

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

**Minutes of the Public Meeting held on June 3, 2015**

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

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

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

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Farling 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 gave an update on the following topics:

**Upper Southampton Municipal Authority/Pennoni Associates**

The Board met in executive session to discuss litigation with Upper Southampton MUA. Due to a conflict of interest between Pennoni Associated which represents both authorities, Pennoni has recused themselves from representing either one of the authorities in issues related to one another. The Board is aware that I have a professional services proposal from Ebert Engineering of Skippack Pa. I am looking for endorsement from the Board to engage Ebert Engineering for professional service related to the Upper Southampton Municipal Authority issues as a special project.

A motion (Farling-Jim) made to engage Ebert Engineering for special project relating to Upper Southampton MUA in accordance with their proposal letter dated June 2, 2015 passed with 5 ayes.

**3. Citizens' Concerns**

No citizen's wished to address the Board.

**4. Approval of the Minutes of May 6, 2015**

A motion (Jim-Rehm) made to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2015 passed with 5 ayes.

## 5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Held-Rehm) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2054** dated April 28, 2015 in the amount of \$70,000.00 passed with 5 ayes.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2054** are as follows: a \$70,000.00 transfer for payroll.

A motion (Held-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2055** dated May 7, 2015 in the amount of \$1,270,155.78 passed with 5 ayes.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2055** are as follows: BCWSA - 5,999.44; BCWSA - Sewer - \$710,745.28; BCWSA - Water - \$181,202.00; W. Bruce Beaton Co. - \$18,848.00; Ellen Distefano - \$3,000.00; Flow Assessment - \$4,900.00; GMG Insurance Agency - \$2,500.00; Gran Turk Equip. - \$2,217.96; Guardian - \$4,597.33; Harris Computer Systems - \$3,000.00; Independence Blue Cross - \$11,588.17; ; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,830.65; Line Systems - \$1,045.73; Link Computer Corp. - \$13,280.00 Look First Technology - \$1,861.93; Manko Gold Katcher & Fox - \$5,878.20; Pace Analytical - \$6,955.00; PECO - \$16,312.00; Pennoni Assoc. - \$36,939.74; Phillips & Donovan Architects - \$2,178.00; RIO Supply - \$1,687.00; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$33,625.65; Southampton Post Office - \$5,000.00; Street Road Accessories - \$1,868.63; Verizon Wireless - \$1,021.77; a \$70,000.00 transfer for payroll, and \$111,552.42 BCWSA disputed.

A motion (Held-Farling) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2056** dated May 26, 2015 in the amount of \$1,416,159.42 passed with 5 ayes.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2056** are as follows: BCWSA - Sewer - \$515,398.72; BCWSA - Water - \$185,956.08; First Nat'l Bank Newtown - \$421,597.87; Guardian - \$3,783.39; HD Supply Water - \$2,715.83; Independence Blue Cross - \$11,588.17; JH Shanahan Inc. - \$5,025.00; LB Water Service - \$3,248.66; Line Systems - \$1,054.70; Link Computer Corp. - \$3,280.00; Manko Gold Katcher & Fox - \$4,183.50 PECO - \$10,448.49; Pennoni Assoc. - \$50,695.36; Southampton Post Office - \$5,000.00; Street Road Accessories - \$1,868.63; Teamsters Health & Welfare - \$16,829.76; W Bruce Beaton Co. - \$8,515.00; and a \$70,000.00 transfer for payroll and \$81,370.38 BCWSA disputed.

A motion (Held-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2057** dated June 3, 2015 in the amount of \$290,310.61 passed with 5 ayes.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2057** are as follows: Ellen Distefano - \$3,000.00; Link Computer Corp. - \$3,280.00; Mellor Auto Electrics - \$4,513.00 PECO - \$3,778.06; Quality Control - \$1,366.80; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$26,421.75; Spectrum Letter; \$3,489.63; TD Card Services - \$1,406.11; Teamsters Health & Welfare - \$16,829.76; Upper Southampton MUA\* - \$144,798.99; Video Pipe Services - \$5,672.32; and a \$70,000.00 transfer for payroll.

