

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on August 28, 2019 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. Baker	J. Santagata	M. Testa
J. Formisano	C. Santore	S. Testa
J. Johnston	R. Smith	

Chairman Joseph Santagata informed the board that they all received a letter from Peggy Gallos. Peggy is the Executive Director of the Association of Environmental Authorities. Ms. Gallos is requesting help to ensure that the local, regional and county public agencies continue to have a role in the delivery of water and wastewater service in New Jersey. In the letter Ms. Gallos is asking the board to help the AEA oppose the bill S3870/A5391 which will accelerate the sale of sewer systems in New Jersey and undermine public ownership and operation and eliminate a provision in the current law that requires a public referendum for sanitary sewer system sales. By eliminating the public referendum it allows the investor-owned utilities to offer wildly inflated purchase prices for sewer systems. The investor owned utility has no incentive to keep prices down because they can recover all of the cost in the rates. These bills, S3870/A5391 will increase the costs for the ratepayers. Ms. Gallos is asking the board to pass a resolution which will oppose the bills and protect ratepayers and also write a letter to the editor for which she has provided samples. Chairman Santagata forwarded copies of the bill to the board.

m/Baker s/Johnston adopt Resolution R-28-2019 to call upon the New Jersey Legislature to reject Senate bill 3870 and Assembly bill 5391. m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to adopt resolution R-27-2019 authorizing employment of Mary Ann Chalow as a consultant for the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority for the period beginning September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 in the amount of \$5,000.00. m/passed

Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick informed the board that Dennis Yoder sent a letter to John Maselli of the NJDEP Division of Water Quality submitting the TWA application for the Borough of Buena MUA to increase the effluent discharge from .4 MGD to .6 MGD. The application is currently in the review process.

Robert Smith sent an email to Steve Filippone of Engineer Design Associates regarding the Buena Vista Campground Application. Upon review, there are a few questions that Mr. Smith needed to have answered prior to approving the signing of the Statement of Consent. Mr. Smith said the Campground is under administrative consent order from the NJDEP to deal with their waste disposal. The campground is constructing several large onsite septic systems and are also tying some of the units into the BBMUA sewer system. There is an existing pump station on site and a force main that runs and picks up Villa Fazzolari and an office building and discharges to a flume in front of Burger King and then connects to our system on the other side of Wheat Road. The campground already paid for 39 residential units which equates to an approved flow of 6435 gallons per day. They are proposing to connect 6100 or 6200 gpd into the system. They are not constructing any public improvements or any sewer and water improvements. There is going to be an onsite gravity sewer main to pump stations to a force main which are all going to tie into the main pumping station. What they need from the BBMUA is a signature on the Statement of Consent Form approving the tie in which basically is approving the BBMUA as the sewerage authority, the wastewater conveyance system owner, and the wastewater treatment facility owner. There are a couple of things they have to address. Mr. Smith met with Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi and went out to the site. A few years back there was an issue with them discharging the septage into the pump station which was then being discharged into our system. Since they have a limit of 6400 gpd, Alan felt it was prudent to have the flow meter made operational again so we can monitor the flows that are going from the pump station into our system so we can make sure they are not exceeding the maximum permitted flow. There is also a gravity sewer main between the flume in front of Burger King and our manhole on the other side of the street and we requested they evaluate the capacity of that pipe to make sure it has adequate capacity for the additional 6000 gpd. We also told them it is their responsibility to verify the accuracy of the existing pump station and the onsite force main which is private. Everything that is being installed onsite is private. It is located in Buena Vista Township. We are basically just accepting the flow from the additional units. The Campground is required to get any and all prior approvals, treatment works approval, Pinelands approval, and any State, Local, and County approvals that may be required. Alan Zorzi just has to check what our flows are to make sure we can accept the additional flow. Mr. Smith's recommendation is the board adopt a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the statements of consent to be submitted with their treatment works approval to the NJDEP contingent upon them addressing the couple of items that were brought up in the review letter.

m/Baker s/Formisano to approve the signing of the Statements of Consent for the Buena Vista Campground Treatment Works Approval subject to conditions. m/passed

Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr provided the board with an update on the 2018 Audit. The information necessary to complete the audit on the post-employment health benefits has finally been released from the State of NJ. The calculations are not cut and dry like the Pension reporting was because everyone had different coverage. They are working to have the Audit ready for the September 11, 2019 meeting however it may not be finished until the September 25, 2019 meeting.

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

Cheryl Santore informed the board that Edgarton Christian Academy submitted a water and sanitary sewer application requesting the equivalent of 7 sanitary sewer units for a proposed school to be located on Block 207 Lot 18 (Wheat Road) within the Borough. This project is in the very preliminary stages but the school would like to secure the sewer units so they have them when they are ready to connect into the system. Plant Superintendent, Alan Zorzi stated that our flows are around 300,000 gallons per day so we are able to accept connections into the system at this time.

m/Baker s/Formisano to approve the 7 sanitary sewer units to be sold to Edgarton Christian Academy for the proposed school to be located on Block 207 Lot 18 within the Borough of Buena which equates to \$24,500.00 in connection fees. m/passed

Ms. Santore received an email from Jason Capizzi of Winne Banta announcing that Frank E. Scangarella has joined the firm as Counsel and will be a member of the Public Finance practice lead by Jason. Mr. Scangarella comes with over 25 years of experience most recently as the Assistant Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust for the past 13 years.

m/Baker s/Johnston to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 24, 2019. m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to approve the minutes of the last closed executive session meeting held on July 24, 2019. m/passed

m/Johnston s/Formisano to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on August 6, 2019. m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to approve the minutes of the last closed executive session meeting held on August 6, 2019. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi provided the board with a quotation for ArcGIS Online Creator maintenance for the GPS of the water system program from Esri Inc. in the amount of \$500.00 for the period of 11/2/19 to 11/1/20.

m/Baker s/Formisano to purchase the maintenance renewal agreement for the Arc GIS Online Creator in the amount of \$500.00. m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 10. m/passed

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

The next regular meeting will be held on September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Baker s/Johnston to adjourn the meeting 7:20 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary