

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on December 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. – absent
Lisa Morrison P.E., Pennoni Assoc. Inc.
Frank O'Donnell, Northampton Supervisor Liaison
Eileen Silver, Northampton, Supervisor
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 serving in harm's way.

2. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Zeuner updated the Board on the agenda items, the Supplemental Agreement with BCWSA which the Authority has been working on since 2014. Most recent results for PFOA & PFOS with no significant changes. Mr. Zeuner noted that a "Letter of Interest" by Aqua Pa was delivered to all Board members and Northampton Supervisors to acquire the water and wastewater assets of Northampton, Bucks County Municipal Authority.

The following motion (Deon-McGill) was read and passed with 5 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1197

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHAMPTON, BUCKS COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY REGARDING LETTER FROM AQUA PENNSYLVANIA, INC. INDICATING INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSETS OF THE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority (the "Authority") is a municipal corporation organized pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates a water distribution system and a wastewater system serving residential and non-residential customers within Northampton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and portions of other municipalities within Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, a letter dated November 16, 2017 entitled "Indication of Interest in Acquiring the Water and Wastewater System Assets of Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority (the "Letter of Interest") from Christopher H. Franklin, President and CEO of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (the "Aqua") was delivered to the offices of the Authority directed to Edward W. Farling, III, as Chairman of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, all other members of the Authority Board and other public officials received either an original or copies of the Letter of Interest; and

WHEREAS, the Letter of Interest can be best described as an indication of interest by Aqua to purchase all assets, including its service area, of the Authority (the "Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority Board for reasons stated hereinbelow is in full compliance with the intent and purpose of the Municipality Authorities Act in serving its designated community in efficient, economically sound, environmentally progressive and community responsive manner, and that to abrogate such standards, to another entity would create reduction of such standards that are intended under the Act.

WHEREAS, the Authority had neither invited, requested or had indicated any interest or intent in consideration of the Transaction or any other similar type transactions from Aqua or any other entity; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Board desires to adopt this resolution as an appropriate response to the above matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based upon the following:

1. The Authority has entered into a long term contractual arrangement to ensure low water rates for its water customers; and
2. The Authority is in litigation which the Authority anticipates, under its current contractual arrangement, will provide substantial reduction of sanitary sewer rates for the foreseeable future to the direct benefit of rates to its sanitary sewer customers; and
3. The Authority is entering into the "Supplemental Agreement Neshaminy Interceptor", which will provide adequate and responsible growth within Northampton Township, environmentally sound sanitary sewer infrastructure, reasonable sanitary flow standards and compliance with relevant concerns of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (the "DEP"); and
4. The Authority has presented to the DEP its programs and future programs ensuring compliance with Federal and State health and welfare requirements to be paid by funding from the Authority already incorporated in its long-term capital and operating budgeting based upon reasonable rates as above indicated; and
5. The Authority is actively monitoring, implementing and planning programs necessary to provide safe and sufficient drinking water, consistent with current and future governmental requirements as may be imposed to ensure compliance with governmental standards; and
6. The Authority, as a local operator of water supply and sanitary sewer service, has numerous programs which effectively are set to provide assistance in providing services to the customers of Northampton Township in an efficient, economically sound and transparent manner.

ACCORDINGLY, the Authority Board shall not consider the Letter of Intent and that the Executive Director is directed to convey to Aqua, in writing, its position of non-consideration.

ADOPTED at the Public Meeting held on the December 6, 2017.

ATTEST:

John T. Jim, Secretary

NORTHAMPTON, BUCKS COUNTY,
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

By: _____
Edward W. Farling, III, Chairman

Citizens comments:

Clifford LoCasale expressed his pleasure that the Authority is not considering this offer and that Aqua Pa intake had higher PFOA & PFOS than Northampton, Bucks County Municipal Authority.

Mr. Zeuner read a Press Release (see last page) regarding the Authority's purchase of 815 Bustleton Pike (the former Fox Chase Bank building).

3. Citizens' Concerns

Clifford LoCasale 3225 Lilac Ave Trevoise, expressed concerns regarding PFOA & PFOS.

4. Approval of the Minutes of November 1st and 6th, 2017

A motion (McGill-Rehm) made to approve the Minutes of November 1, 2017 passed with 5 ayes.

A motion (Farling-McGill) made to approve the Minutes of November 8, 2017 passed with 5 ayes.

5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Rehm-Jim) adopting the following resolutions passed 4 with ayes, Mr. Farling abstained.

Requisition No. 2128 dated November 21, 2017 in the amount of \$1,043,330.10

Requisition No. 2129 dated December 06, 2017 in the amount of \$490,652.27

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2128** are as follows: Able Recon - \$63,604.44; All Season Lawn & Land - \$1,588.00; B & R Electrical Contractors - \$5,980.12; BCWSA - Sewer - \$297,295.68; Best Line Equipment - 5,032.40; Exeter Supply Co. Inc. - \$2,844.60; Ferguson Waterworks - \$24,325.00; First Nat'l Bank of Newtown - \$421,597.87; Independence Blue Cross - \$11,013.27; JH Shanahan - \$19,877.00; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,010.70; Line Systems Inc. - \$1,236.01; Link Computer Corp. - \$3,446.05; Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox - \$20,547.57; Maxsolar Energy - \$1,538.90; Mumford-Bjorkman Assoc. - \$12,000.00; Office Basics - \$1,287.34; Ricks Expert Tree Service - \$3,000.00; Rio Supply Inc. - \$2,601.10; Univar USA Inc. - \$1,088.39; BCWSA - \$60,118.62 disputed and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2129** are as follows: Analytical Laboratories - \$3,740.00; BCWSA - Water - \$160,372.96; D J Pinciotti Construction - \$80,094.50; Ebert Engineering Inc. - \$2,572.56; Estate of Barbara Kalin - \$1,396.30; First Nat'l Bank of Newtown - \$59,129.38; Guardian - \$3,749.44; Ives Equipment Corp. - \$1,730.00; JH Shanahan - \$24,528.00; Karl Hops Inc. - \$3,432.57; PECO - \$15,417.94; Phila. Business Forms - \$1,051.35; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$39,027.71; Traffic Control Service - \$1,587.38; US Postal Serv. - \$5,000.00; Xylem Water Solutions - \$1,684.86 and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

6. "The Authority" Fall/Winter Newsletter

The Board discussed topics for the Fall/Winter Newsletter, and ways to inform the public of the Authority's move to the new location in May.

7. Conflict Waiver Agreement - Sanitary Sewer Flow Metering Service

A motion (McGill-Jim) made to enter into a Conflict Waiver Agreement with BCWSA for sanitary sewer flow monitoring services by CSL Services passed with 5 ayes.

8. Professional Services - Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring

A motion (Jim-Rehm) made engage CSL Services Inc. of Pennsauken New Jersey for purposes of sanitary sewer flow monitoring services in accordance with their proposal dated June 15, 2017 under contract number 4-S-A-17 passed with 5 ayes.

9. Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority - Supplemental Agreement

A motion (Rehm-McGill) made enter into the "Supplemental Agreement" with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection passed with 5 ayes.

10. Purchase - Kubota Diesel Tractor

A motion (Deon-McGill) made to approve the purchase of a Kubota L6060 HSTC Tractor with options from Eagle Power & Tractor of Doylestown Pennsylvania in accordance with their quote dated October 23, 2017, for a total purchase price of \$41,092.29 passed with 5 ayes.

11. Purchase – S-500 Mighty Dumper – 5 Ton Trailer /JBM

A motion (McGill-Rehm) made to approve the purchase of one JBM 5-ton Trailer from Eagle Power & Equipment of Doylestown Pennsylvania in accordance with their quote October 23, 2017 in the amount of \$6,482.00 passed with 5 ayes.

12. Purchase – Well #2 Pump Replacement

A motion (Jim-Rehm) made to approve the purchase of one well pump (for well #2) from A.S. Schultes of Woodbury Heights New Jersey in accordance with their quote dated December 23, 2016, for a total purchase price of \$15,981.00 passed with 5 ayes.

13. Purchase – Well #6 Pump Replacement

A motion (McGill-Jim) made to approve the purchase of one well pump (for well #6) from A.S. Schultes of Woodbury Heights New Jersey in accordance with their quote #29087 dated August 17, 2017, for a total purchase price of \$15,566.00 passed with 5 ayes.

