

**Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority
January 19, 2023**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Others in Attendance:

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

FTMSA Reorganization

FTMSA Solicitor called to action the reorganization of the Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority for year 2023.

FTMSA Solicitor presented a slate of names opposite their respective positions for year 2023.

1. Chairman- Mr. James Rumbaugh
2. Vice Chairman- Mr. Robert Mitall
3. Secretary- Mr. William Bell
4. Treasurer- Mr. Michael DiGuilio
5. Assistant Treasurer- Mr., Mark Stickel
6. Assistant Secretary- Ms. Julie Capor

FTMSA solicitor requested nominations be stated as for all of the individuals named for the positions opposite their name.

Nomination: Mr. Bell; Seconded: Mr. Stickel

FTMSA solicitor requested any other nominations to be stated for any other individuals not listed on the slate.

Nomination: NONE

FTMSA requested a motion that the nominations be closed.

Motion: Mr. Bell; Seconded: Mr. Stickel; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.

FTMSA solicitor requested a motion that the individuals identified opposite positions be appointed for the year 2023

Motion: Mr. Bell; Seconded: Mr. Stickel; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.

Mr. Rumbaugh stated thanks to the Solicitor.

Mr. Rumbaugh requested a motion to approve the appointment of Professionals for the 2023 year remain the same as they were in 2022.

1. Solicitor- Long & Long LLC
2. Engineer- Gibson Thomas Engineering
3. Auditor- Zelenkofske Axelrod
4. Penn-Franklin News

Motion: Mr. Stickel; Seconded: Mr. Mitall; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to Approve December 8, 2022 meeting minutes with modification.

Motion: Mr. Mitall; Seconded: Mr. Bell; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.

Comments from Citizens: None

Solicitor's Report:

FTMSA Solicitor stated that a Loudermill hearing was held for FTMSA Employee #321 on 1-18-2023 via Zoom Teleconference. Representatives from FTMSA, RDM, special council Dayne Dice, and Local Union #487 were in attendance, along with Employee# 321. FTMSA Solicitor stated that the hearing was to see if any additional information or evidence would be forthcoming. FTMSA Solicitor stated that there was no additional information to be added and requests a motion for the board to confirm, reaffirm, and ratify the termination of Employee #321

Motion to confirm, reaffirm, and ratify the termination of FTMSA Employee #321.

Motion: Mr. Stickel; Seconded: Mr. Bell; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.

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

Sewage Treatment Plant UV Replacement: Gibson Thomas stated that the equipment was scheduled to be delivered December 13th but has been delayed until March 13th. Gibson Thomas stated their dissatisfaction with the company delivering the equipment as there was no communication that the equipment was going to be delayed.

Sewage Treatment Plant Conversion: Gibson Thomas stated that employees traveled to the Brookville Sewage Plant to view their aerobic treatment process. Gibson stated that everybody was satisfied with Brookville's aerobic process. Gibson stated that the manufacturer of the aerobic equipment provided a more in-depth proposal for FTMSA to consider. It is the same equipment that Brookville had, but includes the addition of a variable frequency drive that will be able to turn the blowers on and off as needed. The cost of this equipment would be an additional \$500,000.00 over the original proposal that was discussed with the Board but estimates electrical savings of roughly \$75,000.00 per year. The additional cost of this equipment would be paid back within six to seven years. Gibson provided this proposal to the Board and requested that the Board review this and provide any feedback they may have. Gibson stated that the original project was estimated at 2.5 million but with the addition of the variable frequency drive, the project would be estimated around 3 million.

Mr. Stickel stated that he was in attendance on the trip to the Brookville Sewage Plant, and one thing he likes about the process was its simplicity and stainless-steel structure.

Sewage Treatment Plant Demo of Abandoned Pipes: Gibson Thomas stated that there is a bid opening scheduled for this project on Friday January 27, 2023. A pre-bid meeting occurred with 4 potential contractors at the treatment plant on January 18, 2023. Gibson stated that they should be able to provide figures for this project at February's meeting.

2022 Annual Pipe Bursting Contract: Gibson Thomas is requesting a change order for this project regarding a landscaping line item. When the contractor was working in Rustic Ridge, they had to go up through a back woods area and cut out a bunch of trees which caused a significant number of repairs. Gibson stated that W.A. Petrakis has worked well with the Authority. If they would have used the line-item price per the contract, the Authority would be looking at approximately \$140,000.00 in restoration costs. W.A. Petrakis came to us and said they would work on a per hour basis based on the number of guys they had to do the work. This action resulted in significant savings for the Authority.

Motion to approve Change Order #1 to W.A. Petrakis in the amount of \$26,195.00 for the 2022 Annual Pipe Bursting Contract.

Motion: Mr. Mitall; Seconded: Mr. Stickel; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.

Mr. Rumbaugh requested that Gibson Thomas convey their appreciation to Mr. Petrakis.

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 12-9-2022 to 1-19-2023 as follows:

Unpaid Invoices: \$353,879.23; P-Card Expenses: \$11,825.46; Bills Paid by ACH: \$43,284.88

Total Invoices to be paid: **\$408,989.57.**

Motion to approve payment of bills as presented:

Motion: Mr. Bell; Seconded: Mr. Mitall; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.

Mr. Hohman presented two requisitions for consideration.

Motion to approve the Construction Fund Requisition No. 534-CF in the amount of \$658,315.38.

Motion: Mr. Mitall Seconded: Mr. Bell; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved

Motion to approve the Surplus Fund/Asset Management Requisition No. 534-SF in the amount of \$76,423.28.

Motion: Mr. Stickel; Seconded: Mr. Bell; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.

Bids:

No Bids

COSTARS Purchases:

Motion to award COSTARS proposal 2023-BF-01 to Snyder Environmental LLC that consists of proposed fixed costs for the 2023 Annual Pipelining Contract (System Wide), with the condition of clarification and approval of the FTMSA manager on the cost of mobilization.

Motion: Mr. Stickel; Seconded: Mr. Mitall; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.

Motion to approve COSTARS purchase 2023-AM-01 for the replacement of an FTMSA Vehicle to Jim Shorkey Chrysler in the amount of \$50,207.85.

Motion: Mr. Stickel; Seconded: Mr. Bell; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.

Work Order Approvals:

No Work Orders

Manager's Report:

Vac Truck/Construction:

- FTMSA preformed (15) sewer repairs
- (8) #4 and #5 defects graded by Redzone / DEP
- (11) actual #4 and #5 defects
- (3) New taps installation

- (1) Manholes raised to grade
- (2) Manholes repaired
- (2) Stents
- (9) 48in point repairs installed
- (10) FT of new SDR 35 sewer main
- (6135) FT of mainline camera footage
- (2779) FT jetting / root cutting
- (10) visual inspected laterals

Manhole Inspections:

- 54 manholes opened and inspected.

Treatment Plant:

- Rotary Lobe pump install for the TTSS moving forward (i.e., electrical, cement pad, etc.)
- Employee locker room install is coming along and uniform room is almost complete.

Additional Topics:

- The tap request was submitted on December 20th.
- Cloverleaf Pump Station in being addressed. Currently the station is being pumped with a 12" Godwin pump.

Mr. Rumbaugh requested that Mr. Kerr give a brief update on what occurred at the Cloverleaf Pump Station and how FTMSA handled the situation given that fact that this was not the Authorities responsibly to fix.

Mr. Kerr stated that this pump station is located at the far east section of our system and belongs to Salem Township. There is an intermunicipal agreement that grants FTMSA permission to provide day-to-day operation, but it does not include capital improvement. The pump station is an older pump station and utilizes Smith and Loveless pumps. There is a very narrow neck that leads down to the pumps. A situation occurred where one of the pump seals went bad, and since the pumps are 20 ft underground, water submerged the pumps in a quick manner. FTMSA removed one pump and began to make repairs, but a trickling affect occurred where the second pump went down, and no pumps were pumping at the station. Mr. Kerr stated that when this pump station was created, the pumps that were placed in the station were specifically designed to fit. As a result, the pump could not be replaced with an ordinary pump. Mr. Kerr stated another drawback was that bypass pumping was not considered a factor during design of the pump station. With both pumps down, the decision was made work continually to fix the problem. As a result, FTMSA used their vac truck around the clock to mitigate any environmental effect. When rain events occurred during this time frame, FTMSA called in McCutcheon Services and Jet Jack Inc. to utilize their trucks as well. Eventually emergency bypass was established, and a mobile diesel pump was used to get the pump station up and working until the pumps could be fixed. At this point, FTMSA had WC Weil take the pumps, rebuild the pumps, and re-install both pumps. Mr. Kerr stated as the events occurred, he coordinated with Bill Utzman from Morris Knolls, the DEP, Gibson Thomas, and the Fish and Game Commission to verify that the actions taken were necessary and environmentally efficient.

Mr. Rumbaugh stated praise and thanks to the Authority for taking the necessary action to prevent potentially disastrous events.

REPORTS:

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

REGULATORY ITEMS COMPLETED:

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

Comments from the Board:

- The next meeting is scheduled for **February 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

Mr. Bell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47p.m.; Seconded: Mr. Stickel; Vote: 4-0, Motion Approved.



William Bell, Secretary