

Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority

1989 Wyoming Avenue Forty Fort, PA 18704

Minutes June 18, 2024 Regular Session

Call to Order

On June 18, 2024, 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, 1989 Wyoming Ave, Fort Fort. It was noted that all meetings are electronically recorded.

Mr. Yannuzzi, Chairman, called to order the June 18, 2024 meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Present

Mr. Dominic Yannuzzi, P.E., Chairman

Mr. William Hardwick - Absent

Mr. Jay Delaney

Mr. John Maday

Mr. Coray Mitchell

Also Present

Jeff Rockman, Esq., Slusser Law Firm, LCFPA Solicitor
Amy Grevera, CPA, Grevera and Associates, LCFPA Accountant
Laura Holbrook, LCFPA Deputy Director
Deana Prochaska, LCFPA Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)
Kayla Roselle, LCFPA Project Engineer
Eric Mark, Reporter, Citizens Voice

Public Input

None.

Regular Meeting

Motion was made to ratify the minutes of the Authority meeting held on May 21, 2024.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, MADAY, DELANEY, MITCHELL.

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. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Delaney

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" - YANNUZZI, MADAY, DELANEY, MITCHELL.

Report of the Treasurer

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

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" - YANNUZZI, MADAY, DELANEY, MITCHELL.

New Business

2024 Levee Fee Collections Update.

Motion was made to approve the hiring of David Murray, 40 Krych Street, Kingston for the position of Levee Maintenance Technician at the starting rate of \$18.00/hr. (\$37,440.00 annually) in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement. The position became vacant due to the resignation of Brandon Schmidt whose last workday was May 10.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, MADAY, DELANEY, MITCHELL.

Motion was made to approve Amendment #2 to the existing agreement with Borton-Lawson Engineering LLC (Verdantas), 613 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre, for design modification services on the "Wyoming Valley Pump Stations Electronic Controls System Upgrade" in the estimated amount \$44,000. This project was initially advertised on PennBid, and the bids were rejected due to the anticipated construction costs being greater than budgetary expectations. The control panel design, drawings, and technical specifications were revised to reduce the construction costs and the project rebid. This project was identified for reimbursement under our ARPA grant award.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Delanev

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, MADAY, DELANEY, MITCHELL.

Motion was made to approve the drafting of a new master occupancy license agreement UGI Electric to replace four (4) existing occupancy license agreements (OLAs) #4-3, 4-15, 4-25, and 23-1 23-1, with \$0 annual lease fee, in consideration of UGI Electric's subdivision and transfer of ownership of PIN #25-I8-00A-002-000 at no cost. This parcel is located in Hanover Township and contains 1.99 acres of a levee seepage berm that was installed as part of the levee raising project. UGI Electric will draft the deed transfer and a perpetual easement for their overhead power lines to cross our new property.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, MADAY, DELANEY, MITCHELL.

Motion was made to approve the drafting of an access easement with Brennan Electric Inc., 94 Plymouth Street, Edwardsville to cross their lands and gate (PIN #18-G9S4-010-14B-000) to access LCFPA lands located behind our Woodward Pump Station. The LCFPA has had an informal arrangement with Brennan to cross their land for years. Brennan is exploring the sale of the property.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, MADAY, DELANEY, MITCHELL.

2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook.

Next Regular Meeting

July 16, 2024 at 1:00p.m. 1989 Wyoming Ave Forty Fort, PA 18704

<u>Adjourn</u>

Motion was made to adjourn the June 18, 2024 meeting of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" - YANNUZZI, MADAY, DELANEY, MITCHELL.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deana Prochaska Recording Secretary