\*Note - The payment amount to Upper Southampton MUA will be adjusted due to a discrepancy between the invoice and the letter sent by Upper Southampton MUA, also the payment is made in protest.

A motion (Held-Farling) adopting a resolution to approve **BRI Fund Requisition No. 548** dated April 20, 2015 in the amount of \$39,987.00 passed with 5 ayes.

The major items paid under **BRI No. 547** are as follows: Insituform Technologies Inc. - \$5,287.82; Fred Beans Ford of West Chester - \$87,283.10; and LB Water Service Inc. - \$8,137.10

**6. NBCMA Correction Action Plan Neshaminy Interceptor**

Mr. Zeuner gave an update on the status of the desired of a supplemental agreement with BCWSA, and due to time frame requirements of the Township for the 537 Plan public hearings. Mr. Zeuner suggested a work session to review the CAP.

Mr. Rehm recommended deferring action until the July 1, 2015 Board meeting. A workshop with the Board will be held to answer any questions.

**7. Root Control – Contract Award**

The bid submitted by Municipal Sales Inc. is considered unresponsive as it did not meet the criteria specified in the bid documents. The bid proposal submitted by Municipal Sales Inc. names Sanafoam Vaporooter II to be the chemical used as the root control agent.

The Authority's bid specification requires the root chemical to be Razorooter II. Specification Section 1 GENERAL (page 1), states: *"the chemical agent shall be Razorooter II, or equivalent products approved by the Authority in writing prior to the bid date."*

*"Use of any substitute or equivalent procedures, methods or materials must be approved by Authority, in writing, prior to the bid date."* Municipal Sales Inc. did not get written approval of the product that was named in their bid proposal.

The root control product submitted by Municipal Sales Inc. is not the product specified in the Authority bid specification and the product submitted was not approved as a substitute as required by the bid specifications. The specifications state that the active ingredient shall not be a carcinogen and shall carry a "signal word" assigned by the U.S. EPA of either "Warning" or "Caution" on the product label. Sanafoam Vaporooter II is identified by the EPA with the toxicity category signal word "Danger". As stated in the Authority's bid specification, active ingredients labeled "Danger" shall not be accepted.

COMPOSITION OF THE CHEMICAL ROOT CONTROL MATERIAL, states: *"products containing the active ingredient(s) metam-sodium or copper sulfate are not allowed."* The bid proposal submitted by Municipal Sales Inc. does not meet the specification as Sanafoam Vaporooter II contains metam-sodium.

The bid proposal submitted by Municipal Sales Inc. does not meet the specification. For the reasons stated above, we consider the bid from Municipal Sales Inc. to be non-responsive.

A motion (Jim-Held) made that the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority Board award Contract #5-S-A-15 for sanitary sewer root control to Dukes Root Control Inc., 1020 Hiawatha Blvd West, Syracuse New York 13204 In accordance with the bid submitted on May 20, 2015 with add alternates for a total of \$119,583.00 passed with 5 ayes.

**8. C.I.P.P. Sanitary Sewer Project #Contract # 1-S-A-15 (Cured In Place Pipe)**

A motion (Farling-Deon) made that the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority Board award Contract 1-S-A-15 to the lowest responsible bidder, Insituform Technologies of Charlton MA including Base Bid Items 101-108, 201-208, 301-308 and Add Alternate Items 401-408, 501-508 in

the amount of \$254,280.00 passed with 5 ayes, noting that addendum #1 was not acknowledge in the letter but was acknowledged in the bid packet.

9. Churchville TCE Water Project Amendment-Addition

A motion (Deon-Farling) that the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority Board approve the expenditure of \$98,000.00 to fund the changes and amendments requested by the Authority Administration for the Churchville TCE Water Main Extension Project which is being primarily funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to resolve a TCE contamination of drinking water in the subject areas passed with 5 ayes

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Ms. Held stated the Council Rock Coalition for Health Youth has a drug collection program at the Northampton Police Station to take back prescription medications.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. FARLING ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:53P.M.