

**Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority
February 16, 2023**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mr. Rumbaugh	Present
Mr. Mitall	Present
Mr. Bell	Present
Mr. DiGuilio	Present
Mr. Stickel	Present

Others in Attendance:

Robert Swarmer	FTMSA
Julie Capor	FTMSA
Wes Long	Long & Long, LLC
Nicholas Kerr	RDM
Michael Kukura	RDM
Denny Shadron	RDM
Brian Hohman	RDM
Daniel Schmitt	Gibson-Thomas Engineering
Matt Sprung	Gibson-Thomas Engineering
Mark Gera	Gibson-Thomas Engineering
Georgia Boring	Penn-Franklin

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to Approve January 19, 2023 meeting minutes with modification.

Motion: Mr. DiGuilio; Seconded: Mr. Stickel; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

Comments from Citizens: None

Solicitor's Report:

FTMSA Solicitor requested a motion to ratify the termination and deny the grievance regarding employee #321.

Motion: Mr. Bell; Seconded: Mr. DiGuilio; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

FTMSA Solicitor states that a meeting was held with staff on Tuesday morning to discuss three matters. The first matter discussed was in relation to the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program that the Authority is going launch against commercial establishments. The goal of this program is to eliminate excessive

accumulations of fats, oils, and greases that come from restaurants, schools, cafes, auto body shops, etc. Letters will be mailed to the commercial establishments that will be subject to this program. Instructions as to compliance will be set forth in the letter. The second matter that was discussed was in relation to delinquent ratepayers. It was determined that at this point, FTMSA plans to tackle the largest accounts first. FTMSA Solicitor stated that any property owner whose balance owed to the Authority is in excess of \$2,000 will be taken before magisterial District Judge Charles Conway in the form of a civil complaint to force payment. FTMSA Solicitor states that he is working with Carol Martin in compiling the list of those individuals and will accompany her to the magistrate. The third item that was discussed was in relation to the properties who failed CCTV lateral and or smoke testing who have not yet made the corrections to the defect. FTMSA solicitor stated that there are approximately 178 violators. FTMSA Solicitor stated that most residents have already made their corrections and it is not fair to those who have made them. FTMSA Solicitors stated that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection mandates that Authority take this action. Letters will be mailed to the violators on Friday February 24, 2023 stating that they have an additional 60 days to make the corrections. If the customer chooses not to comply, the Authority will have two options to execute. One option would be to charge civil penalty against the violator with a maximum penalty of \$1,000 per day. This action would be done through the magisterial District Judge. The second option would be that the Authority has the right to enter upon the property and make the correction themselves using its own employees and or contractors. The owner of the property would be responsible for those costs plus a 10% administrative fee. This option would be done in the form of a civil suit against the property owner to get reimbursement or a municipal lien can be filed against the property.

Mr. Stickel proposed the question; Have the homeowners been given the option for the Authority to complete the repair?

Mr. Rumbaugh stated that the customers have previously been provided a letter that explained the defect. Mr. Rumbaugh states that currently the Authority does not have the time or manpower to make the repairs as the Authority is working to complete the Consent Order repairs and defects throughout the sewer system. Mr. Rumbaugh stated that the customers can call the Authority where Mr. Kerr and Mr. Swarmer can talk with the customers and provide them a list of the certified plumbers that would be able to make the repairs. Mr. Rumbaugh stated that many have already called the Authority with no idea where to start, and Mr. Kerr and Mr. Swarmer have went above and beyond to assist them in any way possible.

Engineer's Report – Gibson Thomas Engineering (GTE):

Murrysville Heights Pump Station: Gibson Thomas stated they have given the contractor Supansic Excavating a mid-March notice to proceed.

Chapter 94 Report: Gibson Thomas stated that they are currently working on the chapter 94 report that is due to the DEP by March 31, 2023. They are on track to submit by the deadline.

Gibson Thomas stated that they attended a security assessment seminar in Cranberry within the last couple months, and as a result, Gibson sat down with the FTMSA staff and assessed the needs of this particular plan. Gibson stated that they will provide more specifics to the Board at a later date.

2022 Annual Pipe Bursting Contract: The contract for this project is about to expire and the contractor is requesting to renew for an additional year. This is a no cost change order because the contractor has agreed to keep the rates the same.

Motion to approve Change Order #2 to W.A. Petrakis for the in the amount of \$0.00 for the renewal of the Annual Pipe Bursting Contract through March 24, 2024

Motion: Mr. DiGuilio; Seconded: Mr. Stickel; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

Mr. Rumbaugh asked Gibson to state thanks to W.A. Petrakis for the great job and consideration he has given the Authority.

Main Pump Station (Phase II): Gibson Thomas requested and amendment to this Work Order in the amount of \$420,000.00. The amendment is related closing out a number of work orders that we have completed pertaining to the consent order, flow meters, and interceptor lining, and allocating the excess money leftover to this project. The amendment also includes the purchase of additional equipment needed.

Motion to amend Work Order G22-500 Main Pump Station (Phase II) to include additional equipment purchases and transfer of extra funds from previous work orders in the amount of \$420,000.00 bringing the total of the work order to \$2,960,000.00.

