

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on January 26, 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 via freeconferencecall.com phone in meeting software due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the increase in cases being reported.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Santagata.

Those present were:

R. Baker	A. Abriola	S. Testa
B. Delano	C. Santore	
J. Formisano	A. Zorzi	
J. Johnston	R. Smith	
J. Santagata	R. Casella	

Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr informed the board that Mary Pearsall of the New Jersey I Bank submitted the accrued interest statement for the month ending December 31, 2021. Mr. Testa stated this interest is being accrued and will be rolled into the permanent financing.

Mr. Testa informed the board that the 2022 Water and Sewer Budget that was introduced at the regular meeting held on December 22, 2021 was approved by the State of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services for adoption at tonight's meeting. The Division was able to review the 2022 Sewer and Water Budget because a copy of the draft audit was submitted along with the introduced budget.

m/Baker s/Formisano to adopt resolution R-5-2022 which adopts the 2022 Sewer/Water Budget that was introduced at the regular meeting held on December 22, 2021.

m/passed

Mr. Testa stated that The GASB 75 that is needed to complete the 2020 Audit is said to be released any day now by the state. Once that is released and audited the 2020 Audit should be able to be completed.

Secretary Cheryl Santore opened the (RFQ's) Request for Qualifications for Professional services on January 20, 2022 at 11:00 am as advertised in the official newspapers of the BBMUA. All the RFQ packages were received within the timeframe and the

recommendations to the board members were set forth after their review and discussion. Only one RFQ was received for the Auditing, Engineering & Solicitor. Three RFQ's were received for Bond Counsel. One was received from JP Capizzi Law Office, a second was from Parker McCay and a third was from Malamut & Associates, LLC. The following awards will be made at our reorganization meeting on February 9, 2022 and resolutions will be adopted at that time:

Auditing: Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr
Engineering: Remington & Vernick
Solicitor: Testa, Heck, Testa & White
Bond Counsel: JP Capizzi Law Office

All Board Members were in agreement to award the professional services as recommended at the reorganization meeting to be held on February 9, 2022.

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. The last discussion has the building moving out and into the Louise Basile Center until the floors are completed. Ms. Santore will keep the board up to date with the information on the move as she receives it.

m/Baker s/Delano to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 12, 2022. m/passed

m/Formisano s/Baker to accept the minutes of the last closed executive session meeting held on January 12, 2022. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi informed the board that there was a water break on Wheat Road on Sunday, January 23, 2022. It was a saddle failure located near the Dollar General.

Mr. Delano asked for a status on the new employee. Mr. Zorzi stated he will be starting on Monday, January 31, 2022.

m/Baker s/Formisano to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 3. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on February 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference utilizing services from freeconferencecall.com. This is our annual reorganization meeting.

m/Delano s/Baker to adjourn the meeting 7:12 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary