

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on June 15, 2011

Members Attending: Antonio Albano, Chairman
John T. Jim, Vice Chairman
Edward W. Farling, III, Treasurer
Donald S. George, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Others Attending: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor
Carol A. Fishman, Stenographer

Mr. Albano, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Albano led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for our service men and women in harm's way.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2011 (2)

A motion (Jim-Albano) adopting a resolution to approve two sets of Minutes from June 1, 2011 passed with 3 ayes and 1 abstention by Mr. Farling.

3. Citizens Concerns

Mr. Mike Wolstenholme of 24 MacFarland Avenue, Ivyland, PA addressed the Board regarding the methods used by the Authority in calculating sanitary sewer charges for non-water customers.

4. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Farling-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve Bond Redemption & Improvement Fund Requisition No. 506 dated June 15, 2011 in the amount of \$399,502.15 and Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1953² dated June 15, 2011 in the amount of \$826,344.91 passed with 4 ayes.

Requisition No. 506 in the amount of \$399,502.15 was paid to Joao & Bradley Construction under Contract No. 7-S-08.

The major items paid under Requisition No. 1953 were as follows: BCWSA (Tapping Fees) - \$45,200.00; BCWSA (Sewer) - \$606,205.86; Courier Times - \$1,720.45; Independence Blue Cross - \$14,616.97; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,724.49; PECO - \$2,306.52; Rudolph Clarke & Kirk LLC - \$5,895.25; Teamsters Health & Welfare - \$16,631.29; Upper Southampton Sewer Authority - \$54,627.00; and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

5. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Zeuner reported that the health care program for the administration employees renewal is coming up on August 15, 2011. There is an increase of 12.87% should we stay with the same plan. The administration determined that increase to be unacceptable. The Executive Director recommended changing the health care plan to provide a cost neutral economic impact for the coming year. The Authority would still offer the existing healthcare package, with the employees paying the difference between the two plans. It is recommended that the Authority offer a benefit Flex-Spending Plan to all employees that takes advantage of Section 125 of the IRS Tax Code. The plan allows employees to pay certain qualified expenses on a pre-tax basis to pay for eligible medical, dental and certain over the counter items. Funds deducted from the employee's paycheck are not subject to Federal, State or Social Security Taxes. The Authority would experience the same tax savings on participating employees. Therefore, these tax savings reduce and most likely eliminate altogether the Authority's minor administrative costs associated with such a plan. A motion (George-Albano) adopting a resolution authorizing the administration to contract for the healthcare program as recommended by the Executive Director as described in a document (28 pages) dated June 14, 2011 titled "Renewal Healthcare & Dental Plans" passed with 4 ayes.

6. Resolution No. 2011-1115 – Extending the Due Date for Grinder Pump Connections and Reimbursement

After discussion, a motion (George-Jim) adopting Resolution No. 2011-1115 extending the monetary subsidy deadline to connect the grinder pump properties within Sewer District No. 3. The request was voiced by numerous property owners to extend the deadline for connection to obtain the subsidy. The Resolution extends the date from June 30, 2011 to September 30, 2011 with subsidy reimbursement by the Authority by October 30, 2011 passed with 3 ayes and 1 nay by Mr. George.

Supplemental "A" – Contract No. 7-S-08 – Change Order No. 4 – Western End Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Construction

A motion (Jim-George) adopting a resolution to approve Change Order No. 4 under Contract No. 7-S-08 in the amount of \$6,520.00 for the Western End Sanitary Sewer Extension Project passed with 4 ayes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. ALBANO ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:05 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 6, 2011.