCADA Cybersecurity

Mr. Hass referenced the articles which were included in the DTMA board packet regarding the recent breach of security at a water pumping station in Pennsylvania. He reported that the DTMA's PLC's are not connected to the cloud or to the Internet. Mr. Hass did report that passwords would still be updated/changed as recommended by security professionals.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aqueous Film Forming Foams (AFFF) Litigation

Mr. Hass reviewed the proposed engagement letter to Armstrong Teasdale LLP and explained that he and Mr. Magee determined that the best course of action was to engage an experienced environmental lawyer specializing in PFAS contamination for future litigation.

Based upon this recommendation, Mr. Van Houten made a motion to approve the engagement of Armstrong Teasdale LLP for PFAS litigation services. Mr. Stairiker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved as presented.

Ashbridge at Furlong Update

Mr. Hass reported that earlier this month Doylestown Township and DTMA met with representatives of the Ashbridge at Furlong development. The developers were hopeful

for a 2024 start date. Mr. Hass stated that he should have more details to report on in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL'S LIST: December 2023

Mr. Stairiker made a motion to approve the December 2023 Bills List for the General Fund Account in the amount of \$44,831.39; Developers Escrow Fund in the amount of \$1,063.50; Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$27,653.49; Prepaid Invoices in the amount of \$3,479.38; Prepaid ACH Credit Invoices in the amount of \$15,425.15; and Transfers to the Township in the amount of \$99,739.04. Mr. Green seconded the motion and the motion was then unanimously approved by the Authority.

TREASURER'S REPORT: December 2023

Mr. Stairiker made a motion approving acceptance of the December 21, 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Authority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **DTMA Board of Directors Meeting** is scheduled for January 18, 2024 at 3:30pm.

Mr. Van Houten wished everyone a happy holiday and expressed his appreciation to the members of the DTMA and its professionals for their outstanding service to the DTMA throughout this past year and Mr. Van Houten was acknowledged for his leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Hass
Executive Director

Date