

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on June 23, 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	J. Santagata	R. Casella
R. Delano	C. Santore	S. Testa
J. Formisano	A. Zorzi	J. Black & J. Diamond
J. Johnston in at 7:21 pm	R. Smith	from Buena Vista Campground

Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick provided a copy of payment certificate #4 to Michael Itri of MBE Mark III, Inc. for signature for the rehabilitation of the pump stations and grit system project. That payment certificate has been signed and is on the bill list for approval at tonight's meeting.

Robert Smith informed the board that Ed Wengrowski of the Pinelands Commission emailed regarding the sewerage of the Buena Vista Campground and the BBMUA's ability to accept the capacity of the entire wastewater flow from the campground through the existing 18" RCP. There was some discussion that the flow would be approximately 67,000 gallons per day and they were not sure if the interceptor line that runs down Route 54 to Plymouth Road to the Plant would handle the flow sufficiently. Dennis Yoder from Remington & Vernick stated the interceptor itself had sufficient capacity however he questioned the amount of ground water intrusion and the condition of the pipe as to whether or not there would be additional inflow into the pipe but from the perspective of the size of the pipe it would handle the additional flow. Mr. Wengrowski responded and questioned whether or not the applicant could possibly evaluate and video the line before the additional 67,000 gpd are tied into the interceptor line. Another thing we need to look at is whether or not based on the MOA with the Pinelands Commission and Buena Vista Township if sufficient capacity exists to accept that flow from Buena Vista Township.

Robert Casella of Testa, Heck, Testa & White stated that Cheryl Santore reached out to AT&T regarding the cell tower lease and as soon as we hear back we will place that on the agenda and finalize that contract.

Secretary Cheryl Santore informed the board that a letter was received from Deborah S. Tort, Area Specialist for the USDA informing the BBMUA of a requirement to conduct a Civil Rights Compliance Review/Security Inspection of our facility. Due to COVID restrictions it cannot be done in person for a physical inspection but will be done via a phone call on June 30, 2021 at 1:00 pm. This review/inspection is necessary to make sure we are in compliance with our USDA sewer loan that was used to build the MBR Plant. Ms. Santore spoke with Deborah to find out exactly what she will need to complete the compliance review. There are questionnaires for the employees and board members to fill out and give to Ms. Santore to return in one email to Deborah along with the number of water and sewer residential and commercial accounts and usage rates for each, a spreadsheet regarding employees and any applicant's we have received in the last three years and the name of the person who will be calling on June 30th. A majority of the remainder of the information will be pulled from the US Census by Ms. Tort.

m/Delano s/Formisano to approve the treasurer's report as read. 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 to June 30, 2021.

Secretary Cheryl Santore informed the board that she needs to enroll the new hire Nicholas Montgomery in the Pensions and Health Benefits system. The BBMUA's union contract has a 90 day probationary period but has to be enrolled within 60 days of hire for pensions and benefits. Ms. Santore asked if the Board wanted to offer Mr. Montgomery the full time position now.

m/Delano s/Baker to offer Nicholas Montgomery the full time position of plant operator now vs. in 90 days. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 26, 2021. m/passed

m/Delano s/Baker to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 3. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to pay all bills as presented. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on July 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Formisano s/Delano to adjourn the meeting 7:29 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary