

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on October 4, 2017

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

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

Mr. Deon, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Deon led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for the tragedy that occurred in Las Vegas and our service men and women serving in harm's way. Mr. Deon noted that Jeff Greenwood - Chief of Operations would be standing in for Executive Director Tom Zeuner and that he (Mr. Deon) is standing in for Ed Farling.

2. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Greenwood updated the Board and the public on the most recent Perflourinated Compound (PFC) sample results from the Authority's source water facilities for the third quarter of 2017. PFOA and PFOS levels have remained fairly stable compared to the previous quarter. Combined levels of PFOA and PFOS have remained the same at eight of the sources, six of the wells have decreased by 1 to 4 parts per trillion (ppt) and two wells had a slight increase of one to two ppt.

Samples were also collected from various sampling stations throughout the distributions system during the latter part of the third quarter. These sample results will provide further data on PFOA and PFOS levels in the water delivered to our customers, since the water sources get blended throughout the system. These results will be posted on the NBCMA website when they become available.

The Authority continues to monitor PFC levels from the water sources and distribution system on a quarterly basis.

3. Citizens' Concerns

Marge Weiner, 53 Pheasant Drive, expressed concerns regarding an article that stated a Bill adding municipal water and sewer authorities to the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission's jurisdiction.

Ms. Weiner does not feel this a good idea for the residents. Mr. Deon stated that Mr. Zeuner will look into it and get back to her.

Harriette Emerson, 92 Boxwood Road, expressed concerns regarding the rate increase. Board members reviewed the reasons for the increase, the rate study, and unfunded mandates from PA-DEP.

4. Approval of the Minutes of September 6, 2017

A motion (McGill-) Jim made to approve the Minutes of September 6, 2017 passed with 4 ayes.

5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Rehm-McGill) adopting the following resolution passed with 4 ayes.

Requisition No. 2122 dated September 20, 2017 in the amount of \$181,930.70

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2122** are as follows: Exeter Supply Co. Inc. - \$7,358.00; Herbert Rowland & Grubic - \$2,670.00; Independence Blue Cross - \$11,013.27; JH Shanahan - \$10,280.00; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,118.03; Line Systems Inc. - \$1,231.92; Office Basics - \$1,615.54; PECO - \$4,115.98; Pennoni Assoc. - \$45,031.30; Philadelphia Business Forms - \$1,051.35; Phillips & Donovan Architects - \$4,294.50; RIO Supply - \$4,098.24; Shapiro Fire Protection - \$1,706.70; Telog - \$1,800.00; Univar USA Inc. - \$2,040.95; US Postal Service - \$5,000.00; and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting the following resolution passed with 4 ayes.

Requisition No. 2123 dated October 4, 2017 in the amount of \$813,609.31

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2123** are as follows: All Season Lawn & Land \$3,176.00; Analytical Laboratories - \$5,200.00; BCWSA – Sewer - \$341,517.04; BCWSA – Water - \$134,084.09; Core & Main LP - \$1,835.58; Custom Care Property - \$4,625.00; DJ Pinciotti Construction - \$2,198.00; Eurofins QC - \$3,544.50; First National Bank of Newtown - \$59,129.38; Guardian - \$3,749.44; Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. - \$17,437.00; Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox - \$16,033.39; Office Basics - \$1,041.12; PECO - \$9,585.31; Rock Mill Enterprises - \$5,445.00; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$39,112.53; TD Card Services - \$1,038.03; Univar USA Inc. - \$1,088.39, Xylem Water Solution - \$1,665.00; BCWSA disputed - \$69,056.98 and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

6. Resolution 2017-1195 – PennDOT Master Casting Agreement

A motion (Rehm-McGill) made to adopt Resolution No. 2017-1195 and approve and execute the “Master Casting Agreement” with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in accordance with the letter and attached Agreement dated October 4, 2017 passed with 4 ayes.

7. Award contract – Installation of 7 (seven) Automatic flushing Stations Contract 1-W-17

A motion (McGill-Jim) made to award Contract No. 1-W-17, installation of 7 (seven) Automatic Flushing Stations to DJ Pinciotti Construction Co., of Ivyland, PA in accordance with their proposal dated September 22, 2017 in the amount of \$95,900.00 passed with 4 ayes

8. Acceptance of Dedication – Railroad TCE watermain Extension

A motion (Rehm-Jim) made to accept dedication from Northampton Township of the public water main extension known as the Railroad Drive TCE Water Main Extension with a value of \$770,821.26 passed with 4 ayes.

9. Purchase of 7 (seven) Automatic Flushing Stations Capital Project CP 2017-1

A motion (Mc Gill-Jim) made approve the purchase of (7) seven automatic flushing stations from Ferguson Waterworks of Whitehall Pennsylvania in accordance with Bid No. B299431 dated September 18, 2017 in the amount of \$24,325.00 per the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania COSTARS™ Purchasing Contract #016-047 passed with 4 ayes.

COMMENTS

Mr. Deon stated that at the 2017 PMAA Conference it was very clear the Tom (Thomas Zeuner Executive Director) is very highly respected and that Northampton, Bucks County Municipal Authority is very fortunate to have him.

A motion (Deon-McGill) to direct the Solicitor to negotiate with one or more property owners regarding a future site for the Authority passed with 4 ayes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. FARLING ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:00 P.M.