

The MINUTES of the meeting of the DELAWARE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY held on July 1, 2021 in the township Municipal Building.

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Township of Delaware in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.

Members present:

Chairman	John Sterbinsky	ABSENT
Vice chairman	Tim Drew	ABSENT
Treasurer	Jim Mathews	PRESENT
Executive Secretary	Tim Drew	xxxxxxx
Member	Steven Toye	PRESENT
Member	Mario Russo	PRESENT
First Alternate	Tim Soltis	PRESENT
Alternate	Joe Vocke	PRESENT
Recording Secretary	Dianne Rankin	PRESENT

MR. RUSSO MOVED TO THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2021 MEETING. Mr. Toy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. Mr. Soltis abstained.

Mr. Mathews asked that the minutes of the June 3, 2021 Minutes be corrected. He said it reflects a remark he did not make. Mrs. Rankin said she would change the Minutes to reflect that she mentioned the issue as per Mr. Mathews request. MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3 MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION. Mr. Toy seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved with the correction.

Mr. Mathews presented a letter to the Board from Chairman Sterbinsky stating that he was resigning from the Board as Chairman, requested a 7 month leave of absence and would like to return to the Board as in Alternate at the Reorganization in February. MR. RUSSO MOVED THAT MR. SOLTIS BE MOVED FROM ALTERNATE TO MEMBER STATUS. Mr. Toy seconded the motion. The Motion was approved. Mr. Mathews asked if anyone would like to be Interim Chairperson. Since no one expressed any interest Mr. Mathews said he would act as Interim Chair until such time as a replacement could be found. MR. RUSSO MOVED TO ACCEPT MR. MATHEWS AS INTERIM CHAIR. Mr. Toy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Mr. Mathews asked Mrs. Rankin to notify the Committee, the attorney, NSU and anyone who needs to know that he is Interim Chairperson in place of Mr. Sterbinsky.

Jens Reidel prepared the bid presentation for the stream bed erosion and based on their investigation of the contractor for the lowest bid he recommends the \$57,600 bid be accepted and the bid acceptance form be signed so the contract can be awarded and the work start in August. MR. SOLTIS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE \$57,600 BID FOR THE STREAM EROSION PROJECT. Mr. Toy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. NSU will oversee the construction and do inspections. They estimate the job will

take 6 weeks. Mr. Mathews asked that Martin Excavating postpone the driveway repair until after the construction to avoid damages to it from the big construction vehicles.

Mr. Mathews stated that the Police Report from the electric and key incident was completed and inconclusive.

Mrs. Rankin made a suggestion for an upgrade to the sewer plant by building a structure over the operations. She said this would better keep intruders away from our operations and would save money by not having to clean sand beds from heavy leaves falling into them. She also said down the road the plant will probably need to remove the sand beds and upgrade the treatment process. The building would be required for any new treatments and it would already be built.

Leon Floyd is retiring after 25 years as plant operator. He requested his allowed sick pay for health reasons of 38 hours be paid. MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT FOR 38 HOURS OF SICK PAY TO MR. FLOYD. Mr. Toy seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Mr. Lee and Mr. Schneider will continue to operate the facilities. Mrs. Rankin suggested that he be given a luncheon and a gift card to the Sergeantsville Inn which is what was done for Dwain Floyd when he retired. The Board thought that was a good idea.

Mr. Russo looked into the iPad use for data collection at the sewer plant but since Mr. Floyd will no longer be working at the plant there will no longer be the need for it.

Mr. Mathews indicated that he would like NSU to return to our meetings. He said they presented a lot of important information. He said he will call Jim Huntington about reinstating that policy and leaving Bruce Lee and Mike Schneider doing just the basic sampling and regular work. He wants to move forward with a better understanding of employee and NSU roles.

The Board briefly discussed the potential future role with NSU. Mr. Mathews said he wants to consider all options including NSU running the entire plant and even the township taking over total operations. He said his concern is there is still not good communications between NSU and the employees and the Board.

Mrs. Rankin again suggested the Board consider placing security cameras at the plant facilities.

Mr. Mathews will talk to Mike Schneider about changing the locks at the plants for better security.

MR. TOY MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$25774.52 INCLUDING PAYROLL. Mr. Drew seconded the motion. The bills were approved.

Mr. Mathews told the Board that they received a letter from Mrs. Rankin's attorney regarding discrimination. This is a legal issue and the letter was turned over to Chubb Insurance human resources attorney.

AT 8:25 PM MR. SOLTIS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Mr. Russo seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Rankin