

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on May 24, 2017 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. Delano	C. Santore
J. Formisano	A. Zorzi
J. Johnston	R. Smith
J. Santagata	M. Testa Jr.
J. Alvarez	S. Testa

Chairman Joseph Santagata received a letter from Maryann Coraluzzo, clerk for the Borough of Buena on behalf of the Mayor, David Zappariello, thanking him for the BBMUA's monetary contribution in the amount of \$110,000.00 to be used by the Borough of Buena as a general appropriation in the 2017 budget.

A letter was received from Gautam Patel, Chief of the State of NJ DEP Division of Water Quality Municipal Finance & Construction Element Bureau of Environmental Engineering & Permitting regarding the Notice of Amendments to the Capacity Assurance Program and providing new rules and regulations that must be followed for this program. When we reach 80% of our capacity of the 400,000 gpd allowance that we currently have, Mr. Zorzi has to do a quarterly report and show what our anticipated flows were and what was actually utilized and what is remaining. The rules have been revised increasing the CAP threshold from 80% of permitted flow to 95%. At 95% this will trigger the completion of a Capacity Analysis Report Checklist. A lot of this information will be obtained when doing the I & I study that the engineer is currently working on now. We still have the 600,000 gpd increased allowance on the table with the Pinelands Commission and Monica from Remington, Vernick & Walberg is pursuing that increase. However, right now we are at 400,000 gpd and 80% and if we get to the 95% there are new rules and regulations and these are those rules. Please keep in mind these rules are in addition to the quarterly report that has to be filed since we are at the 80%.

Chairman Santagata received a letter from Ed Dennis of Remington, Vernick & Walberg regarding the Louis Drive Sanitary Sewer Extension. At the last regular meeting the board asked Remington and Vernick to reissue a proposal for just going out to public bid for this process to get a better idea of the cost involved in moving forward with this project. The Chairman feels that we owe it to the residents on Louis Drive to try to do something for them. In fact he feels that anywhere in the Borough where there is an accumulation of homes that do not have sewer we should look into providing sewer for the health and welfare of those residents. The proposed cost to prepare and advertise the public bid is \$4,700.00.

m/Johnson s/Formisano to allow Remington, Vernick & Walberg to prepare and advertise a public bid for the Louis Drive Sanitary Sewer Extension project for an amount not to exceed \$4,700.00. m/passed

At this time the board went into closed session.

m/Delano s/Alvarez to adopt resolution R-17-2017 authorizing a meeting of the BBMUA closed to the public for the purpose of discussing the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5) and to discuss possible litigation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) at 7:16 pm. m/passed

m/Alvarez s/Delano to end closed session meeting and reopen the regular meeting at 7:24 pm. m/passed

The BBMUA Auditor, Steve Testa stated that the audit is in progress. Quite a bit of the field work has been completed. Mr. Testa is reviewing the work papers to make sure they have everything required and is complete. Once that is done they will begin writing the report and present it to the board.

Chairman Santagata stated that the New Jersey Office of Clean Energy does free energy audits. The Chairman asked Plant Superintendent Zorzi if we have ever had one done at the plant. Mr. Zorzi stated to the best of his knowledge there has not. Chairman Santagata stated that there is a lot of grant money available to MUA's and would like to schedule to have an audit done and if we need any work done we can look into the grant money available.

Secretary Treasurer, Cheryl Santore, notified the board members that there is a bank account that was used for the 2011 MBR plant upgrade that has a balance of \$92.62 remaining in it. Due to inactivity in this account the bank has stated they will begin charging inactive account fees to this account. Rather than the bank eat away at the \$92.62 Ms. Santore asked that we pass a resolution to close this account and transfer the \$92.62 into the Operating account. Therefore a resolution was adopted and the monies will be transferred.

m/Formisano s/Delano adopt resolution R-16-2017 to close the 2011 Project Checking Account which has a balance of \$92.62. m/passed

m/Johnston s/Delano to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2017. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi informed the board that he called the Chairman last week regarding one of our septage pit pumps going down. We have had to turn a few septage haulers down and not allow them to dump. To replace the existing pump with the same pump would take 4-6 weeks. There is a new style pump which costs slightly more but is a better pump. We normally use no clog pumps but this one is a grinding no clog pump which Mr. Zorzi feels will be good for the septage pit. Mr. Zorzi ordered it after making three quote attempts. The cost of the pump is \$6,250.00. The pump will be in sometime this week. If this pump works out Mr. Zorzi may come back to the board and purchase another one. In the future Mr. Zorzi feels that we should look into upgrading the septage receiving station which would give the pumps a longer life because the receiving station would take out the rags and debris prior to being processed. He feels this is important because the septage revenue is quite extensive and contributes to our necessary revenue to keep the plant running without raising rates.

m/Delano s/Johnston to purchase a new septage pump in the amount of \$6,250.00 from Mid-Atlantic Pump and Equipment. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi told the board that he spoke with a Jeff Warner who is involved with the Teligent project. Teligent has been doing their fire testing on the 10" line they recently installed to service their new construction expansion. They are having problems meeting the pressure requirements on this line. They have been pressuring Mr. Zorzi into removing the meter on this line stating they don't need the meter and asking if it is really required. Mr. Zorzi told them that they had to exhaust all means before we would even discuss pulling the meter. Alan contacted our engineer Robert Smith and discussed the matter with him and Mr. Smith's opinion was we agreed that we would supply them water and we would supply them sewer and that it was their job to do the calculations and decide whether it would supply their fire suppression system or not and

size their fire suppression system accordingly. Mr. Zorzi just wants the board to be aware that with their testing and flushing, the water usage for the last month was 383,000 gallons and we will have to account for that water if they are granted approval to remove that meter from the board. Mr. Zorzi wants the board to have as much knowledge of the situation should anything arise in the future.

m/Delano s/Johnston 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 June 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Johnston s/Delano to adjourn the meeting 7:37 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary