

BOROUGH OF BUENA  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on March 26, 2014 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 John Brunini.

Those present were:

J. Brunini	C. Santore
R. Baker	A. Zorzi
C. Mielke	R. Smith
S. Woshnak	R. Casella
J. DuBois	S. Testa

Chairman Brunini informed the board that Solis Partners have a proposal put together that he would like to present to the board. Mr. Brunini asked Mr. Curtin of Solis to contact Michael Testa Jr. before he makes this proposal to make sure there are no legal issues and that the proposed project would not have to be bid. Mr. Casella was unaware as to whether Michael Testa Jr. has spoken to Mr. Curtin.

Mr. Casella stated that the letter we received from Sprint/Nextel regarding the lease agreement stating that the termination due to technological reasons is a legitimate reason to terminate. Mr. Casella suggested that they resubmit a letter stating the reasons for termination. Another phone call needs to be placed to Mr. Stewart as well to clarify this is the correct tower. On the letter the address of the equipment is not the address for our water tower. Sprint/Nextel needs to understand that if this is the correct tower they are removing that all equipment must be removed and the tower must be restored (sanded, primed, painted, etc.) so it is not damaged and does not rust.

Mr. Steve Testa met with BBMUA Secretary/Treasurer to take a look at the water rates and do a brief analysis of where the water rates need to be in order to build up enough funds in the equipment renewal and replacement fund to paint the water tank in the next five years as well as possibly recovering the cost of the loss of the tower rental to Sprint/Nextel and not have to utilize any net assets to balance the budget the rate would have to increase to \$320.00 per year. If you are looking to also put funds away to replace

or repair any water lines or pumps that may need replacing or possibly having to install a new well the rate would have to increase slightly higher than the \$320.00 to \$340.00 per year. The board suggested that we should also look to reduce the amount of gallons from 15,000 gallons to 12,000 gallons as a new standard however, a rate increase would still need to be implemented. Another idea would be to look at the excess charges to see how this would impact the increased rate. This needs to be continually worked on for implementation in the first quarter of 2015.

BBMUA Secretary Treasurer, Cheryl Santore, has been looking into the ability to accept credit cards. She spoke with Greg Jackson at Govolution and asked the questions the board had at the previous meeting. Mr. Jackson is now recommending that we do not charge a convenience fee due to a bill that has been recently drafted and passed by the State Senate. References were provided, however, none of them were located in New Jersey so it was pointless in contacting them. When reading the regulations on accepting credit cards for government obligations on the NJ Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Governmental Services website, there are restrictions as to what you can accept a credit card for. Shut-off charges or delinquencies are not allowed to be paid with a credit card. After all of this discussion it was decided by the board that we will not accept credit cards.

Ms. Santore received a letter from the Bank of NY Mellon, the trustee bank for the BBMUA. The transaction service fees will be increased per year. Chairman Brunini asked Steve Testa to contact our bond council and try to negotiate this fee.

m/Baker s/Mielke to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on March 12, 2014.

Roll Call: Baker – yes; Mielke – yes; Woshnak – abstain; DuBois – yes; Brunini – yes  
m/passed

Alan Zorzi, Plant Superintendent received an email from Monica Bell of Remington, Vernick & Walberg regarding the BBMUA NJPDES permit. Her recommendation is to have a meeting with the NJDEP to discuss what is required in order to modify this permit. A meeting is scheduled on April 10, 2014 at 2 p.m. The DEP is requiring a stream study as well as a few other parameters in order to modify this permit. Dennis Yoder and Robert Smith of Remington, Vernick & Walberg will attend this meeting along with Alan Zorzi. Mr. Zorzi will report back to the board the results of the meeting.

Mr. Zorzi received a letter from Mary Simpson, the Chief of the State of NJ DEP Southern Bureau of Water Compliance and Enforcement regarding the affirmative defense response to the BBMUA STP effluent violations. The BBMUA was granted an affirmative defense for the effluent violations that occurred during our plant upgrade.

On April 8, 2014 Garrison Enterprises will be relocating the water line located on Grove Road for the Borough of Buena's storm water project. All residents west of Central Avenue were notified with door knockers from the hours of 7 am until 4 pm. Alan Zorzi provided them with his phone number if there were any questions.

m/Mielke s/Baker to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 6. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on April 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Mielke s/Woshnak to adjourn the meeting 7:43 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by  
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary