

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on February 1, 2023

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

Others: Edward Rudolph, Esq., Rudolph Clarke LLC
Christopher Walker P.E., Pennoni Assoc.
Jeffrey Greenwood, Chief of Operations
Laurie Hagey, Director of Finance & Administration
Robert Tagert, Chief Technical Director
NBCMA Stenographer

Mr. Deon, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. It was noted that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel and legal issues on January 25, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of January 4, 2023

A motion (O'Donnell-Farling) to approve the Minutes of January 4, 2023, passed with 5 ayes.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Chief of Operations Report

Mr. Greenwood provided information to the Board regarding the annual compliance reporting for the Authority's water and wastewater systems. He advised the Board that Pennoni Assoc. Inc. has been authorized to prepare the 2022 Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Management Report.

Mr. Greenwood advised the Board that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has adopted per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) limits for drinking water. The new rule sets a maximum contaminant limit (MCL) of 14 parts per trillion (ppt) for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and an MCL of 18 ppt for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). The new rule required quarterly monitoring of these contaminants beginning in 2024. He mentioned that the Authority previously self-imposed these limits in anticipation of the contaminates being regulated and have been voluntarily conducting quarterly PFAS sampling.

5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Rehm-O'Donnell) adopting the following resolutions passed 5 with ayes.

Requisition No. 2274 dated 01/18/2023 in the amount of \$285,909.43.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2274** are as follows: Bee Bergvall & Co. - \$10,000.00; Cobra Environmental Inc. - \$2,576.00; Corporate Environment - \$1,034.17; Cues - \$1,097.87; G & G Electric Construction - \$2,510.37; Independence Blue Cross - \$9,110.57; JH Shanahan - \$2,160.00; Karl Hops Inc. - \$5,813.49; LookFirst Tech. - \$15,668.52; M.J. Reider Assoc. - \$1,089.60; Office Basics - \$2,097.15; Pendergast Safety Equip. - \$8,296.00; Pennoni Assoc. Inc. - \$81,351.29; PECO - \$17,596.93; Rudolph Clarke LLC - \$6,811.50; USPS - \$7,500.00; Teamster Health & Welfare Fund - \$17,677.52; and \$85,000.00 for payroll.

Requisition No. 2275 dated 02/01/2023 in the amount of \$947,291.94.

The major items paid under **Requisition No. 2275** are as follows: BCWSA - Sewer - \$479,874.15; BCWSA - Water - \$169,908.96; Coyne Chemical - \$1,510.00; CSL Services Inc. - \$6,550.00; Cues - \$1,435.96; Dejana Truck Utility - \$1,197.22; First National Bank of Newtown - \$59,129.38; Guardian - \$3,539.15; Herbert Rowland & Grubic - \$12,967.00; JH Shanahan - \$7,008.00; Keystone Eng. - \$7,287.50; Link Computer Corp. - \$3,993.98; LookFirst Tech. - \$1,825.63; Mid-Atlantic Property - \$1,866.00; Phila Business Forms - \$1,129.60; Pollard Water - \$2,051.40; Purchase Power - \$1,008.50; Upper Southampton MUA - \$72,793.45; Warminster MUA - \$19,071.38 and \$85,000.00 for payroll.

6. Resolution No. 2023-1278 – First National Bank of Newtown Note Renewal

A motion (O'Donnell-McGill) made to adopt Resolution No. 2023-1278 for the purpose of a standby Revolving Line of Credit (Note) with the First National Bank of Newtown as follows,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE NORTHAMPTON, BUCKS COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") OF ITS WATER AND SEWER REVENUE NOTE (THE "NOTE") IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000), ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NOTE; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE NOTE AND OTHER SECURITY DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF SUCH OFFICERS; MAKING COVENANTS, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES AS TO CERTAIN TAX MATTERS; APPOINTING NOTE COUNSEL TO THE AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RESOLUTION; DECLARING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BALANCE OF THE RESOLUTION UPON INVALIDITY OF ANY PROVISION, SECTION, SENTENCE, CLAUSE OR PART OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS passed with 5 ayes.

7. Authorize Consulting Engineer to prepare Bid Package for Lawn Service

A motion (Deon-Rehm) made to approve the authorization of the Administration and Consulting Engineer to prepare bid packets for "Lawn Service" via the "PennBid" public bidding system passed with 5 ayes.

8. Well Pump Replacement – Well 10

A motion (McGill-O'Donnell) made to made to authorize the purchase of one well pump for well #10 from Raab Well Drilling Inc. in accordance with their estimate #5460 dated November 30, 2022 for a total of \$19,408.05 passed with 5 ayes.

9. Well Pump Replacement – Well 17

A motion (O'Donnell-Rehm) made to authorize the purchase of one well pump for well #17 from A. C. Schultes, Inc. in accordance with their quote #33429 dated January 24, 2023 for a total of \$24,756.00 passed with 5 ayes.

COMMENTS:

Edward Rudolph, Esq. – Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court of PA ruled that storm water fees are now considered taxes.

Christopher Walker, Pennoni Assoc. Inc., provided an update on the Insituform Contract, mains are completed, and laterals have been located. The next phase is deciding where cleanouts will be installed.

Steve McGill – provided a handout regarding the future of NBCMA water and sewer responsibilities with different scenarios.

Frank O'Donnell – commented on the watersheds in the Township.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Deon adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:03 p.m.