

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

**Minutes of the Public Meeting held on August 7, 2019**

Board Members: Edward Farling III, Chairman  
Stephen Mc Gill, Vice Chairman  
John T. Jim, Secretary  
Charles Rehm, Treasurer  
Vincent Deon, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Others: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director  
Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor  
Christopher Walker P.E., Pennoni Assoc. - excused  
Frank O'Donnell, Northampton Supervisor Liaison  
Debra Wirtz - Executive Assistant

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

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Farling, lead the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for men and women serving in harm's way and all of those touched by the shootings this past weekend.

**2. Citizens' Concerns**

Dean Fiadino, 64 Addis Dr. had concerns regarding his bills.

Russell Bentman, 48 Cypress Ave, requested the Board remove at service fee for a call after hours.

A motion (Deon-McGill) made to remove the fee from Russell Bentman's account passed with 5 Ayes

**3. Executive Director's Report**

**CURED IN PLACE LINING PROJECT:**

The Cured-In -Place sanitary sewer lining project is progressing to plan which is a key element of our I & I abatement program. The contractor has mobilized and beginning the bypass pumping, televising and cleaning process prior to lining of the sanitary sewer infrastructure pipelines. The project is being managed and inspected by Pennoni Associates, Inc.

**NASSCO TRAINING (National Association of Sewer Service Companies):**

The Authority committed to setting industry standards for the assessment, maintenance and rehabilitation of underground infrastructure, and to assure the continued acceptance and growth of trenchless technologies. As a result of that commitment, the Authority again hosted a comprehensive training program to ensure our technicians are up to date with the latest standards of inspection and grading of our sanitary sewer system. The NASSCO **Inspector Training and Certification Program (ITCP)** is a standard national training and certification program that provides field construction professionals with comprehensive learning and tools to understand and inspect trenchless pipeline renewal technology.

The Authority would like to thank the Northampton Township Fire Department for use of their training facility to host our multi-day training event this week.

**CPR TRAINING:**

The Authority will be providing CPR training for all its operational and administrative personnel next week at the Authority offices. The session will be hosted in our lobby / meeting room.

**WATER - CROSS-CONNECTION / BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM:**

The Authority's Cross-Contamination Control Program being implemented by contract with the National Water Specialties Company and managed by the Authority's Director of Technology Bob Tagert is progressing according to plan and schedule

**LEAD AND COPPER SAMPLING (3-year cycle – EPA Requirement)**

Every three years the Authority is required to complete sampling of Lead and Copper within its distribution system. 2019 is the year in which we are required to conduct the samplings as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. That program is progressing on schedule according to expectation.

**I & I ABATEMENT:**

The Authority sent approximately 800 +/- letters to Authority sanitary sewer customers in the Upper Southampton basin and a select portion of an area of concern in Holland. Those letters expressed the Authority's concerns over potentially illegal connections to the sanitary sewer system via sump, pumps, roof leaders, broken clean-outs, and floor drains. This was beta test to determine if letters of inquiry would result in a cooperative response from those areas we targeted. Unfortunately, the results were much less than hoped for. We received a mere handful of responses to our inquiries and no confirmed violations needing corrective action.

In order to increase our efforts in the detection of inflow and infiltration, the Authority will be purchasing smoke testing equipment which will aid in the detection of illegal or improper sanitary sewer connections. The Authority has used smoke testing "by contract" in the past with reasonable success. The new initiative will be run by the Authority using our own equipment and labor in lieu of external contracting. The equipment acquisition cost is very reasonable at just over three thousand dollars.

**LINDEN ROAD & HOLLY KNOLL ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION:**

The letters, survey forms, ballots and copies of the power-point presentation were sent to the twenty-one (21) property owners in the subject project area. This will be an agenda item for the September Board meeting.

**4. Approval of the Minutes of July 3, 2019**

A motion (McGill-Deon) made to approve the Minutes of July 3, 2019 passed with 5 ayes.

**5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable**

A motion (Rehm-Deon) approving the following Requisition/s passed 5 with ayes.

