

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on January 12, 2022 at 7 p.m. This meeting notice was provided to The Daily Journal and the Atlantic County Record which are the BBMUA's official newspapers. Notices are also posted on the bulletin boards within the Municipal Building as well as the Borough of Buena and BBMUA's websites. The meeting took place in the large meeting room located in the Municipal Building, Minotola while practicing social distancing and complying with mask guidelines.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Santagata.

Those present were:

R. Baker	A. Abriola
B. Delano	C. Santore
J. Johnston in @ 7:05 p.m.	A. Zorzi
J. Santagata	

Chairman Santagata informed the board that a letter was received from ARH Associates providing legal notification that the Buena Regional School District Board of Education has applied to the NJ Pinelands Commission for approval of an application for public development. The proposed public development is to permit several designated site improvements at Buena Regional High School.

Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick emailed the board an email chain between Mr. Smith and the BBMUA's Solicitor, Robert Casella of Testa, Heck, Testa & White reviewing the draft letter written by Mr. Smith to the Pinelands Commission regarding the Memorandum of Agreement and the BBMUA's willingness to assist Buena Vista Township in applying for grants, loans, or other subsidies to design and construct the US Route 40 interceptor. The Board was in agreement with this letter as it did address the concerns that the board had pertaining to no monetary contributions and the solicitor had no exceptions to the letter being sent after his review. This will be sent to Mr. Wengrowski to fulfill our obligation to the MOA on that condition.

Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick provided a copy of payment certificate #11 to Michael Itri of MBE Mark III Electric, Inc. for his signature on the pump station project. Payment for certificate #11 is on the bill list for tonight's meeting for approval and payment.

Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr sent an email updating the BBMUA on the impact of the signing of Senate Bill 4081 on residential customers of local government water, sewer and electric service. Sewer is now included in the grace period provisions and other non-enforcement or non-collection of penalties, etc. and once the Local Finance Notice is issued he will discuss further the impact of this bill on the Authority.

m/Delano s/Johnston to approve the treasurer's report as read. m/passed

Cheryl Santore received a letter from Phoenix Advisors, LLC requesting signatures on the renewal agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC as our Continuing Disclosure Agent and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor to remain in compliance with the disclosure requirements set forth by the Securities Exchange Commission for a fee of \$1,150.00.

m/Baker s/Delano to adopt resolution R-1-2022 adopting a new Cash Management Plan for the Calendar Year 2022 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14. m/passed

m/Delano s/Johnston to adopt resolution R-2-2022 establishing minimum standards for prospective contractors and subcontractors for Authority Projects. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to adopt resolution R-3-2022 authorizing contracts with approved state contract vendors for contracting units pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a. m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to approve the renewal of the membership in the AEA for the year 2022 in the amount of \$3,679.00. m/passed

The Borough of Buena had some flooding issues inside the municipal building on Saturday, January 8, 2022. They are in the process of working with JIF to have the floors and carpets replaced in the municipal building. The offices will be moving while the floors are repaired/replaced, however we do not have a designated location at this time. Ms. Santore will keep the board up to date with the information on the move as she receives it.

m/Delano s/Baker to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on December 22, 2021. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi received an email from Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick providing a fact sheet about the Lead Service Line Replacement Act with all of the deadlines. In January we were due to submit all of our water services, which includes what our service types are and what type of services lines go to the customer lines. Our service lines are copper but we do not know what type of service lines the customers have. We downloaded all of the service line addresses and block and lots and provided as much information that we have to the NJDEP to meet our requirement. A copy of the report sent to the NJDEP was provided to Cheryl Santore to be posted in the Municipal Building.

Mr. Zorzi informed the board that there was a water break on Central Avenue on January 8th into January 9th. It was a saddle failure and because of the location of the break the water tank was taken offline and the system was placed on system pressure. When we take the tank down for painting we should look into running an additional line from Cass Avenue because there is a 10" line on Summer Avenue which can be an additional line to feed the system. The board felt that was a good idea.

m/Delano s/Johnston adopt Resolution R-4-2022 authorizing the meeting of the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority closed to the public to discuss matters that include matters of personnel pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8). m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to open the executive closed session meeting at 7:17 pm. m/passed

m/Johnston s/Baker to close the executive closed session meeting and return to regular session at 7:38 pm. m/passed

After discussing hiring someone to fill the vacant position at the plant a motion was made for the following:

m/Delano s/Baker to hire Jesse Sacco to fill the vacant position available at the plant at 50% of the current plant operator rate which equates to \$16.86 per hour.

Baker-yes; Delano-yes; Johnson-yes; Abriola-Abstain; Santagata-yes m/passed

m/Baker s/Abriola to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 12. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to pay all bills presented for the month of January 2022.

Baker-yes; Delano-yes; Johnson-yes; Abriola-Abstain; Santagata-yes m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on January 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference utilizing services from freeconferencecall.com.

m/Delano s/Johnston to adjourn the meeting 7:40 p.m.

m/passed

Submitted by

Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary