

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

**Minutes of the Public Meeting held on October 3, 2012**

Members Attending: Antonio Albano, Chairman  
Edward W. Farling III, Treasurer  
Donald S. George, Secretary  
Charles Rehm, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Others Attending: Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor  
Christopher Walker, P.E., Pennoni Associates  
David Busch, Keystone Alliance Consulting  
Debra E. Wirtz, Stenographer/Executive Assistant

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. Executive Session**

Mr. Albano stated that Mr. Jim is excused tonight and that the Board met for 15 minutes this evening to review matters of litigation pertaining to the PA-DEP appeal.

**3. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2012**

A motion (Farling-Rehm) was made adopting a resolution to approve the Minutes from September 19, 2012 passed with 4 ayes.

**4. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Zeuner stated that the Authority and its professionals are working rapidly to complete the Giaimo Land Development Water and Sewer Agreements, and engineering reviews.

Mr. Zeuner state the BCWSA has submitted their Connection Management Plan (CMP) and Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to PA DEP for the Neshaminy Interceptor Service Area. The Administration is reviewing the submittal to ensure this Authority's submittal earlier in September is accurately represented.

Mr. Zeuner stated that the Administration is very busy preparing the 5 Year Strategic Plan and is very near completion of the preliminary 2013 Capital and Operational Budgets for Board review and consideration.

Mr. Zeuner gave a review of the agenda.

## **5. Citizens Concerns**

Mr. Albano stated that there is a signup sheet for Citizens Concerns available for anyone who wishes to address the Board. No members of the public wished to speak.

## **6. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable**

A motion (Farling-Rehm) adopting a resolution to approve Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1986 dated October 3, 2012 in the amount of \$486,313.14, and BRI No. 523 dated October 3, 2012 in the amount of \$6,177.03, passed with 4 ayes.

The major items paid under Requisition No. **1986** are as follows: Advantage Business Equipment - \$1,924.95; BCWSA Sewer - \$325,371.60; Flow Assessment - \$4,900.00; Guardian - \$3000.37; Hach Co. - \$1,314.36; Independence Blue Cross - \$12,565.82; Karl Hops Inc - \$1,936.62; Manko Gold Katcher & Fox - \$18,823.49; PECO - \$9,154.58; Rudolph Clarke & Kirk LLC - \$26,772.56; TD Bank - \$1,148.94; Univar USA Inc - \$1,147.5; and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

## **7. Keystone Alliance Consulting – David Busch – Rate Study Analysis**

Mr. Busch of Keystone Alliance consulting presented the rate analysis for the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority which included projections for the next 5 years. The Board had numerous questions that required clarification. The proposed rate increase for sanitary sewer was projected to be 25%. The proposed rate increase for water service was projected to be zero. Chairman Albano called for a short recess at 7:58 pm, the meeting reconvened at 8:04 pm.

Board member Mr. Don George provided a power point presentation of historic sanitary sewer rates imposed by Bucks County, Water and Sewer Authority upon NBCMA since 2006, on average BCWSA has raised our wholesale sanitary sewer rates on average 15.24%

Mr. Busch and the Executive Director were directed to address concerns and questions raised by the Board for Presentation at the next scheduled board meeting.

**8.** A motion (Farling – Rehm) was made to correct award Contract No. 2-A-12-3 vehicle to Pacifico Maple Ford at their bid price of \$17,899.00 including trade-in of Authority vehicle Unit No. 30 passed with 4 ayes.

**9. Maintenance Reports for July 2012 and August 2012**

Mr. Zeuner provided highlights from the Maintenance Reports for July and August 2012.

**10. Award of Contract No. 2-A-12-1 – Pickup with Snowplow**

A motion (George –Rehm) was made to award Contract No. 2-A-12-1 vehicle to Pacifico Marple Ford at their bid price of \$24,798.00 including the trade-in of Authority vehicle Unit No. 25 passed with 4 ayes.

**11. 2013 Holiday Schedule**

A motion (Albano-Rehm) was made to approve the 2013 holiday schedule passed with 4 ayes.

**12. Root Control/Sanitary Sewer System**

A motion (Farling-George) was made to authorize the Administration and Engineer to prepare bid documents for the Authority’s Annual Root Control Program to be bid via PennBid passed with 4 ayes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. ALBANO ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:48 P.M.