**Requisition No. 2178** dated 07/10/19 in the amount of \$168,803.09

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2178** are as follows: Analytical Laboratories - \$12,495.00; Dan-Nick Enterprises - \$1,630.00; First National Bank of Newtown \$59,129.38; PECO - \$14,214.12; TD Card Services - \$1,712.50; Verizon - \$1,005.50; and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

**Requisition No. 2179** dated 07/17/19 in the amount of \$458,607.15

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2179** are as follows: BCWSA - \$2,300.00; BCWSA - Water - \$169,918.03; Bergey Creative Group - \$5,708.00; Coyne Chemical - \$1,226.80; CSL Services Inc. - \$6,700.00; Diversified Infrastructure - \$45,515.52; Environmental Systems - \$1,472.00; Evoqua Water Technologies - \$6,137.60; Gannett Fleming CO. - \$1,900.00; Hach Co. - \$1,153.00; Herbert Rowland & Grubic - \$2,538.00; Independence Blue Cross - \$10,175.36; JH Shanahan - \$11,256.00; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,167.28; Link Computer Corp. - \$3,620.51; M & M Lawn Care - \$1,540.00; M.J. Reider Assoc. - \$1,566.00; Meco Constructors - \$26,563.25; Office Basics - \$1,069.99; Pennoni Assoc. Inc. - \$27,887.82; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$20,762.28; Teamster Health & Welfare Fund - \$17,677.55; Total Funds - \$1,400.00; Upper Southampton Post Office - \$5,000.00; Vincent Deon - Tax Collector - \$2,052.19 and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

**Requisition No. 2180** dated 08/07/19 in the amount of \$1,135,215.17

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2180** are as follows: BCWSA - \$2,300.00; BCWSA - Sewer - \$841,866.96; Core & Main LP - \$1,638.96; Cummings Sales - \$5,227.28; EJ USA Inc. - \$11,589.86; First National Bank of Newtown - \$59,129.38; Guardian - \$3,796.69; Guastella Assoc. - \$6,490.62; Hach - \$1,153.00; JH Shanahan - \$1,840.00; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,542.28; Keystone Eng. - \$2,350.00; LRM Inc. - \$1,197.00; M & M Lawn Care - \$1,540.00; M.J. Reider Assoc. - \$1,748.00; Michael Kerr - \$5,475.00; Office Basics - \$2,090.74; RIO Supply Inc. - \$8,592.60; Swerp - \$86,181.15; TD Card Services - \$5,571.17; Verizon - \$1,533.98 and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

## **6. Judd Builders – Spring Mill Land Development Agreement**

A motion (Deon-McGill) made to authorize and direct, Thomas Zeuner, as Executive Director of the Authority, to approve and execute the Land Development Improvement Agreement (“Agreement”) on behalf of the Authority with Judd Builders, as Developer of the Spring Mill Country Club project of 175 townhouses and improvements related to public water and sanitary sewer services, subject to Judd Builders presenting an executed Agreement, providing payments, security, and documents, required therein as of the date of submission by Judd Builders of the executed Agreement on or before September 4, 2019 passed with 5 ayes.

## **7. Resolution 2019-1222 – Intermunicipal Agreement w/ Warminster MUA regarding Spring Mill Land Development (Judd)**

A motion (McGill-Rehm) made to approve Resolution 2019-1222, the Intermunicipal Sanitary Sewer Agreement (“Agreement”) with Warminster Township Municipal Authority for sanitary sewer service to the Spring Mill Country Club Townhouses Development (“Project”) and authorizes and directs its Executive Director, Thomas Zeuner, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Authority upon receipt of an executed Land Development Improvement Agreement from Judd Builders, as the developer of the Project on or before September 4, 2019, and the execution thereof by Thomas Zeuner on behalf of the Authority passed with 5 ayes.

## **8. Resolutions 2019-1223; 2019-1224 and 2019-1225 Certification Fees Amended**

A motion (McGill-Rehm) made to approve Resolutions 2019-1223; 2019-1224; & 2019-1225 revising its Rates, Rules & Regulations (RRR) and Fee Schedule related to “Letters of Certification” for public water and public sanitary sewer services passed with 5 ayes.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Jim noted that he had a register change on his meter and it only took 5 minutes.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Farling adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:21 p.m.