UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY JANUARY 15, 2024

REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT

VERNON WALKER, CHAIRMAN KEVIN EVANS JAMES DRAPCHAK JOHN HEIDER JAMES PETERS

OTHERS

DAVID RAHO, SHAHADE & SHAHADE, SOLICITOR ALICE HUMMELL, EXEC. TWP. SECRETARY GRETA LAVELY, ASST. TWP. SECRETARY

OTHERS: Chase Modic (The EAD's Group) and Sue Konvolinka

Chairman Vernon Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jim Drapchak moved; Jim Peters seconded to approve the January 15, 2024 Agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED. 5/0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Drapchak moved; Kevin Evans seconded to approve the Minutes of the Dec. 18, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED. 5/0

REORGANIZATION OF AUTHORITY FOR 2024

Kevin Evans moved; Jim Peters seconded to approve the Appointment of Officers to remain the same in 2024. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Chairman – **Vernon Walker**Vice-Chairman/Secretary – **Kevin Evans**Assistant Secretary – **Jim Peters**Treasurer – **Jim Drapchak**Assistant Treasurer – **John Heider**

Appointment of Engineer(s) (on an as needed basis) – John Heider moved; Kevin Evans seconded to retain H.F Lenz and The Eads Group, on an as needed basis. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Appointment of Collection & Depository Agencies – Jim Drapchak moved; Jim Peters seconded to keep Slovenian Savings & Loans and Somerset Trust Company.

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Appointment of Auditor – John Heider moved; Jim Drapchak seconded to remain with Kotzan CPA & Associates, P.C. for 2024 (Year 2 of 3-year contract). MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Appointment of Solicitor – Kevin Evans motioned; John Heider seconded to use Shahade and Associates, Dave Raho is transitioning into the position. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE ON THE AGENDA - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

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ENGINEERS REPORT

Westmont Woods – Chase reported that the manhole installation at Westmont Woods is complete. They are currently waiting for a signature for the meter.

HGA – Chase explained the graphs were reviewed showing a big spike on Nov. 30th and Dec. 15th. Chase noted that nothing is showing an error and believes these spikes are from debris coming through the lines. Chase will reach out to HGA's Manager, Chris Zakraysek to see when construction will begin.

OLD BUSINESS

Employee Health Benefits have now been offered to the Authority workers upon completion of probationary period.

EDWIN KESSLAK – 477 EDWARDS STREET

Vernon will get with Pam to get a letter out to him regarding the CCTV compliance, prior to the next meeting scheduled for February 12, 2024.

LSA Grant

Is pending review for approval.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - NONE

RUTLEDGE REPORT

The crew inspected and maintained 22 manholes. Woodmont has a new heater installed. Flows are considerable low for both pump stations.

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

STONYCREEK TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT

Vernon Walker moved; Jim Peters seconded to table actions at this time and will continue with the Stonycreek contract as is. **MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF NON-COMPLIANCE FEES

John Heider moved; Kevin Evans seconded to approve the Non-Compliance Fees as of January 15, 2024. MOTION CARRIED. 5/0

APPROVAL OF BILLS AS OF JANUARY 15, 2024 - \$53,986.86

Jim Drapchak moved; Jim Peters seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$53,986.86. MOTION CARRIED. 5/0

ADJOURNMENT – Moved by Kevin Evans; seconded by Jim Drapchak to adjourn.

Motion Carried 5/0

ADJOURNED - 7:20 P.M.

Kevin Evans, Secretary