

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on September 3, 2014

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

Others Attending: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor
Noah Marlier, Esquire, Solicitor
Christopher Walker P.E., Pennoni Assoc.
Eileen Silver, Northampton Township Liaison
Debra Wirtz, Stenographer

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Albano led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for our service men and women in harm's way, and also for the family and friends of the 3 Council Rock South boys involved in the tragedy this week.

2. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Zeuner gave an update on the following topics:

Northampton Days is this Sunday September 7, 2014, we will have lunch bags and handouts with information for the residents.

PMAA Conference-Board members met with Muni-Link as potential providers for billing software.

3. Citizens' Concerns

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes of August 20, 2014

A motion (Farling-Held) was made to approve the Minutes of August 20, 2014 passed with 4 ayes.

5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Rehm-Albano) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2036** dated September 3, 2014 in the amount of \$667,974.14 passed with 4 ayes.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2036** are as follows: BCWSA - Sewer - \$331,150.72; BCWSA - Water - \$158,422.32; Benchmark Analytics Inc. - \$2,250.00; Ellen Distefano - \$1,150.00; Evoqua Water Tech. - \$4,880.40; Independence Blue Cross - 11,476.86; PECO - \$3,454.60; RIO Supply - \$7,808.92; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$16,568.75 and a \$70,000.00 transfer for payroll.

6. Acceptance of Dedication – West End Water Project

A motion (Albano-Rehm) was made to for Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority accept dedication from Northampton Township of the public water facilities in the west end of the Township with a value of \$1,823,783.39 passed with 4 Ayes. Solicitor Rudolph explained that this is only off site facilities and the Authority has no responsibility for onsite (homeowner) facilities.

7. Acquisition of Equipment / Data Processing – I. T.

A motion (Albano-Farling) was made to authorize the Executive Director to proceed with either this acquisition or a better deal to purchase an HP Color LaserJet Enterprise Flow Equipment Model No. MFP-M88zt, passed with 3 Ayes and 1 Nay from Ms. Held.

8. Xylem – Tanner Pump (Upgrade)

A motion (Rehm-Albano) was made to authorize an unbudgeted operation expenditure to XYLEM Water Solution USA Inc. of Malvern, PA in accordance with their proposal dated August 26, 2014 identified as Quote No. 2014-MAL-0376 passed with 4 Ayes.

9. Muni-Link Proposal (Review)

This item was for Board consideration, with the anticipation that it would be on the Agenda on September 17, 2014. Mr. Zeuner gave an overview of the proposed update the software program for the Authority. Mr. Zeuner stated that any and all questions will be directed to Muni-Link and the answers will be given to the Executive Director. Mr. Zeuner requested that if any Board member has questions or concerns please let the Executive Director know so he can attain answers in time for Board deliberation.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Held – Noted that Northampton Days is this Sunday, September 7, 2014, the 5K run has been canceled due to the funeral for one of the boys from last week's accident

Mr. Rehm asked Mrs. Silver if there was an update on the TCE issue, Mrs. Silver said there will be a DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) meeting in November.

Mr. Zeuner stated that the sewer grouting project (Video Pipe Services) is nearing completion and he would like to expand the project since it has come in under budget. It will be on the agenda at the next staff meeting.

Edward Rudolph - Solicitor gave an update on the Schenk litigation: The Authority won its case in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, won the appeal at the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania and the case has now been appealed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Eileen Silver – Northampton Liaison had questions regarding the switch for postcard bills to envelope bills. Also she stated that some resident had called the township in regards to the work being done by Video Pipe Services.

Mr. Albano asked when Toll Brothers will begin the work at the Wood P.S., Mr. Zeuner stated that the work on the force main and P.S. should begin shortly as the pump station/force main permit has been issued by the PA-DEP.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. ALBANO ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:10 P.M.