

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on January 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting notice was provided to The Daily Journal and the Atlantic City Press which are the BBMUA's official newspapers. Notices are also posted on the bulletin boards within the Municipal Building as well as the Borough of Buena and BBMUA's websites. The meeting took place in the large meeting room located in the Municipal Building, Minotola while practicing social distancing and complying with guidelines.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman David Romeo.

Those present were:

J. Formisano	C. Santore
J. Johnston in @ 6:36 pm	A. Zorzi
D. Romeo	D. Horst
J. Santagata	R. Casella
M. Bertonazzi	S. Testa

Vice-Chairman Romeo opened the meeting informing the Board that Robert Delano resigned from the BBMUA Board effective immediately.

The Borough of Buena Administrator provided an email to the BBMUA Board regarding the NJ I-Bank project and the bond the Borough of Buena will be taking out to begin the project. Vice-Chairman Romeo asked David Horst of DeBlasio & Associates if he would be going over this in his report to give the Board an update on this matter. Mr. Horst stated that he would. Mr. Horst said the Borough is proceeding with this and has authorized DeBlasio to make application to the NJ I-Bank. He said the email is self-explanatory and if anyone has any questions, he would be happy to answer them.

A copy of the Borough of Buena adopted Resolution No. 24-25 authorizing a loan application to the NJDEP and the NJ I-Bank to fund improvements to the Borough's sanitary sewer system and roadway restoration projects was provided to the BBMUA Board for their information.

Mr. David Horst of DeBlasio and Associates reviewed the engineer's report submitted by Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio and Associates providing updates on grant applications, capital projects for the wastewater NJPDES Permit review, the Materials/Services Specification Services, High Grass Farms water and sanitary sewer application, Buena

Vista Campground Sanitary Sewer Review, and Buena Connection Brewing Co. water and sanitary sewer application.

Member Bertonazzi asked if we have heard anything back from Buena Vista Township regarding the Buena Vista Campground connecting into our sanitary sewer system. Vice-Chairman Romeo stated that we sent the letter to Buena Vista Township but have not heard anything back from them at this time.

Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr stated that he spoke with the BBMUA's consultant regarding the 2023 Audit and she is almost completed with the workpapers and once they are received, they can proceed with the 2023 Audit.

Secretary Cheryl Santore opened the (RFQ's) Request for Qualifications for Professional services on January 16, 2025 at 11:00 am as advertised in the official newspapers of the BBMUA. All the RFQ packages were received within the timeframe and the recommendations to the board members were set forth after their review and discussion. Only one RFQ was received for the Auditing & Solicitor. Two RFQ's were received for Engineering. One was received by Remington & Vernick Engineers and a second was received from DeBlasio & Associates. Four RFQ's were received for Bond Counsel. One was received from JP Capizzi Law Office, a second was from Parker McCay, a third was received from McManimon & Scotland, LLC and the fourth was received from Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer. The following awards will be made at our reorganization meeting on February 12, 2025 and resolutions will be adopted at that time:

Auditing: Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr
Engineering: DeBlasio & Associates
Solicitor: Testa, Heck, Testa & White
Bond Counsel: JP Capizzi Law Office

m/Santagata s/Bertonazzi All Board Members were in agreement to award the professional services as recommended at the reorganization meeting to be held on February 12, 2025. m/passed

m/Johnston s/Santagata to renew the agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC to continue as our Continuing Disclosure Agent and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor to remain in compliance with the disclosure requirements set forth by the Securities Exchange Commission. m/passed

Cheryl Santore provided the email received from Janie Testa of Perma, Inc. providing information on the 24-25 Elected Officials Seminar-Online Course with directions on how to complete the course. The BBMUA receives a \$250.00 credit against our assessment for each member that completes the course.

m/Santagata s/Johnston to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on December 11, 2024. m/passed
Formisano-Abstain; Johnston – yes; Romeo – yes; Santagata – yes; Bertonazzi – Abstain

m/Johnston s/Santagata to accept the minutes of the last closed executive session meeting held on December 11, 2024. m/passed
Formisano-Abstain; Johnston – yes; Romeo – yes; Santagata – yes; Bertonazzi – Abstain

m/Johnston s/Santagata to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 8, 2025. m/passed
Formisano-Abstain; Johnston – yes; Romeo – yes; Santagata – yes; Bertonazzi – Abstain

m/Bertonazzi s/Johnston to approve the 2025 well maintenance inspection quote from AC Schultes in the amount of \$1,425.00. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi thanked Robert Delano and John Formisano for their service to the BBMUA throughout the years. Both Board Members have been to the BBMUA Plant many times John Formisano especially and if they ever needed something or needed help with something they were always there to help. Mr. Zorzi wanted to thank them for their years of service to the BBMUA.

m/Santagata s/Johnston to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 8. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on February 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. This is our annual Reorganization meeting and begins at 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm. Please make every effort to attend.

Mr. John Formisano wanted to address the Board before the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Formisano said that he served on different Boards and Organizations in the Borough of Buena for over 50 years. Mayor Muccio asked him to be on the Borough Zoning Board and the Borough Hall isn't even here any more and this building wasn't even built at the time. He served on the Buena Braves Organization for over 20 years. If Buildings and Grounds needed anything like lime or anything they would come to him and he would provide it. Mayor Baruffi came to his home on Christmas Day 10 years ago and told him that he wanted to put him on the BBMUA Board to make decisions. The Mayor came to Mr. Formisano and wanted \$50,000.00 from the BBMUA. Mr. Formisano asked Mayor

Baruffi if he thought the MUA had headaches of their own. He knows every detail of the Plant and has walked every inch of the Plant with Alan Zorzi. He was there when the motors have broken down over the years which cost a lot of money. Mr. Formisano reluctantly voted for the \$50,000.00. When Mayor Baruffi left and the next Mayor came in, they wanted another \$27,000.00 or \$28,000.00 for lighting for the Borough Hall and he voted no because his responsibility was to the residents of the Borough to keep their water and sewer flowing and he was the only no vote and the Borough was granted the money. The Mayor and Council always want money from the BBMUA because they aren't running the Borough right. Now they want us to give a break to the fellow with the trailer park. The BBMUA is not a bank and they have their own expenses and operation that they need to run efficiently to keep the ratepayers with water and sewer. Mr. Formisano said he didn't take orders from the Mayor and Council so that is why he got a letter from the Mayor stating he wouldn't be reappointed for another term to the Board. Mr. Formisano said if something was right, he voted for it and if it wasn't then he voted no. Mr. Formisano said to the Board they need to watch what they are giving away. He knows that there are some people on the board that will stand up for what is right and he knows that Bob Delano resigned because he wasn't going to do what wasn't the right thing to do. He said Mr. Sasdelli resigned because he wasn't going to go along with what wasn't right either. Mr. Formisano said he has seen the Mayor coming out of the restaurant the Black Diamond with the fellow who owns the trailer park and he knows they weren't talking about the Eagles. Mr. Formisano said there are four good members here tonight and said they should watch what they do with the money and do the right thing by the BBMUA because they have projects that need to be taken care of to do right by the water and sewer customers.

Vice-Chairman David Romeo thanked Mr. Formisano for all of his service to the Borough of Buena and the BBMUA over the years. Mr. Formisano said he didn't do it because he needed to do it, he wanted to do it.

m/Bertonnazzi s/Santagata to adjourn the meeting 6:57 p.m.

m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary