

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on April 3, 2019

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

Others: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor
Melissa Fiala, Esquire, Solicitor
Christopher Walker P.E., Pennoni Assoc.
Frank O'Donnell, Northampton Supervisor Liaison
Debra Wirtz – Executive Assistant

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Farling, lead the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for men and women serving in harm's way.

2. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Zeuner provided an update on the following:

UPPER SOUTHAMPTON MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The Authority received notice from the Upper Southampton Municipal Authority that they are exercising its rights under paragraph 9 the Agreement dated October 27, 1961. That section provides that the contract between the parties will continue until such time as the Upper Southampton Municipal Authority provides five years' written notice of its rights to terminate the Agreement and no longer accept any sanitary sewage flows from Northampton Township. The Upper Southampton Municipal Authority Resolved and Approved their Resolution No. 2019-03 at their public meeting of March 25, 2019.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Before the Board this evening for consideration we have an amendment to our Rates Rules and Regulations related to Certifications of the Authority. The first Resolution would amend those rules. The second Resolution would amend the fee schedule. The final item on our agenda this evening is authorization to prepare bid packages for C.I.P.P. lining of our sanitary sewer lines. This is in addition to the contract we already awarded. The items identified on the listing can be classified as high-level infiltration with a rapid return on investment. Infiltration is estimated at 103,680 gallons per day which is equivalent to over +350 EDU's.

NORTHAMPTON DAY

The Authority as in the past will have a booth at the upcoming Northampton Day Festival of Sunday, May 5, 2019. We will be focusing on educating the public on the "Proper Installation of Sump Pumps". We have an

information Board to display and handouts. We will be distributing the Authority insulated lunch bags from last year's event. We have approximately 500 for distribution.

3. Citizens' Concerns

Denise Leck, Galloway Road, had questions and concerns regarding monthly billing, meter reading and leak detection. The Board and Mr. Zeuner answer her questions and Mr. Zeuner offered to send her information and meet with her or any resident in the future.

Michael Famularo, Spring House Ln., had comments and concerns regarding the 2016 rate increase, leaks at his property customer service and accountability.

4. Approval of the Minutes of March 3, 2019

A motion (Jim-Deon) made to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2019 passed with 4 ayes.

5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Rehm-Jim) approving the following Requisition/s passed 4 with ayes.

Requisition No. 2169 dated 03/20/2019 in the amount of \$313,422.05

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2169** are as follows: Analytical Laboratories - \$12,750.00; BCWSA - Water - \$145,940.31; CSL Services Inc. - \$6,925.00; Independence Blue Cross - \$10,392.10; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,335.31; M.J. Reider Assoc. - \$1,344.00; Offit Kurman - \$5,872.00; Pennoni Assoc. Inc. - \$42,765.15; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$2,520.00; USPS - \$5,000.00; and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

Requisition No. 2170 dated 04/03/2019 in the amount of \$919,995.07

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2170** are as follows: BCWSA – Sewer - \$730,729.13; First National Bank of Newtown - \$59,129.38; Guardian - \$4,367.45; Hannon Auto Service - \$1,756.35; JH Shanahan - \$4,459.00; M.J. Reider Assoc. - \$1,618.00; Office Basics - \$1,041.06; RIO Supply Inc. - \$8,656.85; Verizon - \$1,012.84; Warminster MUA - \$22,057.43; and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

Chairman Farling called for a recess at 8:25; reconvened at 8:38

6. Resolutions #'s 2019-1219; 2019-2020 and 2019-2021-Amending Rates, Rules & Regulations and Fee Schedule regarding Certification Fees for Finals

A motion (Deon-Farling) made to adopt Resolutions 2019-1219, 2019-2020 and 2019-2021 amendments to the Rates, Rules & Regulations and Fee Schedule regarding Certification Fee Policy passed with 4 ayes.

7. Authorization to prepare Bid Packages and advertise for bids for C.I.P.P. Cured in Place Pipe CP-2019-S-2-1

A motion (Farling-Deon) made to authorize the Administration and Consulting Engineer to prepare bid packages and advertise under PennBid® for Capital Project, CP-2019-S-2-1, Cured In Place Pipe Lining of sanitary sewer pipe in accordance with the suggested list prepared by our Consulting Engineer identified as Exhibit "A" passed with 4 ayes.

COMMENTS:

None.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Farling adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:57 p.m.