

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

April 9, 2024

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Members in Attendance:

John Eckel  
Fred Leyda  
Caleb Williams  
Timothy Dunkle  
Jody Freni

Excused:

Chad Ellis  
Peter O'Polka

Others in Attendance:

Kurt McFadden, City of Franklin  
Devin Hines, Water Treatment Plant  
Clint Hoffman, Water Network  
Kyle Fritz, The EADS Group  
Josh Kalp, The EADS Group  
James Wetzel, City of Franklin  
Mike Moore, Wastewater Network  
Glenn Brown, Water Treatment Plant  
Brian Spaid, Dale Woodard Gent McFate  
Alex Spaid, Dale Woodard Gent McFate  
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary  
Helen Fielding, The Derick  
Donna Fletcher, 827 Elk Street

**Dam Removal**

Mr. Kalp reported EADS is continuing to schedule drain cleaning with USG and reminded the Authority of the DCED Act 13 grant that EADS is preparing to be submitted on May 31, 2024.

**Reno Water System**

Mr. Kalp had nothing new to report on this matter.

**15<sup>th</sup> Street Pump Station**

Mr. Fritz reported that start-up occurred on March 26<sup>th</sup> with no major issues to report. Speed control needs added to the PRV for low flow conditions. This will be addressed in the upcoming weeks. Demolition of the old pump station is scheduled to begin next week.

**Barrett Flats WTP**

Mr. Fritz reported on a site visit from April 3<sup>rd</sup> to review valving/piping between Miller Hill and City pressure zones. The new water plant will address any unknowns in the existing valving/piping system. The goal is to submit a PENNVEST funding application in the amount of \$7,480,000 by August 2026. Mr. Fritz then presented a Professional Services Agreement for the Authority's consideration, with changes as recommended by the solicitor, for a total of \$883,800, broken out as follows:

- Estimated cost to apply for funding: \$380,000
- Basic Services: \$420,000
- Additional Services: \$280,000
- Resident Project Representative: \$180,000

Mr. Fritz noted that the motion being requested tonight is only to approve \$380,000 for the application cost. Basic services, additional services and Resident Project Representative only go into effect if the Authority is awarded funding.

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. Leyda to approve the agreement as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. B. Water Financial Report**

Total Unrestricted Water Funds Balance is \$709,827. Motion by Mr. Williams and seconded by Freni to accept the financial report for April. Motion passed unanimously.

LB Water for Wintergreen	\$ 295.30
LB Water for Bell Avenue	\$ 10,685.30
Water Fund Monthly Invoices for Approval	\$ 14,213.53
Totals:	\$ 69,779.79

Additional items to be reviewed:

- Pre-approved invoice and payroll reimbursements to General Fund
- Pre-approved payroll for 3/8/24 and 3/22/24
- 3/31/24 YTD draft budget including a detail of invoices paid and revenue received.

7. Sewer

7.A. Operations/Project Reports

1. Staff

**Mr. Brown**

- Reported on a minor repair needed to one of the RAS pumps.

**Mr. Moore**

- Reported on issues with a pump in Oak Hill. He will look into the cost of having the old pump repaired so it can be used in an emergency situation.

2. EADS Group

**WWTP**

Mr. Kalp is waiting for more information from RAS and WAS pump manufacturers on pump recommendations.

Mr. Kalp requested the Authority's approval to advertise bids for sludge removal to be opened on May 3, 2024 at City Hall.

Motion by Mr. Eckel and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve advertising for bids for sludge removal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

7.B. Sewer Financial Report

Total Unrestricted Sewer Funds Balance of \$74,916.

Motion by Mr. Freni and seconded by Mr. Eckel to accept the sewer financial report for April. The motion passed unanimously.

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

City of Franklin General Services Fee for April	\$ 18,166.67
Dale Woodard Gent McFate for Sewer General Matters	\$ 200.00
Dale Woodard Gent McFate for Uniontown Heights	\$ 75.00
Dale Woodard Gent McFate for A-108 Project	\$ 1,440.00
The EADS Group for 2024 Engineering	\$ 2,752.50
Anthony Parks for March Meeting	\$ 50.00
The EADS Group for CSO Flow Monitoring	\$ 3,875.00
The EADS Group for A-108 Planning S03-21	\$ 35,547.58
Sewer Fund Monthly Invoices for Approval	\$ 10,708.93
Totals:	\$ 72,815.68

Additional items to be reviewed:

Pre-approved invoice and payroll reimbursements to General Fund

Pre-approved payroll for 3/8/24 & 3/22/24

3/31/24 YTD draft budget including a detail of invoices paid and revenue received.

E. Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Spaid provided an update on the Easement Agreements for the A-108 project.

He spoke with the solicitor for Sandycreek Township and does not see a problem with getting the extension needed for the PENNVEST extension. Mr. Spaid also advised that he will look at the Authority's contracts with other municipalities.

Mr. Spaid advised of the legal obligation to only vote on items that are on the agenda. Emergency items are accepted if they occur within 24 hours of a meeting and incur a de minimis expense. Violation of the law can be a criminal offense.

Mr. Spaid requested time in Executive Session to discuss matters of negotiations.

9. Executive Session

The Authority entered into Executive Session at 7:16 P.M. Executive Session ended at 7:40 P.M. with no additional action.

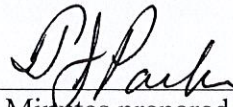
Meetings

The next committee meeting is April 25, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

The next regular meeting is May 14, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

12. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M.



Minutes prepared by T.J. Parks