

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on June 5, 2013

Members Attending:

Edward W. Farling III, Vice Chairman
Charles Rehm, Treasurer
John Jim, Secretary
Michelle Held, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Others Attending:

Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Edward Rudolph, Solicitor
Christopher Walker, Engineer
Debra E. Wirtz, Stenographer/Executive Assistant

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Farling led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for our service men and women in harm's way.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion (Jim-Rehm) was made to approve the Minutes from May 1, 2013, passed with 4 Ayes.

3. Executive Directors Report

**PRESENTATION BY JOSEPH MANKO (SPECIAL COUNCIL OF NBCMA) TO
NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP: SANITARY SEWER MORATORIUM**

On May 22, 2013 at the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors meeting Mr. Zeuner and Mr. Joseph Manko (Special Environmental Council) made a presentation to the supervisors informing them and the public of the historic and current status of the sanitary sewer moratorium. The moratorium is an action by the PA DEP to BCWSA that impacts all boroughs, towns, and township that flow sanitary sewage through the Neshaminy Interceptor and Totem Road pump station. Mr. Manko outlined the legal aspects of this Authority's Environmental hearing Board Appeal and progress towards meeting the Townships goals. The ongoing efforts of the Authority with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection have yielded positive developments which have allowed additional connections. Those accomplishments were highlighted during Mr. Manko's presentation. In summary, significant progress is being made to the benefit of Northampton.

SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT:

The Solar Energy project located next to the administrative building at Well No. 17 is completed and ready to be turned on. We expect the system to become operational in the next week.

PMAA REGION No. 1: DINNER MEETING

On Thursday evening June 20, 2013 the Pennsylvania Municipal Authority Association is hosting its Summer Dinner meeting. Several of the Board members have signed upon. If you wish to attend, please inform Debi Wirtz to make the necessary arrangements.

PMAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: AUGUST 25-28th, 2013

The Pennsylvania Municipal Authority Association is hosting its Annual Conference at the Penn Stater Conference Center on August 25-28th. Any Board members that wish to attend the conference are encouraged to inform Debi Wirtz to make the necessary arrangements. A twelve (12) page summary has been provided which outlines programs and the educational forums being presented during the conference.

Northampton Days

Reusable grocery bags will be given out this year as in years past.

REFINANCE LOAN WITH 1st NATIONAL BANK OF NEWTOWN

The Authority in cooperation with Eckert Siemens (Appointed Bond Council- Jennifer Caron) and PFM (Appointed Financial Consultant- Scott Sherrer) have been successful in renegotiating our loan with the 1st National Bank of Newtown PA, which has principal balance remaining of an estimated \$ 5.3 million dollars from its current 3.8% interest rate to a 2.65% interest rate. All other terms, conditions and covenants remain unchanged other than a restatement and reduced interest rate. Closing costs and amendment to agreements and professional services are expected to be below \$10,000.00 total. Our savings for the balance of the term of the note is estimated to be \$248,000 +/- . Both our Bond Council and Financial Advisor endorse the revised financial arrangement. As Executive Director, I am seeking a Board motion to authorize the Executive Director and its professionals to proceed with the refinance with 1st National of Newtown and have this placed on the next agenda of the Board for ratification.

A motion (Farling - Rehm) was made to authorize Mr. Zeuner to proceed with the refinance of the loan at 1st National Bank of Newtown and have it placed on the agenda of our next meeting for ratification after the Bond Council and Financial Advisor give their approval, passed with 4 Ayes.

4. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2002** dated May 15, 2013 in the amount of \$389,211.27, passed with 4 Ayes.

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **BRI Fund No. 532** dated May 15, 2013 in the amount of \$11,310.58 passed with 4 Ayes.

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2003** dated May 30, 2013 in the amount of \$948,890.99 passed with 3 Ayes. Mr. Jim abstained.

