

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on June 8, 2022 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 while practicing social distancing.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Santagata.

Those present were:

J. Formisano	A. Zorzi
J. Johnston	R. Smith
J. Santagata	R. Casella
A. Abriola	
C. Santore	

Chairman Santagata informed the board that the interlocal agreement with the Board of Education of the Buena Regional School District was received for the renewal of services to be performed by Alan Zorzi. The agreement was to be executed and sent back to the school district.

m/Johnston s/Formisano to adopt resolution R-17-2022 authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Buena Regional School District for services to be provided by the BBMUA's employee Alan Zorzi. m/passed

m/Johnston s/Formisano to approve the treasurer's report as read. m/passed

Secretary Cheryl Santore informed the board that she received an email from the AEA regarding the American Rescue Plan. The AEA has signed on to a campaign urging the Governor and the Legislature to commit \$1.2 billion of the State's \$6 billion American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation to improving New Jersey water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure.

AEA is joining with the Utility & Transportation Contractors Association, New Jersey Future, the National Resources Defense Council and other groups in this campaign.

AEA and its partners are calling on elected leaders of the State to use the \$1.2 billion to address the State's huge needs which include water loss from leaky pipes, service lines containing lead, PFAS contamination, and flooding and other impacts of climate change.

The ARP funding represents a huge opportunity to fix, repair, and upgrade. While an allocation from ARP of \$1.2 billion, together with another \$1 billion NJ is receiving over the next five years from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will not fix all of the water challenges, the partners in this campaign believe that, with this unprecedented funding, the State can make a great leap forward.

The campaign also calls on the Governor and legislators to work with our Congressional delegation to grow the amount of federal funding for water infrastructure that NJ receives and to make assisting overburdened communities among the highest of priorities.

The AEA urged member authority boards to put their shoulders to the wheel on this worthwhile effort by passing a resolution supporting the campaign and posting the resolution on their social media. The Atlantic County Utilities Authority passed such a resolution which was used as a template. If the BBMUA Board is in Agreement we can adopt this resolution now.

m/Formisano s/Johnston to adopt resolution R-18-2022 in support of clean water,
healthy families and good jobs. m/passed

Ms. Santore received emails from Mary Pearsall of the NJ I-Bank providing the accrued interest statements for the months ending April 2022 and May 2022 for the NJ I-Bank Construction Loan for the Pump Station Project. The I-Bank was scheduled to sell its bonds on 6/7/2022 and closing is scheduled for 6/23/2022.

Ms. Santore provided a copy of the online energy auction results for the auction that was run on May 25, 2022 as suggested by John Smith of Mantis Innovation (formerly Energy Market Exchange). It was suggested that we accept the bid from SmartestEnergy in the amount of \$0.10006 for a period of 24 months beginning June 2023. This contract has been executed and returned. Our current energy contract will expire in August of 2022. Mr. Smith recommends going back to Atlantic City Electric from the period of August 2022 until June 2023 because he feels the price we will get will be comparable to Atlantic City Electric's price for that 10-month period.

m/Formisano s/Johnston to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 11, 2022. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi provided the board with a copy of the AC Schultes Well #2 motor repair quote. The board previously approved the emergency repairs in the amount of \$25,000.00. The repair quote came back in the amount of \$15,373.00 which is \$9,627.00 less that was anticipated and approved.

Mr. Zorzi also informed the board that there was a water service failure on June 8, 2022 at 105 Weymouth Road. Repairs were made and everything is back to normal.

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

m/Johnston s/Formisano to pay all bills presented. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on July 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Johnston s/Formisano to adjourn the meeting 7:13 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary