

Minutes of the Fox Chapel Authority Board of Directors held Tuesday July 27th, 2021.

Due to the continued Covid-19 pandemic meetings have been a mix of in-person attendance, Zoom calls and phone conference calling. This should be expected to continue to be the normal process for some time.

Board of Directors present

Mrs. A. C. Lehman, President (Present)
Mr. P. A. Iurlano, Vice President (Zoom)
Mr. J. A. Domaratz, Treasurer (Absent)
Mrs. S. M. Mantia, Secretary (Zoom)
Mrs. N. S. Snider (Present)
Mr. C. Pegher (Absent)
Mr. D. Newman (Present)

Others present

Mr. M. S. Moore, Bankson Engineers, Inc. (Present)
Mr. A. A. Ditka, Dinsmore & Shohl (Zoom)
Mr. Justin C. Jump, Manager (Present)

Mrs. Lehman, President, presided and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of June 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Newman made a motion to adjust the wording that was used to adjourn into Executive Session during the June 2021 meeting and approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Mantia seconded, all voted in favor.

Visiting Delegations/Comment Period

None.

Financial Report

Mr. Jump provided the income statement and balance sheet for May 2021 and the budgeted statement of income for review prior to the meeting.

Consulting Engineer's Report

Mr. Moore reviewed the current status of the River Road drainage project and construction status. The contractor is waiting on the remaining item, the check valve, to complete the work.

Mr. Moore commented that the Authority was not approved for funding for the SCADA upgrade. Mr. Jump will work with Mr. Sikon to prepare the SCADA specification for Bankson to review. Mr. Newman commented that a Description of Operation should be reviewed for this also.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Ditka reviewed the recent legal issue of the "squatter" at 620 Riding Meadow Road and the communication that Mr. Jump and Mrs. Lehman received. Mr. Ditka advised that the authorities have arrested the person of interested and the company in control of the property has taken control.

Mr. Ditka reviewed the information for the refinance discussions and reviewed the potential options with the Board.

The Board of Directors of Fox Chapel Authority (the “Authority”) has determined that it is in its best financial interest to consider the refunding of its outstanding Water Revenue Note, Series of 2017, issued in favor of First National Bank, and does hereby authorize the Authority’s Solicitor and Manager to (i) request information from PNC Capital Markets LLC, as Investment Banker, regarding a potential issuance of refunding bonds, and (ii) request a proposal from First National Bank regarding a potential issuance of a refunding note; provided that, the Authority’s expectation is that the refunding achieve net present value debt service savings of at least two percent (2.00%) and, further provided that, final approval of the issuance of either refunding bonds or a refunding note requires formal action Board of Directors in accordance with the Municipality Authorities Act.

Mrs. Snider made a motion to review the above potential for refinancing and this motion was seconded by Mr. Newman, all voted in favor. Mr. Newman also commented that the Board should review the potential for refinancing to include a line of credit.

Manager’s Report

Mr. Jump reviewed the conflict with the August 2021 meeting and the 2021 PMAA Annual Conference. Mrs. Lehman made a motion to move the meeting to August 24th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Snider and all voted in favor. Mr. Ditka commented that the rescheduling of the meeting would need to be advertised, Mr. Jump to take the action to make sure this is completed.

Mr. Jump reviewed the remaining items on the monthly manager report to include updates on Cabin Lane, Longfellow and the Meter Replacement Pilot Program.

Committee Reports

The Finance Committee met with First National Bank to discuss the quarterly pension review.

Old Business

Mr. Jump reviewed the previous request from Shady Side Academy for a billing adjustment. Mr. Jump reviewed the credit memo from Alcosan to Fox Chapel crediting the amount back to the borough for the adjusted amount sewage fees. Mr. Iurlano made a motion to grant the adjustment. This motion was seconded by Mr. Newman and all voted in favor.

New Business

Mr. Jump reviewed with the Board that the Finance Committee met with First National Bank for the quarterly pension review and commented on the recent returns for the pension investments. First National Bank commented that the recovery and high rate of returns, though welcomed, will most likely start to decline and return to normal.

Executive Session

There was no executive session for this meeting.

Board Comments

Mr. Neman commented that he would like to thank the distribution team for the water main break and repair that occurred on Woodcock and Wynnewood drive this past month. Mr. Jump to follow up with the distribution supervisor.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Snider made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Newman. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.