14. Purchase – Video Inspection Cleaning Equipment (CUES)

A motion (Rehm- Jim) made to approve the purchase of one LCS Lateral Cleaning System from Cues Corporation of Orlando Florida in accordance with their quote dated June 9, 2017 for a total purchase price of \$20,000.00 passed with 5 ayes.

15. Purchase – Sanitary Sewer Jetter

A motion (McGill-Jim) made to approve the purchase of Spartan Tool Urban Warrior Sanitary Sewer Jetter from H.A. DeHart & Son of Thorofare New Jersey in accordance with their quote dated September 27, 2017, for a total purchase price of \$36,099.00 passed with 5 ayes.

16. 2018 Holiday Schedule

A motion (Deon-Jim) made to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule passed with 5 ayes.

Monday	January 01	New Year's Day (D)
Monday	January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. (F)
Monday	February 19	Presidents' Day (F)
Friday	March 30	Good Friday (F)
Monday	May 28	Memorial Day (D)
Wednesday	July 04	Independence Day (D)
Monday	September 03	Labor Day (D)
Monday	October 08	Columbus Day (D)
Monday	November 12	Veterans' Day (D)
Thursday	November 22	Thanksgiving Day (D)
Friday	November 23	Day after Thanksgiving (D)
Monday	December 24	Day before Christmas (F)
Tuesday	December 25	Christmas Day (D)

COMMENTS

Mr. McGill stated that it has been a productive year and that he learned a lot since his appointment to the Board.

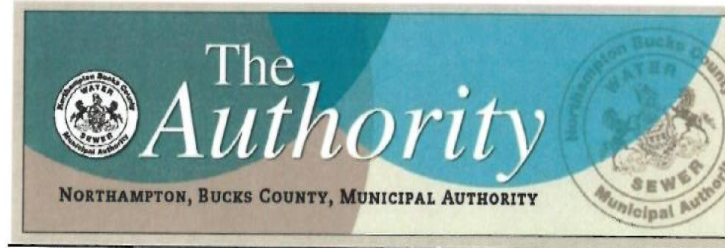
Mr. Deon made a resolution seconded by Mr. Jim, that the Board request that the Supervisors reappointment of Steve McGill to the Board passed with 5 ayes.

Mr. Rudolph requested that Mr. Zeuner make arrangements for a Holiday dinner on behalf of Rudolph Clark and Pennoni Assoc. Inc.

Ms. Eileen Silver – Northampton Supervisor noted that Yom Kippur falls on the 2nd Wednesday of September.

Mr. LoCasale had questions regarding sewer capacity for a proposed development at Spring Mill Country Club.

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



PRESS RELEASE

December 6, 2017

Authority Relocating to New Administration Offices

On November 17, 2017 the Authority purchased a new administration building facility (former vacant Fox Chase Bank in Richboro, PA) at a purchase price of \$1,280,000.. It is anticipated that occupancy of the building will occur on or about May 7, 2018.

The Authority has engaged an architect Phillips & Donovan Architects, LLC of Bedminster, PA to design the fit-out of facilities from its previous use as a bank to a multifaceted building including Authority administrative offices, public meeting space and facilities for the tax collectors office which is currently housed in the Northampton Township administrative offices. The current Authority administrative offices historically offered a sizeable public meeting room to the benefit of those Northampton residents and community user groups. The conversion to a police station will eliminate that current benefit of a public meeting room currently enjoyed by the residents of Northampton Township. The new Authority facility is currently being designed to replace that valuable public space for the community.

The new administrative offices for the Authority is being designed in a minimalistic environment style, while demonstrating a combination of simplistic quality and low cost maintenance expected of our community. Once fully operational, additional customer services will be offered by the addition of numerous teller stations and drive up payment facilities for both the Authority and tax collector. By relocation of the tax collector from the Township Building to the new Authority facilities will enable valuable administrative space will to be freed up at the Township Building for municipal services.

This is a great example of Northampton Township and Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority seeking creative solutions to the mutual benefit of its taxpayers and ratepayers.

Regards,


Thomas A. Zewner
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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