



Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority
300 Laird Street, Suite #A-1
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Minutes
July 19, 2022 Regular Session

The Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board of Directors met in Executive Session after the July 19th, 2022 meeting to discuss union contract negotiations.

Call to Order

On July 19, 2022 at 1:00 P.M., the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board convened their regular monthly meeting at the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Administrative Offices, 300 Laird Street Suite A-1 Wilkes-Barre. It was noted that all meetings are electronically recorded.

Mr. Yannuzzi, Chairman, called to order the July 19, 2022 meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Present

Mr. Dominic Yannuzzi, P.E., Chairman
Mr. William Hardwick
Mr. Richard Adams
Mr. Gordon Dussinger
Mr. John Maday

Also Present

Amy Grevera, CPA, Grevera and Associates
Jeffrey Rockman, Esq., LCFPA Solicitor
Laura Holbrook, Mitigation & Outreach Specialist
Deana Prochaska, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary) – Via Telephone
Erik Mark, Reporter, Citizens Voice

Public Input

None.

Regular Meeting

Motion was made to ratify the minutes of the Authority meeting held on June 21, 2022.

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick

Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 4-1. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY. "ABSTAIN" – ADAMS.

LCFPA Activities/Projects

- A. Staff Activities/Project
- B. Board Activities/Project

Bills and Communications

Motion was made to approve the payment of the bills as presented.

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Report of the Treasurer

Motion was made to submit the report of the Treasurer into the record as stated.

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick

Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

New Business

2022 Levee Fee Collections Update.

Portnoff Law Associates Delinquent Levee Fee Quarterly Collections Update.

Motion was made to approve the proposal submitted by Mr. Rehab LLC, Three Long Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA, in the amount \$29,795.00, for the cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) lining of an existing 18" diameter stormwater pipe from a manhole located at the Kingston levee toe to its outfall at the Susquehanna River. The distance is approximately 295 feet. Mr. Rehab is a member of COSTARS, Vendor Number 533405, and provides services under Contract Number 016-E22-220. This stormwater repair project has been previously deemed qualified by County administration as meeting eligibility requirements to be funded through ARPA.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

On the question:

Mr. Hardwick: Did I read an email or two, are there two stages?

Mr. Yannuzzi: Yes, this is part two of their proposal. The first part of their proposal was when they came up and performed a camera inspection to verify existing conditions. Mr. Rehab is able to line the pipe from the levee toe to the river, but they can't line the pipe from the levee toe to the levee crest. That pipe segment has to get replaced which we are going to have to bid out.

Mr. Hardwick: So, this last amount of work is not the end of this?

Mr. Yannuzzi: Correct. The end of the overall stormwater pipe replacement effort is going to be a public solicitation for bids to replace it from the levee toe to the top.

Motion was made to request permission to issue a Request For Proposals (RFP) on the PennBid public procurement program, for design-build services to replace the existing deteriorated 18" diameter stormwater pipe from the manhole located at the Kingston levee toe, through the levee, to termination at an existing stormwater inlet on Pierce Street.

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick

Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Motion was made to issue a Request For Proposals (RFP) on the PennBid public procurement program, for professional real estate appraisal services, to assist in the remaining property acquisitions for the Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project. This RFP was originally issued back in July 2020 and no responses were received. These services will be paid out of the Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project Fund.

Motion by: Mr. Maday

Second by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Mr. Adams made the following motion: *"In an effort to equitably fund the operation of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority (LCFPA), the Board is requesting that the LCFPA begin discussions with Luzerne County Government to restructure the relationship in such a manner that all the funding will be equally distributed to all Luzerne County taxpayers. The LCFPA believes that the current operating structure would remain in place with an advisory Board ultimately responsible to the Luzerne County Government in a manner similar to the County operations, such as the 911 Emergency Service or the Luzerne County Prison. The LCFPA Board is further directing the Executive Director and the Solicitor to begin these discussions with the Luzerne County Government within 30 days and make monthly reports on the progress of this restructuring"*.

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Maday

Mr. Yannuzzi motioned we put this on the August BOD meeting agenda as a New Business item.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Adams

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Next Regular Meeting

August 16, 2022 at 1:00p.m.

300 Laird St. Suite A-1

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Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the July 19, 2022 meeting of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board.

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick

Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Deana Prochaska
Recording Secretary