

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

**Minutes of the Public Meeting held on August 2, 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.  
Frank O'Donnell, Supervisor Liaison  
Loretta Nesti

Mr. Farling, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 expressed his thanks to Jeff Greenwood and Joann Paris for their hard work while he was on vacation during July.

**BONDS:** As authorized by the Board at the last public meeting, all NBCMA Bond issues have been paid off in full and replaced with a simple term loan with the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Newtown. Not only does this change ease the administrative burden on Bond management by the Authority but results in a significant cost savings.

**PRESS RELEASE:** On August 1, 2017 the Authority published a Press Release responsive to a national report authored by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) related to the quality of drinking water. Although EWG promotes their database as a transparent assessment highlighting adverse impacts of your drinking water, their characterization of our water provided is totally deceptive and irresponsible. With the Board permission, I am requesting that the press Release be included as an exhibit to the meeting minutes of this meeting. The motion (Farling-Rehm) passed with 5 ayes.

Frank O'Donnell - Supervisor Liaison made a request on behalf of Northampton Township Supervisors that the Authority forgive late fees for the period of 2/1/17 to 7/31/17 due to the Authority's conversion to monthly billing.

A motion (Farling-McGill) that the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority Board causes the forgiveness of all customer late fees incurred for water and sewer services provided during the period February 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017. On or before October 31, 2017 such forgiveness shall be reflected in credits to the bills to such customers or by monetary payments to such prior customers who no longer are provided water and sewer service passed with 5 ayes.

### 3. Citizens' Concerns

Clifford Locasle New Road had concerns regarding PFOA and PFOS.

### 4. Approval of the Minutes of July 5, 2017

A motion (Jim-McGill) made to approve the Minutes of June 5, 2017 passed with 5 ayes.

### 5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Jim-Deon) adopting the following resolutions passed with 5 ayes

**Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2116** dated July 12, 2017 in the amount of \$75,000.00

**Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2117** dated July 19, 2017 in the amount of \$396,346.06

**Revenue Fund Requisition No. 2118** dated August 2, 2017 in the amount of \$941,392.70

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2116** are as follows: Payroll - \$75,000.00.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2117** are as follows: Obermayer, Rebmann - \$17,000.00; Stuckert & Yates - \$4,200.00; All Seasons Lawn & Land - \$2,382.00; AquaPro - \$9,350.00; B & R Electrical Contractors - \$5,784.55; BCWSA - \$2,300.00; Bob Borkowski Tax Collector - \$1,961.34; Custom Care Property - \$3,250.00; Environmental Products - \$1,292.10; GS Developers - \$46,369.50; Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. - \$13,792.01; Independence Blue Cross - \$11,013.27; JH Shanahan Inc. - \$11,450.00; Linda Mehler - \$1,333.37; Line Systems Inc. - \$1,230.99; Link Computer Corp. - \$3,446.05; Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox LLP - \$10,239.32; Office Basics - \$1,027.41; PECO - \$3,296.91; Pennoni Assoc. - \$58,329.06; Sewer Specialty Services - \$79,743.06; Teamsters Health and Welfare Fund - \$18,639.72; US Postal Service - \$5,000.00; Verizon Wireless - \$1,177.44 and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2118** are as follows: Analytical Laboratories - \$1,100.00; BCWSA - Sewer - \$388,122.24; BCWSA - Water - \$204,563.04; Ebert Eng. Inc. - \$2,313.60; First National Bank of Newtown - \$59,129.38; Guardian - \$1,877.99 JH Shanahan Inc. - \$4,630.00; Kennedy Culvert - \$1,793.00; Link Computer Corp. - \$3,446.05; PECO - \$13,241.11; Pennoni Assoc. - \$23,086.90; Phila Business Forms - \$1,051.35; RIO Supply - \$7,309.14; Rudolph Clarke - \$44,048.50; TD Card Services - \$1,796.93; \$78,477.18 BCWSA disputed and \$75,000.00 for payroll.

### 6. Purchase of Truck - COSTARS™

A motion (McGill-Deon) made to award Capital Project No. CP-2016-W-10, vehicle purchase to replace unit 33 in the amount of \$38,100.00 to Whitmoyer Auto Group of Mount Joy Pa in accordance with their proposal dated July 6, 2017 per the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Costars Purchasing Cooperative Contract, Vendor contract #025-162 passed with 5 ayes.

### 7. Sewer Repairs - Boxwood Road

A motion (Farling-Jim) made to approve the proposal of DJ Pinciotti Construction Co., of Ivyland, PA to replace the broken sanitary sewer laterals for the properties located at 63 Boxwood Road and 64 Boxwood Road in accordance with their proposal dated July 5, 2017 in the amount of \$14,215.00 passed with 5 ayes

**8. Resolution No. 2017-1192 Termination of Tri Party Agreement with Metro Impact  
TMP 48-028-005 – Southampton MUA**

A motion (McGill-Jim) made to approve Resolution No. 2017-1192 terminating the Tri Party Agreement with Metro Impact and Southampton Municipal Authority passed with 5 ayes.

**9. Agreement with Cajo LLC 153-157 Railroad Dr. TMP 51-13-65-1 & 51-13-65-2  
Water Connection**

A motion (Mc Gill-Jim) made to approve the Agreement between the property owner/s of TMP 51-13-65-1 & 51-13-65-2 located at 153-157 Railroad Drive Warwick Township and Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority for public water passed with 5 ayes.

**COMMENTS**

Mr. Deon applauded the administration for the handling the EWG situation.

Christopher Walker, P.E. - Pennoni Assoc. updated the sodium hypochlorite project is complete and all chorine gas canisters have been removed from the Township.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. FARLING ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:15 P.M.



## PRESS RELEASE

August 1, 2017

The Environmental Working Group (EWG) recently published a national report on the quality of drinking water which appeared in the "PATCH". Although EWG promotes this database as a transparent assessment highlighting adverse impacts of your drinking water, their characterization of the quality of our water provided is totally deceptive and irresponsible.

The Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority (NBCMA) fully stands by the quality of water we provide to our customers. Our water is safe to drink. It is not getting anyone sick and is not causing cancer. NBCMA purchases 79% of its water from a state of the art modern water treatment facility. The other 21% of our water comes from 15 municipal wells located throughout our community. Our team of water professionals are highly trained. They are certified within their field and work every day to make sure that NBCMA water meets or exceeds all federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) water quality standards.

The database of actual readings that EWG has published is a compilation of results that NBCMA publishes through our Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which is published in June of each year for the previous year. We send our CCR notices to all water customers of NBCMA in addition to the regulatory agencies. Reports are also available on our website for viewing anytime day or night.

The "Health Guideline" that EWG is using as their guideline for healthy water is a number that the State of California uses as their "Maximum Containment Level Goal" or MCLG. It is extremely important to note that a MCLG is NOT an enforceable standard or regulation that any water supplier, even those in California, are required to meet. The numerical values reported for NBCMA by EWG for certain contaminants are so infinitesimally small that it should not cause anyone any concern. The EWG's characterization of this data as being harmful to the public is completely misleading, and an attempt to destabilize the good work we do. The EWG report is NOT in the best interest of the public.

In America, freedom of speech is a wonderful thing, but with freedom comes responsibility. EWG's negative portrayal of our drinking water supply is unsettling and contrary to the values, mission and goals of this Authority. NBCMA adheres to strict EPA and PA DEP regulations and standards as we test our water routinely to ensure the safety and quality of our water. As expected by our customers, NBCMA would inform our customers if we ever had a violation of the strict standards of the EPA and PA DEP.

If you are a Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority water customer and would like to view our CCR (Water Quality Report), you can access it on our website:

<http://nbcmatoday.org/uploads/2016%20Consumer%20Confidence%20Report.pdf>

Our CRR Reports are posted on our website for years 2008 to the present time. If you would like a physical copy of the report, please contact the Authority administrative office @ 215-357-8515 and we will be happy to mail you a copy.