

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on May 6, 2015

Members Attending: Edward Farling III, Chairman
Vincent Deon, Vice Chairman
Michelle Held, Treasurer
John T. Jim, Secretary
Charles Rehm, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Others Attending: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor
Noah Marlier, Esquire, Solicitor - absent
Christopher Walker P.E., Pennoni Assoc.
Eileen Silver, Northampton Township Liaison - absent
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 in harm's way.

2. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Zeuner gave an update on the following topics:

MUNI-LINK SOFTWARE CONVERSION

The Authority experienced an issue with the first billing with the new software, the P.O. Box was omitted on the bill. The issue has been corrected for future billings.

WEF

Mr. Zeuner announced that he and Vice Chairman Deon attended the 4 day workshop in Cincinnati, Ohio on "Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems" hosted by the "Water Environment Federation". The forum was very informative and technical and also confirmed that this Authority is on the right track to address the issues of concern related to inflow and infiltration.

3. Citizens' Concerns

No citizen's wished to address the Board.

4. Approval of the Minutes of April 15, 2015

A motion (Jim-Rehm) made to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2015 passed with 5 ayes.

5. Variable Frequency Drives – Bid Results

A motion (Farling-Rehm) made that the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority Board reject the bids for Contract 1-W-15 opened on April 27, 2015 for variable frequency drives as non-responsive, and further moved that the contract should be re-advertised pursuant to Section 73 Statute 1641 passed with 5 ayes.

6. BCWSA SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT:

Mr. Zeuner facilitated discussions with the Board related to the Supplemental Agreement that was to be ratified by a March 31, 2015 deadline between the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) and this Authority. Immediate resolution to the issues between NBCMA and BCWSA remains at an impasse. Copies of applicable communications between our legal council (Manko, Gold Katcher & Fox) and council for Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCWSA) Mr. Steve Hann, were provided as a basis of discussions. Topics discussed during the workshop included:

- Expectation of deliverables for the Supplemental Agreement (S.A.)
 - Establishment of Average Daily Flows
 - Establishment of Peak Flows
 - Establishment of Instantaneous Peak Flows
- Design standards of the PA DEP wastewater design manual
- Threshold timelines (S.A., CAP, CMP and 537)
- 537 Plan Revisions required (Township)
- Connection Management Plan (CMP) required (Township)
- Corrective Action Plan (CAP) required (Authority)
- Report authored by Carroll Engineering on behalf of BCWSA
- Values of EDU's (GPD)
- Diurnal Flows of bedroom community (NBCMA) vs other types in order to target expectations.
- Lack of metered flow data requested of but not provided by BCWSA
- Hydraulic restriction concerns of NBCMA @ Langhorne Ave connection to interceptor (reduction in velocity)
- NBCMA's I & I abatement program
- Focus on reduction of peak flows not ADF
- Status of Supplemental Agreements with other parties not ratified

Based upon the discussions, Mr. Zeuner was directed to continue seeking resolution to the issues.

UPPER SOUTHAMPTON SEWER AUTHORITY:

Mr. Zeuner advised the board that he would not recommend endorsement of the two meter strategy suggested by the Upper Southampton Sewer Authority in determining sanitary sewer flows from Northampton. That recommendation is due to inherent high inaccuracy issues associated with the type of calculation. After discussion among board members Mr. Zeuner stated he will advise Herb Scholl, Manager of the Upper Southampton Sewer Authority that recommendation and provide a copy of the white paper authored by ADS related to the topic. Further discussion between the parties is required to determine the applicable resolution.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Rehm relayed his appreciation to Mr. Zeuner and Mr. Deon attending the WEF April conference in Cincinnati and the valuable information they received.

Mr. Deon thanked the Board for the opportunity to go to the conference in Cincinnati and stated that Mr. Zeuner is an asset to the Authority.

ENGINEER COMMENTS

Mr. Walker stated that the G.I.S. project data collection is nearly completed, the next step is putting together the program showing the Google Earth maps. Completion is expected for November 2015.

Bid openings for Root Control is May 20th and for CIPP lining on May 27th.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. FARLING ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:57 P.M.