

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on May 1, 2013

Members Attending: Antonio Albano, Chairman
Edward W. Farling III, Vice Chairman
Charles Rehm, Treasurer
John Jim, Secretary
Michelle Held, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Others Attending: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Melissa Fiala, Solicitor
Debra E. Wirtz, Stenographer/Executive Assistant

Mr. Albano, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:41 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. Mr. Albano noted the passing of Mr. James E. Kinney, former supervisor for Northampton Township. Mr. Albano stated that the Board met in Executive Session for about 25 minutes to discuss matters of litigation regarding Schenk vs. NBCMA before the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas and the Environmental Hearing Board matter involving the PA-DEP, BCWSA and NBCMA.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion (Farling-Held) was made to approve the amended Minutes from April 3, 2013, (Ms. Held wished to have comments regarding the solar panel system added to the minutes), all members agreed on the changes suggested, and passed with 5 Ayes.

3. Executive Directors Report

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR) 2012:

Mr. Zeuner explained that the Consumer Confidence Report, or CCR, is an annual water quality report that the Safe Drinking Water Act requires a community water system to provide to its customers. The Act requirements are dictated by the US-EPA. Among other things, the report lists the regulated contaminants found in drinking water, as well as health effects information related to violations of the drinking water standards. All community water systems must deliver to their customers' annual reports on the quality of water delivered by the system and characterize the risks (if any) from exposure to contaminants detected in the drinking water in an accurate and understandable manner. All community water systems are required to mail or otherwise delivery these reports.

Mr. Zeuner reported that the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority had NO violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act in 2012. The Authority's consumer confidence report is being prepared for delivery to our water customers by the end of June as required by the Act. A proposal is being solicited from the Bergey Creative Group in Harleysville, PA to prepare, print and mail the report using the same format as our newsletter "*The Authority*".

CONCERNS OF THE AUTHORITY/COMPLIANCE TO NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 396 AND ORDINANCE 547:

Mr. Zeuner stated that he has received confirmation from Northampton Township Manager; Bob Pellegrino that the twenty two (22) properties which the Authority had cross connection concerns have all been inspected and found to be in compliance with applicable Township Ordinances No. 396 & No. 547. Mr. Zeuner reaffirmed his appreciation and delight that the investigation and resolution to the Authority concerns were completed in a very short period of time once the action was initiated.

SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING/AUTHORITY PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:

As previously reported the Authority's Spring Hydrant Flushing preventive maintenance program began on April 16, 2013 and is scheduled to be completed on Friday, May 10, 2013. Schedules were published several times in the Bucks County Courier Times, and posted on the Northampton Township and Authority web-sites.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION / BCWSA MORATORIUM ISSUE:

At the last Authority public meeting, Supervisor Liaison Rothermel requested that the Authority be placed on the Northampton Township Supervisors agenda at their public meeting to provide and update and overview of the sanitary sewer moratorium issue due to the enforcement order issued to BCWSA issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection of July 2012. The full board endorsed the request. As discussed and affirmed at our public meeting of April 3, 2013, since this is an ongoing matter of litigation it is appropriate that the Authority have "Special Environmental Council" present at the public meeting. Mr. Joseph Manko, our "*Special Environmental Council*" from Manko Gold Katcher Fox LLP with offices in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania has made himself available to attend along with Mr. Zeuner at the public meeting of Northampton Township on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. We have confirmed our schedules accordingly for the May 22nd public meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors with Township Manager Pellegrino. I did make a special request of the Township, and asked that we be placed early on the Township agenda that evening as a courtesy to Mr. Manko.

DEDICATION OF PUBLIC WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP) /TRAYMORE MANOR:

As the board is aware the public water supply infrastructure was completed by Northampton Township in December 2012. Recently the Northampton Township has offered dedication to the public water portion of the infrastructure to the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority. As requested, the Authority has been named on the Maintenance Bonds. At this time we are waiting for "as built" drawing in electronic and paper format. Once received, we will have the Authority's engineer Christopher Walker review the documents for conformance to Authority standards. The Authority will be making the dedication an agenda item for a future meeting once all issues noted have been satisfied.

MAY 1, 2013 AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Zeuner reported that we have a very light agenda for this evening. After the Executive Directors report we have; Accounts Payable / Check Requisitions, Citizens Concerns and Authorization to sell Jet Truck via MUNICIBID.

4. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2000** dated April 17, 2013 in the amount of \$331,534.40, passed with 5 Ayes.

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **BRI Fund No. 531** dated April 17, 2013 in the amount of \$7,064.50 passed with 5 Ayes.

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2001** dated May 1, 2013 in the amount of \$676,259.94 passed with 5 Ayes. Mr. Zeuner noted that the BCWSA bill is higher because of high flows and the lack of foliage.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2000** are as follows: Archer & Greiner PC - \$3,274.50; BCWSA/Water - \$175,126.96; W. Bruce Beaton & Co. - \$7,314.00; Flow Assessment - \$4,900.00; Golden Equipment - \$1,850.40; Hach Co. - \$3,857.22; J & J Auto- \$2,776.05; PECO Energy - \$2,704.19; Pennoni - \$17,887.70; PMAA UC Fund - \$4,146.33; Quality Control Inc. - \$1,301.60; Teamsters Health & Welfare - \$14,796.24; Warminster Municipal Authority and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2001** are as follows: Bank Direct Capital Financial - \$2,773.36; BCWSA - Sewer- \$535,619.52; Bill Marsh Ford - \$1,176.04; Ellen Di Stefano - \$2,775.00; Graphic Controls - \$1,336.33; Guardian - \$3,194.48; Independence Blue Cross - \$10,410.38; Karl Hops Inc - \$1,245.20; PECO - \$21,532.44; Rudolph Clarke & Kirk LLC - \$22,280.00; Teamsters Health & Welfare - \$2,392.32; Univar - \$1,147.50 and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

5. Citizens Concerns

None

6. Authorization to sell Jet Truck via MUNCIBID Online Government Auction

A motion (Albano-Rehm) to authorize the sale of the Authority's 2002 Sterling truck chassis with sanitary sewer jet cleaning unit (NBCMA unit #29) via MUNCIBID ONLINE GOVERNMENT AUCTION at a minimum reserve of \$30,000.00 passed with 5 Ayes.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Farling had a question regarding the Consumer Confidence Report and the languages that are used. Mr. Zeuner explained that everyone is obligated to publish certain phrases in Spanish and due to the Russian population in the Township we must also have the phrase in Russian.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. ALBANO ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:56 P.M.