

MEETING MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH STORMWATER AUTHORITY
Ford City Borough Municipal Building
March 27, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and the audience was advised that the meeting is being audio taped by Ford City Borough.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Tyson Klukan, Jeffrey Stennett, Tom Ondrusek, Robert Kiehl, Sr., James Milligan, Sr Engineer Joel Romagna, and Solicitor Michael Korn.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – None

ACTION ITEMS

At 6:40 PM, Sr. Engineer Joel Romagna was present.

1. Approval of Engineering Service Agreement – Stiffler, McGraw, & Associates, Inc. – General Engineering Services

Board member Tom Ondrusek made the motion to ratify the approval of the Engineering Services Agreement with Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc., for general engineer services during calendar year 2024, in a form acceptable to the Authority Solicitor, and authorize proper board members to execute the same. Vice Chair Robert Kiehl seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 4-0

2. Appointing Depository of Funds – S&T Bank

Board member Jeffrey Stennett made the motion to appoint the S&T Bank at 920 5th Ave, as the depository of funds, and authorize proper board members to execute the same. Vice Chair Robert Kiehl seconds the motion.

Board comments: Chairman Tyson Klukan mentioned that this is the bank of choice for Ford City Borough. He added that moving forward in the borough's steps is fine, but the board could choose a different bank in the future if they desire.

Motion carried: 4-0

3. February 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Robert Kiehl made the motion to approve the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting on February 21, 2024. Board member Jeffrey Stennett seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 4-0

At 6:54 PM, James Milligan was present.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2024 Budget

The board discussed the importance of implementing a stormwater fee and deciding the best method for calculating an appropriate fee amount. It was recommended by Solicitor Michael Kornes as well as Engineer Joel Romagna that the board use the ERU method. Additionally, the board discussed the best way to make the stormwater fee manageable to the public as well as making them aware of the incoming fee, such as having a town hall to discuss the fee with a larger audience and making them aware of the current condition of the stormwater system.

5 Year Capital Plan

There was discussion among board members about what they would like to accomplish over the next five years, such as cleaning the inlets, upgrading the pump stations, and appropriately managing the water on the hillside. Included in the discussion was grant opportunities, to which Solicitor Michael Kornes reminded the board that it was important to establish a budget and 5-year plan in order to apply for desired grants, as those would both be required to obtain the necessary funding.

Stormwater Pump Station Plans

Chairman Tyson Klukan initiated the discussion of future plans with the pump stations, specifically mentioning the desire to have a new pump house utilizing the property near River St, but ultimately addressing the need for a pump house in the river front area.

Inlet/Outlet Cleaning

The board discussed the logistics of what it would take to clean the inlets and outlets in the borough and how often they should be cleaned. There was discussion of some different companies that could provide this service as well as the cost it would be to the authority. Additionally, there was discussion on managing the waste resulting from the inlet and outlet cleaning.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING – April 24, 2024 at Ford City Borough Municipal Building,
1000 4th Ave, Ford City, PA 16226

ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 PM

Board member Tom Ondrusek made the motion for adjournment. Board member Jeffrey Stennett seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

AUTHORIZING MINUTES



Ford City Borough Assistant Secretary
Abby Nimerosky



Board Chair
Tyson Klukan



Board Secretary
James Milligan