

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on April 2, 2014

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

Others Attending: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor
Noah Marlier, Esquire, Solicitor
Eileen Silver, Northampton Supervisor Liaison
Debra E. Wirtz, Stenographer/Executive Assistant

Mr. Albano, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:33 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

Sanitary Sewer Moratorium: Mr. Zeuner stated that the sanitary sewer moratorium for sanitary sewer flows that enter the Neshaminy Interceptor has been resolved. The agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority was signed by both parties.

PA DEP Hazardous Sites Clean-Up Act (HSCA) / Churchville TCE Site Notice: The Churchville TCE site is located near the intersection of Bustleton Pike, Churchville Lane and Bristol Road on the border of Upper Southampton and Northampton Townships. To date, sampling has revealed that five (5) residential wells have Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and Trichloroethylene (TCE) in their private drinking water supply above their respective Safe Drinking Water Act Maximum Containment Levels. A Public Notice which was published in Pennsylvania Bulletin on 3/22/14. Public hearing for the project has been scheduled by the DEP for May 7th 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Northampton Township Building. This notice will be published in a local newspaper by the PA DEP at a later date and we will notify affected residents via letter regarding the scheduled hearing.

Sewer Main and Lateral Grouting Contract No. 1-S-A-14: This bid package is nearing completion and posted on PennBid™ with a bid opening scheduled for April 30, 2014 at 2:00 PM.

Chapter 94 Report: The 2013 Municipal Waste load Management Report has been completed and submitted on time to the appropriate regulatory agency and respective Authorities which receive sanitary sewer flows from NBCMA as required under Section 94.12 of the Rules and Regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Zeuner thanked Mr. Walker of Pennoni Associates for their work.

Water Allocation / No. 110 Reports: The 2013 Water Allocation Reports have been submitted on time as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Zeuner thanked Mr. Walker of Pennoni Associates for their work.

Tier II Report: The Authority's Annual 2013 Tier II Report was completed and submitted on time to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

Hydrogeologic Report: The Authority's 2013 Hydro-geologic Report is nearing completion and will be submitted this month to the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) as required of our annual water withdraw docket approvals with the regulatory agency.

Additional agenda items:

Maintenance Report for December 2013 and Maintenance Report for January 2014, both of which do not require Board action.

The Authority's Reserve Funds are invested in PLGIT (Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust). We have received a communication from PLGIT requesting a Proxy submission for the election of officers to the Trust.

3. Citizens' Concerns

Ms. Margaret Weiner, Worthington Mill Road, suggested posting on the website the facts regarding the lifting of the sewer moratorium to provide clear facts to the residents. She would like everyone to know that the Northampton Fire Department is 100 years old this year and that there will be a celebration on May 31, 2014 11am -3 pm at the Municipal Park.

Dan and Leah Plajer, 840 Bristol Road, Upper Southampton, spoke to the Board regarding the excess water flow causing sewer backups on their patio that happen during heavy rain and requested help and cooperation with Upper Southampton Municipal Authority to resolve the problem. Mr. Zeuner explained some of the corrective action taken by NBCMA, and stated he would be contacting Herb Schoell of Upper Southampton Municipal Authority to discuss the matter.

4. Approval of the Minutes of March 5, 2014

A motion (Jim-Rehm) was made to approve the Minutes March 5, 2014 passed with 5 ayes.

5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2025** dated March 19, 2014 in the amount of \$150,296.63 passed with 5 ayes.

A motion (Rehm-Albano) adopting a resolution to approve **BRI Fund Requisition No. 539** dated March 19, 2014 in the amount of \$19,620.00 passed with 5 ayes.

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2026** dated April 2, 2014 in the amount of \$983,330.62 passed with 5 ayes.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2025** are as follows: BCWSA Group - \$3,278.20; Bee Bergvall & Co. - \$2,500.00; Chet's Printing - \$1,896.00; Flow Assessment - \$4,900.00; Guardian - \$3,251.96; Karl Hops Inc. - 1,414.38; PECO - \$3,531.85; Pennoni Assoc. - \$35,357.52; Teamsters Health & Welfare Fund - \$16,153.68; Univar - \$1,147.50; Wrightstown Auto - \$1,023.70; and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2026** are as follows: ABJ Sprinkler Co. Inc. - \$1,200.00; BCWSA – Sewer - \$591,876.64; BCWSA – Water - \$123,698.96; W. Bruce Beaton Co. - \$8,015.00; CSI Computer Software - \$1,344.35; Ellen Distefano - \$2,025.00; Independence Blue Cross - \$11,285.03; Karl Hops Inc. - 1,115.63; Manko Gold Katcher & Fox - \$5,312.16; PECO - \$22,221.45; Philadelphia Business Forms - \$1,925.05; Quality Control Inc. - \$1,305.00; Ricks Expert Tree Service - \$1,850.00; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$36,701.44; JH Shanahan Inc. - \$1,040.00; Southampton Post Office - \$5,000.00 and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer and \$92,900.16 for BCWSA disputed bill.

6. Acquisition of Grounds Mowers – Ferris (Qty. 2) CP-11-14

A motion (Albano-Farling) was made that the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority Board approve the purchase of two (2) model number IS2100KAV2661 zero turn grounds mowers from Histan's Equipment in accordance with their quote dated March 17, 2014 under PA CO-Stars Contract #4400011367 for a total purchase price of \$17,758.00 which was budgeted for in the Authority's Capital Budget under Project #CP-11-14 at \$18,000.00 passed with 5 ayes.

Mr. Zeuner stated that the old mowers would be sold on MUNICIPAL BID, once the new mowers are received.

7. Leehurst Land Development – Toll Brothers

A motion (Farling-Rehm) was made that the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority Board approve the Sanitary Sewer and Public Water Agreement between the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority and Toll Pa III, L.P. (developer) for the tract of land known as the Leehurst Subdivision on 56.96 acres. This approval is contingent upon the developer satisfying all conditions of required deposits, escrows, bonds, Letters of Credit, insurance certificates, and monetary payments within 45 days of the Authority Board approval of said Agreements, passed with 5 ayes.

8. Maintenance Reports – December 2013 & January 2014

Mr. Zeuner provided highlighted on the December 2013 & January 2014 maintenance reports.

9. PLIGT – Proxy for Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust

A motion (Albano-Rehm) was made that the Northampton Bucks County, Municipal Authority ("Authority") Board authorize Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director, to sign on behalf of Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority, the Proxy for the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) passed with 5 ayes.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Held wished everyone Happy Easter and Happy Passover and that Northampton Days is being planned.

Chairman Silver stated that she is pleased that the Leehurst development is going forward and the because of the Authority's due diligence there will be savings on a new pump station and many benefits to residents

Mr. Albano responded that there much political misinformation in the past regarding the Leehurst development, and that the Authority did a comprehensive engineering review of the Woods Pump Station in which Mr. Rehm was deeply involved. Mr. Walker of Pennoni Associates came up with 7 alternate solutions to reconcile the problem. The appropriate solution was recommended and approved.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. ALBANO ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:06 P.M.