

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on March 11, 2020 at 7 p.m. This meeting notice was provided to The Daily Journal and the Atlantic County Record 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.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Santagata.

Those present were:

R. Baker	J. Santagata
R. Delano	C. Santore
J. Formisano	R. Casella
J. Johnston	

Patricia Keeper of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority sent a letter to Chairman Santagata submitting three copies of the 2020 Laboratory Services Contract for his signature along with a copy of their resolution 20-2-46. Chairman Santagata will sign the contract and two copies will be returned to the ACUA for their execution. These laboratory prices were approved at the December 2019 meeting.

m/Baker s/Delano adopt Resolution R-11-2020 authorizing the meeting of the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority closed to the public to discuss matters that included possible litigation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7). m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to open the executive closed session meeting at 7:04 pm. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to close the executive closed session meeting and return to regular session at 7:23 pm. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to allow the solicitor to move forward with what was discussed in the closed executive session. m/passed

An email was received from H2O loans advising the BBMUA that the Environmental Planning Review of the Project for the Upgrades to the Sanitary Sewer Pump Stations #1, #2 & #3 is complete and that additional design comments may be forthcoming as the design review may not be complete.

Frank Scangarella of Winne Banta sent an email to Dennis Yoder and Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick Engineers notifying them of the items Jerome Palmer of the NJDEP is looking for pertaining to the Pump Station Upgrade NJEIT Procedure.

Anthony Esochagi of Atlantic County notified Monica Bell of Remington & Vernick via email that the Freeholders approved the amendment to the Water Quality Management Plan. There will be a short waiting period for any public comment and then the Law Department will send the entire package with the County Ordinance to the NJDEP for their endorsement. This is in regard to the BBMUA's Wastewater Permit increase from 400,000 gpd to 600,000 gpd.

m/Baker s/Delano to approve the treasurer's report as read.

m/passed

Secretary Cheryl Santore received a letter from Andrea Mariani-Moffatt to BB&T now Truist notifying us that the branch located at 464 Wheat Road in Vineland will be closing on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. The closest branch will now be Lincoln Avenue so it will take longer to go the bank every day.

Ms. Santore stated that while working on the water rate increase advertisement Steve Testa had consulted with Robert Casella. Since the Board discussed but did not decide on what they would like to adjust the water tap in fee to be we are unable to have the public hearing for the rate increase at the next meeting. A definite decision needs to be made on what the tap in fee will be so it can be specified in the advertisement. Also, by changing the base from 15,000 gallons to 12,000 gallons this will change the commercial base for sewer rates. Therefore, we would have to advertise for a sewer rate hearing also. Steve Testa and Ms. Santore are still continuing to work on this but the rate increase may have to begin later than we had anticipated in June. The board asked what the current tap in fee is for water. Ms. Santore told them it is currently \$756.00 and per the calculation stipulated by State Statute N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21 and N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22 we are able to charge as much as \$2,499.00 for a water connection. In discussions with Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi and Steve Testa a suggested tap in fee was \$2,000.00. Again these numbers are not set in stone and this matter can be discussed in further length at the next meeting. The board asked if you have to change the sewer base rates for commercial establishments and Ms. Santore stated she would discuss that with Steve Testa and further discussions would be held at a future meeting.

m/Baker s/Johnston to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on February 12, 2020. m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to accept the minutes of the last closed executive session meeting held on February 12, 2020. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi was contacted by Aris Lendo of the Fulcrum Group who is managing the Tractor Supply project. Mr. Lendo requested approval from Mr. Zorzi to relocate the 6" water meter for the fire system from the street curb location to the inside of the store. Mr. Zorzi told him that would not be a problem as long as they do not tap anything into the 6" line. Therefore, Alan requested Mr. Lendo have something put in writing for us to keep on record should we need to have recourse in the future. A letter was received from Ken Fioretti, the Development Manager for Hix Snedeker Companies stating they will not now and or in the future tap anything into the 6" line before the 6" water meter located inside the store.

m/Baker s/Delano to approve the Hix Snedeker Company to move the 6" fire meter into the building from the street curb location with the stipulation that they will not now or in the future tap anything into the 6" fire line prior to the meter. m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 7. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to pay all bills presented for the month of March 2020. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on March 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Baker s/Johnston to adjourn the meeting 7:42 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary