

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on September 6, 2017

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

Others: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Jeffrey Greenwood - Chief of Operations
Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor
Melissa Fiala, Esquire, Solicitor
Christopher Walker P.E., Pennoni Assoc.
Frank O'Donnell, Supervisor Liaison
Debra Wirtz - Executive Assistant

Mr. Farling, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 serving in harm's way.

2. Executive Director's Report

Expansion of PFOA & PFOS Distribution Testing:

The Authority has been posting the analytical results of PFOA's and PFOAS's on its website since June 2016. Those testing results are from water sources (wells and bulk water interconnections). Approximately 76% of our water conveyed to two interconnections (Bristol Road and Antler Drive) with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority with water originating from the Forest Park Water Treatment facility. The balance of our water originates from the fifteen (15) well sites located throughout Northampton Township. While this provides valuable data to the source levels of PFOA's and PFOS's, it may not provide a good representation of levels within the distribution system due to inherit dilution factors between well and interconnection waters. It is the Authority's management position that an increase in data not only provides valuable data for the Authority by the public at large.

Last year the Authority installed numerous potable water sampling stations throughout the township to monitor the EPA requirements for the "*revised total coliform rule*". The Authority has begun to sample those locations for PFOA's & PFOS's contaminants to provide additional data of levels within our distribution system. Once that data is obtained, it will be posted on the Authority website for public viewing and communicated to the appropriate regulatory agencies and township.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network has petitioned the PA DEP to lower the EPA's health advisory level (HAL) from 70ppt to levels significantly lower thresholds. The Authority along with Pennoni Associates will be meeting in September to review what impact such amendment would have on the Authority and provide a framework to make strategic plans to address the situation if those thresholds are amended.

Interim Corrective Action Plan (Neshaminy Interceptor):

In early spring 2017, the Authority in concert with Pennoni Associates submitted its revised "Corrective Action Plan" (CAP) to PA DEP for review and "approval or acceptance". As of this date we have not received comments on that submission. Although it has not been "approved or accepted" by the regulatory agency, the Authority has proceeded with implementation of our program in accordance with the submitted plan. A copy of the summary section of the document has been provided to the Board for review. Our plan as submitted stated that we would provide an interim (6 month) update on our mission and progress to those meeting stated objectives. The Authority will be submitting that interim report later this week.

Christopher Walker, P.E. - Pennoni Assoc. provided an update as to the reduction of about 60,000.00 gallons per day of Inflow and Infiltration.

Upper Southampton Sanitary Sewer:

A meeting was held between the Upper Southampton Authority and this Authority to provide a framework to resolving the sanitary sewer flow issue. Management of the respective Authority's in addition to engineering representatives from Carroll Engineering (Upper South consulting engineer) and Ebert Engineering (NBCMA consulting engineer) made good progress and a shared mutual cooperation to resolving the issue. It is both Authority's expectations that all matters be resolved for Board consideration by January 2018.

Budget Process 2018 Fiscal Year

Since Labor Day has passed, it is now that time that the Senior Staff of the Authority will be preparing our 2018 Operational and Capital Budgets. Several internal workshops with our staff and professionals will take place over the next month to provide the Board with a 'Draft' in October 2017. The Authority's fiscal year runs from November 1st to October 31st.

PMAA Conference & Trade Show

This year's marks the 75th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authority Association ®. The annual conference and trade show is being held in Hershey PA from September 10th to 14th.

3. Citizens' Concerns

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes of August 2, 2017

A motion (Jim-McGill) made to approve the Minutes of August 2, 2017 passed with 5 ayes.

5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Rehm-Deon) adopting the following resolutions passed with 5 ayes

Requisition No. 2119 dated August 16, 2017 in the amount of \$410,804.05

Requisition No. 2120 dated August 30, 2017 in the amount of \$595,760.53

Requisition No. 2121 dated September 6, 2017 in the amount of \$376,516.80

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2119** are as follows: All Seasons Lawn & Land - \$3,176.00; BCWSA – Water - \$178,910.96; Cues - \$2,851.43; Emergency Generator - \$9,175.00; Eurofins QC - \$1,096.20; Fred Beans Ford - \$1,375.39; Gene’s Auto Body Inc. - \$1,789.93; GS Developers - \$23,086.90; Independence Blue Cross - \$11,013.27; Kennedy Culvert - \$1,585.00; Line Systems Inc. - \$1,231.73; Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox LLP - \$20,550.00; Maxsolar Energy - \$1,485.76; PECO - \$2,013.30; Pennoni Assoc. - \$47,574.85; Teamsters Health and Welfare Fund - \$18,639.72; US Postal Service - \$5,000.00; Wrightstown Auto - \$1,005.42 and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2120** are as follows: BCWSA – Sewer - \$347,439.04; Eurofins QC - \$1,193.20; First National Bank of Newtown - \$59,129.38; Guardian - \$3,749.44; Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. - \$2,387.50; Kennedy Culvert - \$1,724.70; LRM Inc. - \$2,810.00; Microbac - \$1,170.00; PECO - \$12,754.41; Philadelphia Business Forms - \$1,051.35; Phillips & Donovan Architects - \$1,937.00; Rio Supply Inc. - \$4,289.20; USA Blue Book - \$3,426.50, BCWSA disputed - \$70,253.98 and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2121** are as follows: All Season Lawn & Land \$1,588.00; D.J. Pinciotti Construction Co. - \$38,625.00; Eurofins QC - \$1,913.40; Grainger - \$2,091.12; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,406.27; Link Computer Corp. - \$3,446.05; Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox LLP - \$24,785.00; PECO - \$2,821.77; Rudolph Clarke - \$49,550.73; Sewer Specialty Services - \$7,063.19; TD Card Services - \$2,519.57; Teamsters Health and Welfare Fund - \$18,639.72; Upper Southampton MUA - \$54,627.00; Verizon Wireless - \$1,497.02; Wrightstown Auto - \$1,704.50; \$84,710.34 Upper South disputed and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

6. Appointment of Auditor for Fiscal Years 2017, 2018 & 2019

A motion (McGill-Jim) made to award appoint Bee, Bergvall and Company, P.C. as the Authority’s auditor for its 2017, 2018 & 2019 fiscal year audits in accordance with their proposal dated July 18, 2017 and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract on behalf of the Board passed with 5 ayes.

7. Resolution No. 2017-1194 Amendment to “Fee Schedule” Meters & Meter Setters

A motion (Rehm-Jim) made to adopt Resolution No. 2017-1194 an amendment to the Authority’s Fee Schedule in accordance with the recommendation of the Administration in accordance with the exhibit attached passed with 5 ayes

8. Professional Services – Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring

A motion (Deon-McGill) made to engage CSL Services Inc. of Pennsauken New Jersey for purposes of wastewater flow monitoring services in accordance with their proposal dated June 15, 2017 conditioned upon a conflict waiver and agreement terms which are satisfactory to the Authority Solicitor and Executive Director passed with 5 ayes.

9. Professional Services – Evaluation of Horizontal Chlorine Contact Tanks Water Connection

A motion (Mc Gill-Jim) made to authorize the contracting of Mumford-Bjorkman Associates Inc. of New Castle Delaware to perform professional services evaluation on four (4) chlorine contact tanks in accordance with their proposal dated July 7, 2017 in the amount of \$12,000.00 passed with 5 ayes.

**10. Resolution No. 2017-1193
Support of BCWSA Combined Sewer Flow Long-Term Control Plan**

A motion (Farling-Deon) made to adopt Resolution NO. 2017-1193 with minor amendment from the Solicitor, *“I move that the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority acknowledge that based upon information received from Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority, the City of Philadelphia intends to charge suburban customers for a portion of City’s costs associated with a combined sewer overflow long-term control plan, and further, that Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority encourages the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority to litigate the propriety of the City’s effort, however, to the extent that fees are owed to the City, unless and until any litigation or conflict between the City and Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority is resolved, the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority shall pay fees due to the City”* passed with 5 ayes.

11. Purchase – Manhole Lifter

A motion (Jim-Rehm) made to approve the purchase of one (1) manhole lifter with related accessories from Rock Mills Enterprises of Rock Valley, Iowa in accordance with quote No. 81017 dated August 10, 2017 in the amount of \$5,445.00 passed with 5 ayes.

12. Professional Services – Architectural - Humphrey’s Drive

A motion (Jim-Rehm) made to engage Phillips & Donovan Architects LLC of Bedminster Pennsylvania in accordance with their Professional Services Proposal dated August 22, 2017 to complete the construction documents to renovate the existing 2nd floor at Humphrey’s Drive passed with 5 ayes.

COMMENTS

None

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. FARLING ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:34 P.M.