

Minutes of the Fox Chapel Authority Board of Directors meeting held Tuesday 5/28/19 at 7:00 PM at the Fox Chapel Authority office, 255 Alpha Drive, O'Hara Township, PA.

Board of Directors present

Mrs. S. M. Mantia, Secretary  
Mr. J. A. Domaratz, Treasurer  
Mr. M. R. Miele, Asst. Sec./Treas.  
Mrs. N. S. Snider  
Mrs. R. C. Saunders

Board of Directors absent

Mrs. A. C. Lehman, President  
Mr. P. A. Iurlano, Vice President

Others present

Mr. M. S. Moore, Bankson Engineers, Inc.  
Mr. A. A. Ditka, Dinsmore & Shohl  
Mr. M. E. Nicely, Manager  
Mr. R. D. Sikon, IT Supervisor

Mrs. Mantia, Secretary, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM.

#### Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Mantia requested any comments or corrections to the minutes of the April 30, 2019 meeting. There being no comments Mr. Domaratz made a motion to accept as presented. Mrs. Snider seconded with all in favor.

#### Visiting Delegations/Public Comment Period

None.

#### Financial Report

Mr. Nicely asked for any question regarding the check register. Since there were none it was accepted as presented. He continued with a brief review of the April income statement, balance sheet and actual versus budget comparison.

#### Consulting Engineer's Report

Mr. Moore had no written report but the results of the two paving bids were at each persons place. Folino Construction was the only bidder for both Contract 19-4 and 19-5 at \$53760 and \$207658 respectively. Mrs. Snider made a motion to accept which was seconded by Mrs. Saunders with all in favor.

#### Solicitor's Report

Mr. Ditka has reached out to the solicitor for Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority to schedule a meeting to discuss our water purchase agreement with no response to date.

#### Executive Session

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM to discuss potential litigation and resumed at 7:21 PM.

## Manager's Report

Mr. Nicely had nothing to add to his written report and deferred other comments to the long term planning committee report.

## Committee Reports

Both Mr. Domaratz and Mr. Nicely reported that the long term planning committee met to discuss in detail the memo included in the Board packet. That memo addressed the declining breakage rate per mile of pipe along with the associated capital needs to continue in that direction. Mr. Nicely mentioned that while that capital program has paid large dividends in decreasing our breakage rate it appears that our organization is at a decision point. The committee agrees that a shift to increase our future revenues by replacing and upgrading our metering system coupled with the installation of an acoustic logger system to locate and decrease our water losses to control our expenses is the way forward. In addition the group agreed with a recommendation to reduce our unallocated earnings from the \$750-1,000,000 annual range for capital to \$500-650,000 range to lessen any future rate impacts to our customers while spreading the capital program over 50 years instead of the current 25-30 year program.

## Old Business

Mr. Nicely briefly reviewed the changes to our Rules and Regulations regarding meter pits and the location of meters. He'll have this in final form for adoption at the next meeting.

Mr. Nicely reviewed the history of our current adjustment policy prior to reviewing the suggested changes. After review Mr. Miele made a motion to adopt as presented. Mrs. Snider seconded with all in favor.

## New Business

Mr. Nicely presented a request from a customer to waive the one time adjustment policy since he has received a large bill due to a service line leak. The Board declined the request since others have had the same type of request declined and because it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain their facilities.

The residents at 30 W. Chapel Ridge Road have requested a waiver of our line extension policy because of the cost involved and their well is failing. After discussion the Board declined the request because their well was inadequate when the house was purchased and the line on W. Chapel Ridge Road will be connected at some future date.

Mr. Nicely mentioned another penalty waiver request that appeared on his desk earlier today. After review this request was also declined because the delay in forwarding of the mail is not in our control and they have the option of ebilling to prevent this from happening.

Lastly Mr. Nicely read the resolution thanking Mr. Sikon for his service as a Board member over the past nine years and presented the plaque to him.

## Board Comments

None.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors Mr. Domaratz made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Snider seconded with all in favor.