

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

**Minutes of the Public Meeting held on September 15, 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 - excused  
Edward Rudolph, Esq., Rudolph Clarke LLC - excused  
Christopher Walker P.E., Pennoni Assoc.  
Jeffrey Greenwood, Chief of Operations  
Robert Tagert, Chief Technical Director  
Debra Wirtz, Executive Assistant

Mr. Farling, Chairman, (via ZOOM) called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Greenwood, Mr. McGill, Mr. Deon, Mr. Rehm Mr. O'Donnell, Michael Clarke of Rudolph Clarke LLC LLC and Christopher Walker of Pennoni Assoc. Inc. attended the meeting in the Authority building (open to the public). Joann Paris, a representative from State Representative Wendy Thomas' office, and Senator Tomlinson attended via ZOOM.

**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. Resolution 2021-1249 – State of Emergency – Sanitary Sewer Facilities**

Christopher Walker of Pennoni Assoc. Inc. briefed the Board on the need for the Resolution. Mr. O'Donnell read Resolution 2021-1249 for the Board.

A motion (McGill-Rehm) made to approve Resolution No. 2021-1249 dated September 15, 2021, as follows:

*RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 1249*

*RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHAMPTON, BUCKS COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY REQUIRING IMMEDIATE REMEDATION TO PORTIONS OF ITS SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES*

*WHEREAS, due to recent storms and related abnormal weather events caused by tropical storm "Ida", significant damage has occurred to the Authority's sanitary sewer facilities located at the Mill Creek, as further identified on a map attached hereto ("Affected Project Area No. NHMA230200"), causing imminent, significant damage to the Authority's sewer facilities within the affected County; and*

*WHEREAS, FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by "Ida" from August 31 to September 5, 2021, (areas affected).*

*This action makes federal funding available to those affected in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and York counties.*

*WHEREAS, Pennoni, as the Authority's engineer, has determined that immediate work constituting approximately 2,000 linear feet within a 10-inch sanitary sewer line requiring C.I.P.P., lining of approximately 12 affected manholes and stabilization of streambanks which must be performed within the Authority sewer facilities in the areas affected in order to alleviate the current existing emergency.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the waiver provision of notice requirements set forth in Section 5614(d) of the Municipality Authorities Act is directed that the above referenced work shall immediately commence under the direction of Thomas Zeuner, Executive Director, and supervision by Christopher Walker, of Pennoni, noting that it is anticipated that the cost as calculated by our consulting engineer will be approximately \$257,730.00.*

*APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.*

passed with 5 ayes.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

Comments

None

There being no further business Chairman Farling adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M.