

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on April 28, 2021 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 via freeconferencecall.com phone in meeting software due to the COVID-19 pandemic and no one being allowed to gather in large groups in person per order of the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the President of the United States of America.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Santagata.

Those present were:

R. Baker	C. Santore	S. Testa
J. Formisano	A. Zorzi	
J. Johnston	R. Smith	
J. Santagata	M. Testa Sr.	

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi contacted Chairman Santagata regarding an emergency sewer main repair located on Harding Highway at the intersection of Route 54. The line was televised on April 26, 2021 by Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe Inc. due to a blockage and a deep sink hole. There was a lot of debris found in the line and when they reach the depth of 14 ft. they found a 4 inch hole. Mr. Zorzi reached out to a few contractors and due to the ground water and the depth of the pipe no one wanted to repair the line. This was deemed an emergency because of the size of the hole in the line and the sinkhole which could cause the road to collapse on Harding Highway (Route 40). Mr. Zorzi contacted the BBMUA Engineers Remington & Vernick and spoke with Dennis Yoder who recommended Arold Construction Company who is located in Kingston New York. Due to the seriousness of the situation Arold Construction came down on April 27, 2021 and completed the job and it turned out very well. Arold Construction recommended that we have the 18" interceptor jetted out to clean the line of all of the debris and dirt. The emergency repair cost a total of \$52,500.00. We need to adopt a resolution approving the repair.

m/Baker s/Johnston adopt resolution R-18-2021 approving the emergency repairs to the sewer main located on Harding Highway (Route 40) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and the Local Public Contracts Law. m/passed

Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick sent a letter to Mr. Daniel Falasca of Falasca Mechanical, Inc. transmitting one fully executed set of contract documents for the furnishing of mechanical and plumbing repair and maintenance services to him for his records.

Dennis Yoder of Remington & Vernick drafted a letter for Chairman Santagata to sign and send to Congressman Jeff Van Drew requesting a grant through the Community Project Funding Appropriations Committee for their consideration. If we obtained this grant money it would be used for the septage receiving station.

Michael Testa Sr. reported to the board that Robert Casella from his firm Testa, Heck, Testa & White spoke with Teresa Davis the specialist negotiating the contract for AT&T on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 4 pm. Mr. Casella proposed the \$24,000.00 with a 3% increase per year as was discussed at the meeting on March 24, 2021 with the BBMUA board. Ms. Davis counter offered with \$1,900.00 per month or \$22,800.00 per year with a 3% increase per year. That equates to \$270.68/month more than she originally proposed but \$16.00/month less than we currently receive. Ms. Davis stated that is the best she was going to be able to negotiate. She is going back to AT&T and if they settle for what she has offered, she will be sending over an updated contract for execution.

Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr informed the board that his office provided staff assistance with the capital budget for the emergency authorization that was adopted at tonight's meeting so funds could be certified.

m/Baker s/Johnston adopt Resolution R-17-2021 authorizing the meeting of the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority closed to the public to discuss matters that include matters of personnel pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8). m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to open the executive closed session meeting at 7:09 pm. m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to close the executive closed session meeting and return to regular session at 7:11 pm. m/passed

In a closed session meeting it was decided by the BBMUA Board to award Cy Damon a percentage of his remaining unused sick leave allowance that has accrued in the 15 years that Mr. Damon worked for the BBMUA upon his retirement on April 30, 2021.

m/Baker s/Johnston to award Cy Damon with an amount of \$5,191.62 which is 60% of his allowable unused sick leave upon his retirement date of April 30, 2021.

m/passed

Secretary Cheryl Santore reminded the board members that their annual Financial Disclosure Statements need to be filed to prevent fines. The deadline to file has been extended from April 30, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

m/Baker s/Johnston to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on April 14, 2021.

m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to accept the minutes of the last closed executive session held on April 14, 2021.

m/passed

Plant Superintendent, Alan Zorzi informed the board that he had to have the Jet Machine looked at because they have been having some issues with it. They had Jet Vac come and look at it and sent it to Vineland Auto Electric because Jet Vac said it was the factory control box that had to be replaced and it would be quite expensive to transport it to Jet Vac. Vineland Auto Electric estimated \$1000.00 to look at it and give us an estimate before they performed the work. This is a critical piece of equipment for the BBMUA that jets our lines out and it is not working at all right now. The quote they came back with for an updated control box, new remote and new electrohydraulic on off switch was \$8,444.07 and the \$1,000.00 that they originally quoted us would be for the labor. The repair has a three week time frame and due to that Mr. Zorzi approved the repair and is coming to the board for their approval now. They did try to obtain three quotes and this was the lowest price they came back with.

m/Baker s/Formisano to approve the repair of the Jet Machine in the amount of \$8,444.07 by Vineland Auto Electric.

m/passed

Mr. Zorzi spoke pertaining to the 18" interceptor that they had repaired under the emergency. After the repair the interceptor is full of grit and debris and needs to be cleaned out. The pipe is a quarter to half full and the debris is impeding the flow to the plant. That pipe takes in two thirds of the flow coming into the plant. They obtained quotes to clean the line out and GE Mechanical came back with a price of \$285.00 per hour to jet and vacuum the line. Mr. Zorzi is anticipating 8 hours and then reevaluate after the eight hours. That would be a cost of \$2,280.00 for 8 hours. Mr. Zorzi would like the board's authorization to hire GE Mechanical to rid the 18" interceptor line of grit and debris.

m/Baker s/Formisano to hire GE Mechanical to jet and vacuum the 18" interceptor line at the intersection on Route 40 and Route 54 for a cost of \$285.00 per hour. Hopefully the process will only take 8 hours which would total \$2,280.00. m/passed

m/Formisano s/Baker to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 5. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on May 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Baker s/Johnston to adjourn the meeting 7:17 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary