

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on October 23, 2013 at 7:00 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 John Brunini.

Those present were:

R. Baker	C. Santore
C. Mielke	A. Zorzi
S. Woshnak	M. Testa
J. DuBois	S. Testa

Kevin McMullan of Remington, Vernick & Walberg provided minutes from the job progress meeting on the treatment plant improvement project held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. The next progress meeting is to be scheduled for final closeout.

Michael Testa Jr. informed the board that a letter was sent by Mr. Edward Einhorn of Einhorn Construction regarding the property known as Minotola Estates and the performance bond for the property. Mr. Testa informed the board that the property is in receivership and that The Bank of America has been awarded ownership by the court. Mr. Tonetta, the Borough of Buena Solicitor is contacting the receiver in this matter to make sure that all issues are taken care of. Mr. Einhorn stated that he cut the grass; however he only cleaned up the grass areas in the right of way. Mr. Testa requested Alan Zorzi provide him with a punch list of what needs to be completed so he can make sure that Mr. Tonetta is providing this information to the receiver.

Mr. Testa addressed a letter that was received by Mr. Douglas Hesser who is requesting permission to hunt on the 60 acres of the Donato property owned by the BBMUA. He is strongly recommending against allowing anyone to hunt on this property. Ultimately it is the board's decision, however, he is recommending against it. The board has denied Mr. Hesser's request. Therefore, a formal letter will be written and sent to Mr. Hesser declining his request.

An email has been received from Mr. Dennis Tamburro requesting a refund of connection fees for water and sewer paid on January 19, 1994. A formal letter on letterhead with details has been requested with signatures from both Dennis and Raymond Tamburro. A

final decision will not be made until Mr. Testa has had a chance to formally review the contract that was signed in 1994. Mr. Testa will provide the board with a full opinion pertaining to this request at the next meeting.

Cheryl Santore informed the board of the contract amount of \$5,624.00 to Edmunds and Associates for the 2014 software maintenance contract.

The BBMUA received a copy of a letter that was addressed to Mayor Joseph Baruffi from Richard Bertonazzi on behalf of his father Herbert Bertonazzi regrettably resigning his position on the BBMUA board effective December 31, 2013 due to health reasons. The Borough of Buena has not informed the BBMUA as to any replacement for Mr. Bertonazzi at this time.

A letter from Minotola Fire Company Fire Chief Justin Lilla was received requesting favorable response to their request and need to tap into the 10" water main fronting the Minotola Fire Department building on Wheat Road. This was the same issue that Mr. Spike English spoke to the board about at a previous meeting. There were no quotes or pricing attached as Chairman Brunini requested. Therefore, I assume they have not received any pricing at this point and they will contact us in the future on this matter.

Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr presented the 2014 sewer and water budgets for the BBMUA to the board for introduction. Mr. Testa explained that as of now we are not proposing any sewer rate increase or water rate increase for the 2014 budget. The sewer budget being introduced tonight includes the additional debt service payment as well as \$75,000.00 toward the replacement of filters for the new MBR plant. It is recommended that the \$75,000.00 be placed into the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Account that exists. We will be utilizing \$296,320.00 of the unrestricted undesignated net assets to balance the budget. Sewer revenues are pretty much flat. As for the water budget revenues are pretty much flat. A rate increase is not proposed at this time. We will however be utilizing \$140,374.00 of unrestricted undesignated net assets to balance the budget. It includes the \$50,000.00 to be placed into the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Account that exists to cover the cost of maintenance of the water tower.

m/Mielke s/Woshnak to adopt Resolution R-22-2013 a resolution introducing the Sewer Operation Budget for 2014.

m/passed

m/Woshnak s/Mielke to adopt Resolution R-23-2013 a resolution introducing the Water Operation Budget for 2014.

m/Mielke s/Woshnak to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on October 9, 2013.

m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi informed the board that one of the two pumps at the Kimberly Lane pumping station has been repaired. The cost was a little over \$2,000.00. The other pump which would be a spare right now is on hold until further notice. To repair that pump it would cost over \$5,000.00 and to replace it would cost over \$10,000.00. Alan will be getting prices on the trailerable pump that was previously discussed at a prior meeting. It may be more beneficial to purchase a trailerable pump that can be used at any of the pumping stations and not just one pump that can be only utilized at one pumping station only.

Mr. Zorzi gave an update on the plant. Ovivo came down and made adjustments on the aerators. There are two new D.O. probes. It is running on all three. One problem they found was the new aerators are 50 hp and our old were 20 hp. They are actually too big at this point with our current flow. We are trying to make adjustments to find the ideal setting to achieve the necessary limits.

m/Woshnak s/DuBois to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 11. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on November 13, 2013 at 7 p.m.

m/Woshnak s/Mielke to adjourn the meeting 8:45 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary