

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on January 27, 2016 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.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Santagata.

Those present were:

R. Baker	J. Alvarez	S. Testa
R. Delano	C. Santore	B. Parvey – Blue Sky Power
J. Formisano	A. Zorzi	
J. Santagata	R. Smith	

m/Baker s/Formisano adopt resolution R-3-2016 authorizing a meeting of the BBMUA closed to the public for the purpose of possible litigation. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to end closed session meeting and reopen the regular meeting at 7:15 pm. m/passed

Karen Read of Perma Inc. sent some correspondence regarding a discussion they had pertaining to a newspaper article that the North Jersey Record is planning to write on Joint Insurance Funds. They wanted to share with everyone the major points of that discussion.

Secretary Cheryl Santore reminded the board that the JIF Elected Officials Seminar at Merighi's Savoy in will be on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. Everyone that was interested is signed up to attend. The registration period is from 5:30 – 6:00 pm and the seminar is from 6:00 to 8:00 pm that evening.

m/Baker s/Alvarez to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 13, 2016. m/passed

Plant Superintendent, Alan Zorzi notified the board that during the latest maintenance inspection of our largest well #3 AC Schultes Inc. recommended the redevelopment of this well. When they test the specific gravity of the well, which is how much it can yield versus how much it draws down, the performance has decreased by approximately 50%. This could be something as simple as a screen or as detailed as the pump wearing and getting old. The estimated price that was provided to redevelop the well was \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00. Mr. Formisano asked what size the well is. Mr. Zorzi stated that it is 100hp. Chairman Santagata asked if the well is deep. Mr. Zorzi stated that all of the wells are deep. He explained that we have 2 main wells that are production wells and a 3rd well that was put in as a test well. If the 2 main wells went down the 3rd well could not keep up with the demand. We do have an interconnection with the City of Vineland as a backup. However, the well in question is our main well and our most important. Chairman Santagata asked if we had any surplus left over at the end of the year could we put our surplus toward the cost of the redevelopment. The BBMUA auditor, Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr stated that we certainly could do that. He stated that our 2016 budget is in place and if you are going to put it in the capital plan for 2017 we should be ok. Mr. Testa stated that if we need to do the work sooner we could still do something if we have to. Since it is still early in 2016 we haven't used any of our capital budget and it is fundable. You would just have to amend the budget. If it is an emergency obviously you would have to do it. If it isn't an emergency then you could certainly budget it in 2017. Mr. Delano asked if there is a question with quality or just quantity. Mr. Zorzi stated that the only issue is the quantity. It was then stated that since the purchase threshold is \$17,500.00 the project would have to go out for bid unless AC Schultes is under state contract. This type of work would have to be done in the fall or winter. You would not want to do this type of work at the peak water usage season which is spring and summer. Mr. Testa stated that there is \$40,000.00 in the 2016 capital budget that is stipulated for equipment and water lines, however if you aren't going to run any new lines there is some money available. The BBMUA Engineer stated that he would draw up a price for the bid documents and submit it to the board. That way if the board decides to go ahead and do the project this year the process has been started.

At the end of 2015 Mr. Zorzi spoke with Remington, Vernick & Walberg about the three main pumping stations needing to be upgraded. This is a conversation that needs to continue this year. Mr. Zorzi stated there were some issues during the blizzard that we just had. During the storm something happened. At 4 am someone was called in for an alarm and found that one of the pumps had failed. Someone else was called in to help pull the pumps. The plant was transferred over to float backup which means all of the controls are out of operation and there was only the manual float system working. By the time they got back to the plant the alarm was calling out that the pump failed again. When they went back to check the verbatim phone line was lost. At that point they kept checking until about noon. Verizon was called to try to reset the verbatim and it didn't work. About 2:00 or 2:30 Mr. Zorzi notified the chairman and he was having someone keep coming to check every so often to make sure the pumping station was still operating but the weather was so bad that he didn't know if it was pumping or not pumping and this particular station takes care of most of the Borough. Monday they were able to get

everything back on line and communication was restored and it is currently working. He felt that the board should be aware of the situation and that this is the station that he mentioned before where the valves leak when the men have to pull a pump. The three main stations are at the age for upgrades and therefore this year he would like to work with Remington to get some numbers together to have these upgrades made for next year.

Robert Smith of Remington, Vernick & Walberg and Ben Parvey from Blue Sky Power reviewed the bids received on January 20, 2016 for a solar power purchase agreement with the Board. One bid received was from SolarCity and the other was from Marina Energy and Cambria Solar. Mr. Parvey put together a recommendation and explained how he came up with his recommendation to award the bid. Upon reviewing the documentation the board awarded the bid to Marina Energy LLC and Cambria Solar LLC.

m/Baker s/Formisano to award a contract to Marina Energy LLC and Cambria Solar LLC and authorized our sub consultant Blue Sky Power and our Solicitor to negotiate a power purchase agreement for solar energy. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano 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 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. This is our reorganization meeting and will begin an hour earlier than normal. Please plan accordingly.

m/Baker s/Delano to adjourn the meeting 7:51 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary