

The MINUTES of the DELAWARE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY held on October 05, 2023 in the township Municipal Building at 7:30PM.

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice of 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	Dwain Floyd	PRESENT
Vice Chairman	Mario Russo	PRESENT
Treasurer	Mario Russo	PRESENT
Executive Secretary	Anthony Abbatiello	PRESENT
Member	Michael Mills	PRESENT
Member	Tim Soltis	PRESENT
First Alternate	Richard Trapanese	PRESENT
Second Alternate	Joe Vocke	ABSENT
Administrator	Dianne Rankin	PRESENT

Chairman Floyd led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 07, 2023 MEETING. Mr. Abbatiello seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Jens Reidel appeared before the board to update on recent projects. 4 valve boxes were cleared by Richard Yard. Hydrants are in good condition. He recommended inspections and needed maintenance every 2 years. The water tower tank interior needs to be inspected, He obtained an estimate for \$4900. MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPROVE \$4900 TO INSPECT THE INTERIOR OF THE WATER TOWER. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion was approved. 6 years ago a study was done to map the location of the curb stops. Some of them need to be replaced or repaired. The Board asked for an estimate for the cost of repairs.

Mr. Reidel discussed capital projects that could be done on the plants. He noted that connecting to Stockton would cost \$5,000,000. Replacing the sand beds with a new treatment system would cost between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000. He does not believe that it is necessary to completely replace the plant. Chairman Floyd asked if there was a way to reduce the labor involved with the sand bed operation. Mr. Reidel said a mechanical screen filter would eliminate a lot of cleaning and maintenance. He estimated it would cost between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.

Mr. Mills wanted to follow up on whether the CDARS program would insure all of our funds. It was his understanding that it would and he would like to follow up on that for clarification.

The Board will discuss a potential rate increase for next year and sending a letter to the customers at a later meeting.

MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUDIT RESOLUTION FOR LAST YEAR'S AUDIT. Mr. Abbatiello seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called.

Mr. Russo	YES
Mr. Abbatiello	YES
Mr. Mills	YES
Mr. Soltis	ABSENT
MR. Floyd	YES
Mr. Trapanese	YES
Mr. Vocke	ABSENT

The Board drafted a budget for 2024 and agreed to submit it to the Auditor as a guide in preparation on the state required format.

MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST FOR \$34,930.05 THE BOARD WILL NOT APPROVE THE BILL FOR THE CHLORINE INCIDENT AT THE WELL. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The bill list was approved for payment EXCEPT FOR THE CHLORINE BILL.

At 9:55PM, MR. RUSSO MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Rankin  
Administrator