

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on August 26, 2020 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
B. Delano	A. Zorzi
J. Formisano	R. Smith
J. Johnston	R. Casella
J. Santagata	S. Testa

Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick provided an itemized listing of additional hours on the Septage Receiving Station project totaling \$2,219.00 for review. Mr. Smith stated if the board is so inclined to pay those extra charges that would be great but if the board chooses not to do so that would be fine too.

m/Baker s/Delano to dismiss the charges in the amount of \$2,219.00 for the additional hours on the Septage Receiving Station project that has been put on hold. m/passed

Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick informed the board that Dennis Yoder of his office has been reaching out to Jerome Palmer of the NJDEP regarding the NJIB Pump Station Project asking for a status and when we can advertise the project. Mr. Yoder spoke with the DEP today and we are supposed to get a letter in the next few days with the authorization to advertise. Once the letter comes in Mr. Smith will forward it to the BBMUA Secretary, Cheryl Santore for the board's information.

m/Formisano s/Delano to give authorization to advertise the NJIB Pump Station project once the approval letter is received from the NJDEP. m/passed

Mr. Smith updated the board on a phone call that was received by Mrs. Whittmeyer the owner of Jersey Construction regarding closing out the Louis Drive Sanitary Sewer project. The only reason the project has not been closed out is because one resident is complaining about ponding in his driveway as a result of the construction. All the other punch list items have been taken care of. Up to this point no one has been able to come to a resolution as to how to address that issue. Mr. Smith stated he will get his chief inspector together with Jersey Construction's project manager and figure out a way to resolve it and get the project closed out.

Robert Casella of Testa, Heck, Testa & White informed the board that he provided Secretary Cheryl Santore with a copy of the resolution The Borough of Buena Council approved to allow the payment of compromised taxes on the Infinity Fence property and Mr. Gilson stated it should go to settlement shortly and we will be paid the money the board agreed upon that is owed. It will then be the responsibility of the new owner to pay the appropriate fees going forward.

Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr stated the 2019 Audit is still in progress and is taking longer than normal due to the COVID-19 situation.

Secretary Cheryl Santore provided a copy of the letter sent to Steve Filippone of Engineering Design Associates from the BBMUA Board which stated the board's decision made at the meeting on July 22, 2020 with the contingencies presented that need to be agreed upon prior to the Chairman signing the Statement of Consent on the paperwork for the Buena Vista Campground. Mr. Filippone responded to the letter agreeing to the contingencies presented to them and therefore, the Statement of Consent was executed and sent to them to submit to the NJDEP.

An email was received from Dave Parsons of Eastern Consultants regarding the NJDOT Accubrine Backflow Preventor. Mr. Parsons is requesting the Physical Connection Permit Construction Completion Certification be signed and returned to him. Ms. Santore spoke with Robert Smith about this and Mr. Smith suggested she reach out to Valerie Jones in the Land Use Office for the Borough of Buena to see if this inspection was performed by the Plumbing Sub-Code Official. Valerie stated an inspection was never requested and was not completed by their inspector. The Plant Superintendent for the BBMUA only inspected the service connection into our water line at the street and the installation of the water meter. Ms. Santore is going to email Mr. Parsons and let him know he needs to contact the Land Use Office and obtain a permit and inspection from the Borough Office and they should sign that paper.

m/Delano s/Baker to approve the treasurer's report as read.

m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to adopt resolution R-18-2020 authorizing employment of Mary Ann Chalow as a consultant for the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority for the period beginning September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$6,250.00. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to adopt resolution R-19-2020 renewing the membership in the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund for the three year period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. m/passed

Ms. Santore informed the board that Assistant Superintendent Jonathan Erber will be compiling a list of items that we would like to sell on GovDeals. She will prepare a resolution and notice of sale for advertisement once she has the list of items to be sold.

m/Baker s/Delano to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on July 22, 2020. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi stated he has to get approval prior to the next meeting for one of the recycle pumps which went out last week. The repair costs have been coming in at the same cost of a new pump. The costs that have been coming in are around \$15,094.00. In 2005 we purchased the pump that went bad for \$13,564.00 and in 2012 we purchased the spare which is running now for \$14,408.00. One of the costs to repair the pump came in at \$15,000.00 with an 18 month warranty. The other price to rebuild the pump came in at \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. Mr. Zorzi stated that he found another company but they do not have a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate who would look at the pump for a few hundred dollars. Ms. Santore informed the Board that she spoke with the person who works in the office at that company today. They had a NJ Business Registration Certificate, however the company changed hands and they had to apply to change the ownership on the Business so the person at the company will be reaching out to the State of NJ to work out obtaining a NJ Business Registration Certificate. Chairman Santagata stated that he would like the Board to approve up to the \$15,100.00 to either repair or replace the pump.

m/Delano s/Baker to authorize the replacement or repair of the recycle pump for a cost not to exceed \$15,100.00. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 9. m/passed

m/Baker s/Formisano to pay all bills presented for the month of August 2020.

m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on September 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference unless restrictions are lifted.

m/Delano s/Baker to adjourn the meeting 7:28 p.m.

m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary