

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE GENERAL AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN

August 8, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members in Attendance:

Timothy Dunkle
John Eckel
Fred Leyda
Caleb Williams
Chad Ellis
Peter O'Polka
Jody Freni

Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Kurt McFadden, City of Franklin
Devin Hines, Water Treatment Plants
Kyle Fritz, The EADS Group
Josh Kalp, The EADS Group
Michael Gorman, Tech Resources Coordinator
Tracy Jamieson, City of Franklin
Glenn Brown, Wastewater Treatment Plant
Mike Moore, Wastewater Network
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary
Alex Spaid, Dale Woodard Gent McFate
Helen Fielding, The Derrick
Doug Baker, Mayor, City of Franklin

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. Ellis to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. Ellis to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Citizens' Inquiries – Mayor Baker was present to obtain information, on behalf of some interested parties, about the possibility of the Franklin General Authority being able to supply bulk, potable water to the Reno residents, who are currently under a Do Not Consume Order. Discussion ensued regarding hauled water from Butler was tested and it didn't have the proper amount of chlorine in it. Mr. Dunkle stated that the Authority will look into whether or not they have the proper licenses to sell potable water for hauling. Mr. Wetzel suggested that the company temporarily taking over the Reno Water system could pump water from the fire hydrant near King's Restaurant in Sugarcreek Borough, provided however that the borough gives its approval. Mr. Kalp added that Cranberry Township has the licenses to sell potable water.

6. Water

6.A. Operations/Project Reports

1. Staff

Mr. Hines

Mr. Hines expressed concerns that well number 13 is producing more than well number 4, which has historically been the largest producer, which he speculates could be due to clogged screens. The Authority gave approval to call on Moody's Water Supply to look at it.

Mr. Stoltenberg

Mr. Stoltenberg reported that he is working with the black top crews working throughout town and with Mortimer's as they get residents connected to the new 2-inch waterlines and subsequent road restoration on South Bell Avenue.

2. *EADS Group*

Front Street Waterline and Allegheny Boulevard Waterline

Mr. Kalp reported that the PENNVEST Planning and Consultation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 24 at 9:30 A.M.

Dam Removal

Mr. Kalp reported that DEP requested a transfer permit to transfer ownership from Johnson & Co., which no longer exists, to the General Authority and the City of Franklin. He will work on the application and have it available to present at the September meeting. DEP would also like to have a conference call on August 17 at 1 P.M. to discuss the removal plan.

15th Street Pump Station & Miller Hill Waterline

Mr. Fritz reported that Terra Works has completed all the waterline work associated with the pump station, which is to be delivered in November. He is coordinating quotes to demolish the old pump station.

The storm sewer work on Old Mercer Road is complete. Paving is scheduled for late September. Sanitary sewer on Plumer Avenue and Sibley Avenue has been installed. Water services and storm sewer installation on Sibley is ongoing, and work on the 2” section of water line on Old Mercer Road is complete, which includes work in the Change Order described below.

Change Order No. 4 includes the installation of 350 feet of 2-inch pipe, 1 saddle connection to the new 12-inch waterline, 1 curb stop, 1 curb box, and all associated labor, equipment and materials, and will increase the contract amount by \$35,000.

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$35,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Payment Application No. 5 in the amount of \$217,625.40 (of which \$53,145 is the responsibility of the City of Franklin). The motion passed unanimously.

Misc. Water Items

EADS will start preparing a scope of work for Phase 2 of the Legacy Lead Waterline Project and briefly discuss funding opportunities with PENNVEST at the August 24th consultation. Authority members would also like to discuss funding for Barrett Flats at the same time, as well as other potential projects.

6. B. Water Financial Report

Total Unrestricted Water Funds Balance is \$757,320. Motion by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Eckel to accept the financial report for August. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. Leyda to pay the following bills. Motion passed unanimously.

City of Franklin General Services Fee for August	\$ 18,166.67
Dale Woodard Gent Law Firm for Water General Matters	\$ 180.00
Dale Woodard Gent Law Firm for Warranty Dispute	\$ 20.00
The EADS Group for 2023 Engineering	\$ 570.00
Anthony Parks for July Meeting	\$ 50.00
The EADS Group for 15 th Street Pump Station	\$ 8,496.00
Mortimer's for 15 th Street Pump Station	\$ 217,625.40
Water Fund Monthly Invoices for Approval	\$ 45,190.40
Totals:	\$ 290,298.47

Additional items to be reviewed:

Pre-approved invoice and payroll reimbursements to General Fund

Pre-approved payroll for 7/14/23 and 7/28/23

7/31/23 YTD draft budget including a detail of invoices paid and revenue received.

