

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on March 5, 2014

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

Others Attending: Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor
Eileen Silver, Northampton Supervisor Liaison
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 Directors Report

Mr. Zeuner stated that there is only one item on the agenda, that being the new website, and that since the last meeting the Authority has entered into a contract with MuniPAY to have credit cards and e-check options as additional options for residents to pay bills.

3. Citizens' Concerns

Mr. Roger Bushnell, Hunt Drive, commented on the ending of video recording of the Authority meetings by the Township and urged the Authority Board to consider continuing based on cost vs benefits.

Ms. Jackie Palmer, Forrest Drive, commented on the benefits of the video recording of the Authority meetings, chemicals that residents may be using on their lawns running off into storm water drains and clean water.

Mr. Donald George, Watergate Drive, commented on whether the dedication of the west end sewer lines has happened, possible contaminated wells on Bristol Road, and that he would like to see the Authority run the installation of water lines if a project to install water lines is deemed necessary. Mr. George also commented on the videotaping of the Authority meetings and in his opinion that videotaping was not necessary. Mr. Albano stated the west end water project has not yet been dedicated. The DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) will determine whether water lines need to be installed on Bristol Road, and that it would be up to the Northampton Township to decide if the Authority would run that project or be completed by Northampton Township.

4. Approval of the Minutes of February 19, 2014

A motion (Jim-Farling) was made to approve the Minutes (with 2 changes) from February 19, 2014 passed with 5 ayes.

5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Rehm-Held) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2024** dated March 5, 2014 in the amount of \$1,002,430.07 passed with 5 ayes.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2024** are as follows: BCWSA – Sewer - \$539,582.56; BCWSA – Water - \$165,955.92; Ellen Distefano - \$2,925.00; Herbert Rowland & Grubic - \$1,607.28; Independence Blue Cross - \$11,285.03; Karl Hops Inc. - 1,472.92; Manko Gold Katcher & Fox - \$2,877.20; PECO - \$26,495.26; Pennoni Assoc. - \$12,810.85; Rio Supply Inc. - \$3,573.96; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$14,778.00; JH Shanahan Inc. - \$2,697.00; Upper South Municipal Auth. - \$54,627.00 and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

6. Professional Services - Website

After discussion at a workshop addressing Ms. Held's questions, a motion (Albano-Jim) was made authorizing the Executive Director to engage the professional services of the Bergey Group of Harleysville, Pennsylvania for the development of the new website at the base proposal cost, (without the mobile app.) of \$4850.00 and launch of the Authority's new website in accordance with their proposal dated February 4, 2014, with a planned launch date of June 4, 2014, passed with 4 ayes, and 1 nay from Ms. Held.

Mr. Zeuner stated that the reason for the June 4, 2014 launch date is the coordination of the newsletter "*The Authority*" including the CCR (Consumer Confidence Report).

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Held stated that Northampton Days is set for September 7, 2014.

Mr. Zeuner hoped spring arrives soon.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. ALBANO ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:55 P.M.