

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on April 7, 2021

Board Members: Edward Farling III, Chairman
Stephen McGill, Vice Chairman
Francis O'Donnell, Secretary
Charles Rehm, Treasurer
Vincent Deon, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Others: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Edward Rudolph, Esq., Rudolph Clarke LLC
Christopher Walker P.E., Pennoni Assoc., excused
Jeffrey Greenwood, Chief of Operations
Robert Tagert, Chief Technical Director
Debra Wirtz, Executive Assistant

Mr. Farling, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Farling, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. McGill, Mr. Deon, Mr. O'Donnell and Edward Rudolph, Esq. attended the meeting in the Authority building (open to the public). All other communication was by ZOOM video conference.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Executive Director's Report

Executive Session: Mr. Zeuner advised the Board a desire to enter executive session after agenda item number 7, but prior to the close of the regular meeting to discuss two (s) matters of litigation. USMA vs NBCMA & NBCMA vs BCWSA,

Laurel Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project: Mr. Zeuner advised that he has only received two (2) responses out of the four (4) impacted parties confirming their desire to proceed on the Laurel Road sanitary sewer extension project. As a result, no action has been scheduled on the agenda for Board consideration as it is not warranted at this time.

Core Competency: Mr. Zeuner advised the Board that the Inflow and Infiltration task team believes that a dig and replace strategy for internal sanitary sewer lateral repairs and replacement may be a better long-term strategy than the hydro-excavation as current proposed in the 2021 Capital budget and strategic plan. The capital budget currently has \$275k allocated to the project. The executive director will provide an updated report and strategy for Board consideration at the May Board meeting.

COVID- 19 Resolution for Board consideration May 2021 public meeting: Last March the Board adopted a Resolution placing a hold on late fees, liens, and termination of service activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A Resolution will be provided for Board consideration at the May 2021 public meeting reversing such action going forward. Mr. Zeuner confirmed that no accruals of late fees for the period would be proposed, just a reset of where we were pre-pandemic status.

3. Citizens' Concerns

None

4. Approval of the Minutes of March 3, 2021

A motion (McGill-O'Donnell) made to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2021 passed with 5 ayes.

5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

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

Requisition No. 2221 dated 03/17/2021 in the amount of \$470,071.52

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2221** are as follows: BCWSA – Water - \$132,545.90; Bergey Creative Group - \$7,689.00; Commonwealth of PA Unclaimed Property - \$1,553.28; CSL Services Inc. - \$6,775.00; Hillegas Valve Repair - \$1,500.00; JH Shanahan - \$2,560.00; LB Water Service - \$1,644.30; Link Computer Corp. - \$3,711.02; Maxsolar Energy LLC - \$1,107.60; PECO - \$19,178.60; Pennoni Assoc. Inc. - \$51,255.87; Purchase Power - \$2,399.75; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$16,167.50; Teamster Health & Welfare Fund - \$19,284.60; Teamsters Local 107 - \$1,024.00; Upper Southampton MUA - \$117,841.11; and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

Requisition No. 2222 dated 04/07/2021 in the amount of \$943,719.78

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2222** are as follows: Analytical Laboratories - \$13,125.00; BCWSA - Sewer - \$508,744.95; Bergey Creative Group - \$1,243.20; CSL Services Inc. - \$6,775.00; Coyne Chemical - \$1,406.00; Cues - \$2,642.01; National Bank of Newtown - \$59,129.38; Formax - \$1,470.00; G & G Electric Construction - \$10,808.15; Gannett Fleming Co. - \$1,900.00; Guardian - \$4,042.86; Hannon Auto Service - \$4,629.43; Independence Blue Cross - \$14,097.09; JH Shanahan - \$1,890.00; Justin Decker - \$1,000.00; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,495.51; Link Computer Corp. - \$3,803.79; McBrick Building Group - \$1,500.00; Office Basics \$1,150.00; Offit Kurman - \$5,323.50; Passerini & Sons Inc. - \$84,419.10; PECO - \$18,458.78; Pollard Water - \$1,025.70; RIO Supply Inc. - \$37,480.68; TD Card Services - \$1,918.85; Teamsters Health & Welfare Fund - \$19,284.60; Teamsters Health & Welfare Fund - \$19,284.60; USPS - \$7,500.00; Verizon - \$1,184.09; Warminster MUA - \$22,956.92 and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

6. Release Cash Escrow – Hidden Creek/McBrick

A motion (McGill-Deon) made to Board approve a cash escrow release in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the development known as Hidden Creek/McBrick passed with 5 ayes.

7. Authorization to Purchase – High Volume Printer

A motion (McGill-Deon) made to approve the purchase of a high-speed copier/printer from MRA International of Long Branch New Jersey in accordance with their Quote #Q-037687 v1 dated March 30,2021 in the amount of \$11,488.00 under COSTARS™ Cooperative Purchase Agreement#003-084 passed with 5 ayes.

Executive Session:

After Agenda Item No. 7 the Board went into Executive Session at 6:50 PM to discuss matters of litigation and settlement between the Upper Southampton Municipal Authority and the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority.

The Board was also update by Solicitor Rudolph on the recent filings in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas on matters by the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority against the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority related to our existing litigation.

The Executive Session concluded at 7:25PM at which time the Board resumed the public meeting.

Resolution by Board:

A motion by Ed Farling and seconded by Steve McGill was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority enter into a Wastewater Service Agreement with Upper Southampton Municipal Authority related to Upper Southampton Municipal Authority providing sanitary sewer service with certain designated properties in Northampton and that the litigation, Docket No. 2020-01630, between Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority and Upper Southampton Municipal Authority is hereby terminated with prejudice consistent with the terms of the agreement and that the appropriate officers of the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority are authorized and directed to execute the agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Chairman Farling adjourned the meeting at 7:34 P.M.