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2004** dated June 5, 2013 in the amount of \$151,756.90, passed with 3 Ayes. Ms. Held abstained

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve **BRI Fund No. 533** dated June 5, 2013 in the amount of \$8,913.91 passed with 3 Ayes. Ms. Held abstained.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2002** are as follows: Archer & Greiner PC - \$1,357.00; Courier Times - \$2,527.00; CSI Computer Software - \$3,021.94; Flow Assessment - \$4,900.00; Golden Equipment - \$6,279.60; Herbert Rowland & Grubic - \$4,651.77; Karl Hops Inc- \$1,352.48; Manko Gold Katcher & Fox - \$12,731.67; PECO - \$4,893.70; Pennoni Assoc. - \$13,207.38; Rudolph Clarke & Kirk LLC - \$4,061.52; Teamsters Health & Welfare - \$13,426.72; Upper Southampton Municipal Authority - \$54,627.00; and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2003** are as follows: Bank Direct Capital Financial - \$3,064.24; BCWSA – Tapping Fees - \$6,900.00; BCWSA - Sewer - \$468,657.68; First Nat'l Bank Newtown - \$439,196.31; Karl Hops - \$1,671.20; PECO - \$13,873.82; JH Shanahan - \$2,881.00.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2004** are as follows: Ellen Distefano - \$1,900.00; Flow Assessment - \$4,900.00; GMG Insurance Agency - \$2,500.00; Hach Co. - \$1,350.00; Independence Blue Cross - \$11,703.64; J & J Auto - \$1,808.74; Karl Hops Inc- \$1,137.62; Manko Gold Katcher & Fox - \$13,449.95; Sharon Miniscalco - \$1,441.19; PECO - \$6,315.99; Rudolph Clarke & Kirk LLC - \$17,567.76; Southampton Post Office - \$5,000.00; Spectrum Letterbox - \$3,272.65; Gloria Watkins - \$1,087.50 and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

5. Citizens Concerns

Mr. Bill O'Neill of Rockville Road had comments and concerns regarding the Solar Panels at Well 17 and the inspection of the wells in the west end of the Township.

Mr. Frank Rothermel of 64 Chapel Drive, Northampton Township Liaison, thanked Mr. Zeuner and Mr. Joe Manko (Special Environmental Council) for their appearance at the Township Board meeting providing information on the DEP sewer moratorium. Also, Mr. Rothermel had comments regarding the Destruction of Records item on the agenda.

6. Maintenance Report _ March 2013

Mr. Zeuner provided highlights to the March Maintenance Report.

7. Resolution No. 2013-1145

A resolution to amend the Fee Schedule regarding water meter setters was deferred. Mr. Zeuner will instruct Mr. Johnson, Director of Operations to look into the prices quoted.

8. Amendment to Authority “Standard Construction Specifications for the Public Water System”

A motion (Jim-Farling) was made that the Board approve the amendment to the Authority’s “Standard Construction Specifications for the Public Water System” to amend Section 8.1 to read “All fire hydrants shall be U.S. Pipe Metropolitan No. 250 Model-94, Open Left (counterclockwise), AWWA standard pentagonal operating and nozzle cap nuts, National standard thread, two (2) two and one half (2 1/2) inch nozzles and, one (1) four and one-half (4 1/2) inch NST outlet”, and further amend the Cover page to reflect the last revision date to be June 5, 2013, passed with 4 Ayes.

9. MX Industrial Agreement

A motion (Farling-Jim) was made that the Board approve the Sanitary Sewer and Public Water Improvement Agreement (Letters of Credit) between the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority and JEB Services LLC for MX Industrial Distributors Land Development, on the condition that all engineering, legal and administrative issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the Authority Engineer, Solicitor, and Executive Director and hereby authorize the Executive Director, Thomas A. Zeuner to sign on behalf of the Board passed with 4 Ayes.

10. Nolte Major Subdivision

A motion (Rehm-Jim) was made that the Board declare sanitary sewer and public water not feasible for the Nolte preliminary major subdivision passed with 4 Ayes.

11. Resolution No. 2013-1144 – Destruction of Records

This item was deferred for further review of items to destroy.

12. Acceptance of Dedication from Northampton – West End Water Infrastructure

This item is deferred due to outstanding issues with Northampton Township submittals

13. Board Comments

Ms. Held spoke to the article in the Advance regarding the possible sewer treatment plant behind the George School in Newtown.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. FARLING ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:11 P.M.