Motion: Mr. Mitall; Seconded: Mr. Bell; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

Flow Modeling: Gibson stated now that the flow modeling is complete, there will be costs associated with keeping the model up to date as repairs are made in the system. The funds for this are being allocated from closing out other work orders and applying some of the excess funds to this project.

Motion to approve Work Order G23-506 and corresponding Engineering Agreement-Update GIS Map & Flow Model based on Consent Order and Repairs in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Motion: Mr. DiGuilio; Seconded: Mr. Stickel; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

Permanent ADS Flow Meters: Gibson Thomas is requesting a work order be created for the monitoring of the permanent flow meters that were installed for the surrounding municipalities.

Motion to approve Work Order G23-507 and corresponding Engineering Agreement-Monitoring permanent ADS Flow Meters (Adjacent Municipalities) in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Motion: Mr. DiGuilio; Seconded: Mr. Stickel; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

Sewage Treatment Plant Conversion: Gibson Thomas stated that this is the project where we're going to convert the treatment process from anaerobic to aerobic. This first work order will consist permitting and design to set the project in motion.

Motion to approve Work Order G23-508 and corresponding Engineering Agreement-Sewage Treatment Plant Conversion in the amount of \$210,000.00.

Motion: Mr. DiGuilio; Seconded: Mr. Mitall; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

2023 Annual Sewer Lining: Gibson Thomas stated that at last month meeting, the Board approved the costar pricing for this project with Snyder Environmental. Snyder will correct level 4 and 5 defects. This project is going to be funded from both the 2019 and 2021 Bond Funds but will have one project total.

Motion to approve Work Order G23-509/G23-500 and corresponding Engineering Agreement-2023 Annual Sewer Lining Contract in the amount of \$1,984,225.00.

Motion: Mr. Mitall; Seconded: Mr. Bell; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

FTMSA Solicitor requested that the current year professional fees for Gibson Thomas listed on the engineering agreements be approved by the board as they were not included in the reorganization meeting last month.

Motion to approve the Gibson Thomas 2023 Professional Fee Rates.

Motion: Mr. DiGuilio; Seconded: Mr. Stickel; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

Construction Committee Report:

Mr. Rumbaugh stated that all items discussed at the construction meeting were covered in the Engineer's Report.

Financial Report:

Mr. Hohman reviewed total invoices paid from 1-20-2023 to 2-16-2023 as follows:

Unpaid Invoices: \$296,750.90; P-Card Expenses: \$12,811.96; Bills Paid by ACH: \$54,677.79

Total Invoices to be paid: **\$364,240.65.**

Motion to approve payment of bills as presented:

Motion: Mr. DiGuilio; Seconded: Mr. Stickel; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

Mr. Hohman presented two requisitions for consideration.

Motion to approve the Construction Fund Requisition No. 535-CF in the amount of \$438,798.33.

Motion: Mr. Mitall Seconded: Mr. DiGuilio; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved

Motion to approve the Surplus Fund/Asset Management Requisition No. 535-SF in the amount of \$137,240.23.

Motion: Mr. Stickel; Seconded: Mr. DiGuilio; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

Bids:

Motion to award Sewage Treatment Plant Demolition of Abandoned Facilities bid to Tedesco Construction in the amount not to exceed \$374,000.00.

Motion: Mr. Stickel; Seconded: Mr. DiGuilio; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

COSTARS Purchases:

Motion to award COSTARS proposal 2023-AM-02 to DAS Group in the amount of \$395,500.00 for the purchase of the Trickling Filter #1 Media

Motion: Mr. Stickel; Seconded: Mr. Mitall; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

Motion to approve COSTARS purchase 2023-AM-03 for the replacement of an FTMSA Station Truck to Megan Ford in the amount of \$61,200.00.

Motion: Mr. DiGuilio; Seconded: Mr. Mitall; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.

Manager's Report:

Vac Truck/Construction:

- FTMSA preformed (16) sewer repairs
- 2 New taps installation
- 10 FT of new SDR 35 sewer main
- 1 Manholes raised to grade.
- 4863 FT of mainline jetted / root cut
- 5679 FT of mainline camera footage
- 9 visual inspected laterals

Manhole Inspections:

- 77 manholes opened and inspected.

Treatment Plant:

- Employee locker room almost complete. Flooring to be installed by others.
- Moving forward on the demolition of un-used piping and valves in the digester basement.

Additional Topics:

- Cloverleaf pump station is still running on 1 pump due to re-build issues.

REPORTS:

- **Operations Report** - Report enclosed
- **Capital Improvement Projects** - Report enclosed
- **O&M Repairs** - Reports enclosed

Mr. Rumbaugh stated thanks to all the employees for their hard work and that the board appreciates everything they do.

REGULATORY ITEMS COMPLETED:

PA DEP DMR Reporting – FTMSA’s effluent discharge data for January December will be submitted.

Comments from the Board:

- The next meeting is scheduled for **March 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

Mr. Bell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:37p.m.; Seconded: Mr. DiGuilio; Vote: 5-0, Motion Approved.



William Bell, Secretary