7. Sewer

7.A. Operations/Project Reports

1. Staff

Mr. Brown

- Mr. Brown reported that the new waterback is installed.
- About half of the items to fix the SCADA system are complete.
- The storm pump projects are set to begin next Monday.

Mr. Moore

Mr. Moore reported that USG is done with cleaning the interceptor line and will take care of tree roots on South Park Street. Mr. Fritz added that he would like USG to look at the spider web lines near 12th and Otter Streets, provided that there are additional financial resources available in the budget. The Board concurred with his recommendation.

2. EADS Group

WWTP

Mr. Kalp stated that a preconstruction meeting for the installation of the influent pumps is scheduled for August 10, 2023 at 10 AM.

A-108 Phase I Sewer Replacement & CSO Elimination Project

Mr. Fritz reported that he received all environmental clearances and submitted the E&S, General Permit and NPDES permits this week, while the DEP Part II, HOP and Railroad permits are expected to be submitted later in the year, followed by the application to PENNVEST in early 2024. Mr. Moore will assist with manhole access when EADS performs the final field investigation at 12th and Otter Streets. EADS will continue to coordinate with the City to research historic sewer/paving projects.

Misc. Sewer Items

Mr. Fritz said the semi-annual CAP report was submitted to DEP on July 18th for A-108 and 864 15th Street.

7.B. Sewer Financial Report

Total Unrestricted Sewer Funds Balance of (\$44,230).

Motion by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Leyda to accept the sewer financial report for August. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. Williams to pay the following bills.
The motion passed unanimously.

City of Franklin General Services Fee for August	\$ 18,166.67
Summit for RAS/WAS Controllars	\$ 3,655.66
Summit for Micromod Controller	\$ 2,660.00
Dale Woodard Gent McFate for Sewer General Matters	\$ 120.00
Dale Woodard Gent McFate for Uniontown Heights	\$ 20.00
The EADS Group for 2023 Engineering	\$ 1,568.33
Anthony Parks for July meeting	\$ 50.00
The EADS Group for Flow Monitoring 5 CSO Sites (July)	\$ 3,875.00
The EADS Group for A-108 Planning S03-21	\$ 17,557.83
Sewer Fund Monthly Invoices for Approval	\$ 17,767.26
Totals:	\$ 65,440.75

Additional items to be reviewed:

Pre-approved invoice and payroll reimbursements to General Fund

Pre-approved payroll for 7/14/23 and 7/28/23

7/31/23 YTD draft budget including a detail of invoices paid and revenue received.

8. Reports

A. Chair's Report:

Mr. Dunkle presented drafts of the Drought Contingency Plan to present to DEP for their approval and thanked everyone who helped.

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. O'Polka to accept the Drought Contingency Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dunkle stated that he is also drafting a Water Rationing Plan and an Emergency Drinking Water Distribution Plan, which he hopes to have ready to present at September's meeting.

B. City Manager's Report:

Mrs. Jamieson reminded everyone that budget season is coming up shortly and will provide dates for budget workshops at the September meeting.

C. Public Utilities Director's Report:

Mr. McFadden reported that a technician from Groff Tractor was recently in to override the hydraulic system on the backhoe but was unsuccessful. He said it is still safe to operate until he can return after August 24 to try something else.

The anticipated build date for the Kenworth truck is November 13.

National Fuel will be replacing gas lines on and between the 400 and 800 blocks of Elk Street.

D. Mapping Update:

Mr. Gorman said that he is finished mapping out the new manholes and curb stops on Sibley and Adelaide Avenues.

He met with Rave Mobile Safety to discuss setting up an alert system to notify residents of street closures, disruptions to water services, etc. Residents will be required to register in order to receive alerts. A thirty-six (36) month contract is \$9,000 at \$3,000 per year. They require the first year's fee of \$3,000, plus an additional \$500 set-up fee.

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. Williams to enter into contract with Rave Mobile Safety and approve the initial expense of \$3,500. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Spaid reported that Pioneer Electric was served Eminent Domain papers and have not responded. If they fail to respond within the allotted time period, then a default judgement will be entered against them.

The emergency easements on Old Mercer Road have been prepared and sent to property owners.


9. Meetings

The next committee meeting is August 24, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

The next regular meeting is September 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

10. Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 P.M.
Motion passed unanimously.



Minutes prepared by T.J. Parks