

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on February 12, 2025 at 6 p.m. This meeting notice was provided to The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City 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 guidelines.

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Santore.

Those present were:

D. Carolla	J. Santagata	J. Erber	F. Carpino
J. Johnston	K. Barbagli	D. Horst	
J. Marinacci	M. Bertonazzi	M. Testa Sr.	
D. Romeo	C. Santore	S. Testa	

The first order of business tonight was the BBMUA's reorganization for the year 2025.

Nomination was made by Joseph Santagata for David Romeo as the BBMUA's Chairman.

m/Marinacci s/Johnston to appoint David Romeo as the BBMUA's Chairman.
m/passed

Nomination was made by Jerry Marinacci for Joseph Santagata as the BBMUA's Vice-Chairman

m/Carolla s/Johnston to appoint Joseph Santagata as the BBMUA's Vice-Chairman.
m/passed

Nomination made by Jeffery Johnston for Cheryl Santore as the BBMUA's Secretary/Treasurer

m/Marinacci s/Johnston to designate Cheryl M. Santore as the BBMUA's Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Officer.
m/passed

m/Santagata s/Johnston to approve The Atlantic City Press and The Daily Journal as the official newspapers for the BBMUA for 2025. m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Johnston to adopt resolution R-8-2025 a resolution designating official newspapers of the BBMUA as the Atlantic City Press and The Daily Journal for the year 2025. m/passed

m/Santagata s/Johnston retain Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr, P.A. as the BBMUA's auditor for the year 2025. m/passed

m/Johnston s/Carolla to adopt resolution R-9-2025 awarding contract for professional services pursuant to the fair and open process to Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr for auditing services for the year 2025 m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Johnston retain DeBlasio & Associates as the BBMUA's Engineer for the year 2025 m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Johnston to adopt resolution R-10-2025 awarding contract for professional services pursuant to the fair and open process to DeBlasio & Associates Engineers for engineering services for the year 2025 m/passed

m/Santagata s/Johnston retain Testa, Heck, Testa & White, P.A. as the BBMUA's solicitor for the year 2025. m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Johnston to adopt resolution R-11-2025 a resolution awarding the contract for professional services pursuant to the fair and open process to Testa, Heck, Testa & White for legal services for the year 2025. m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Santagata retain JP Capizzi Law Office as the BBMUA's bond counsel for the year 2025. m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Santagata adopt resolution R-12-2025 a resolution awarding the contract for professional services pursuant to the fair and open process to JP Capizzi Law Office for bond counsel services for the year 2025. m/passed

The decision on the committees for the year 2025 are being tabled until a later meeting date.

A copy of the Borough of Buena resolution No. 30-25 accepting the resignation of Robert Delano as BBMUA Board Member was provided.

A copy of the Borough of Buena resolution No. 31-25 appointing Dennis Carolla to the position of BBMUA Board Member to fill the unexpired term of Robert Delano was provided.

A copy of Borough of Buena resolution No. 49-25 appointing Ken Barbagli to the position of BBMUA Alternate I to fill the unexpired term of Dennis Carolla was provided.

Mr. Frank Carpino of 517 SW Blvd. was in attendance and spoke during the public portion. Mr. Carpino congratulated all of the Board Members on their positions. Mr. Carpino spoke about his Liberty Village property and how he was extorted and was stonewalled by the BBMUA Board prior to this current board. Mr. Carpino asked for the opportunity to for the new board to listen to the facts and to try to straighten this matter out before he files his complaint with the Court. Mr. Carpino said that he was told that Covid wasn't real by member Johnston and basically to pay what he owes. Mr. Johnston stated that he did not say Covid wasn't real. Mr. Johnston said what he did say was that Covid did not affect Mr. Carpino any differently than anyone else. Chairman Romeo asked Mr. Carpino to send an email to him, Vice-Chairman Santagata and Secretary Santore requesting a meeting. Solicitor Michael Testa Sr. asked to be included on the email and to include evidence in the email with his complaints. Mr. Carpino said he didn't feel he needed to include evidence because he was not going to pay an attorney to send the email. Mr. Testa again requested he include the evidence with the email.

A copy of the proposed contract for Engineering Services for execution in accordance with the response to the Request for Qualifications was provided. The contract is for the period February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.

David Horst of DeBlasio & Associates reviewed the engineers report submitted by Marc DeBlasio dated February 12, 2025 providing updates on grant applications, capital projects for the wastewater NJPDES permit review, materials/services specifications, High Grass Farms water and sanitary sewer application, Buena Vista Campground sanitary sewer review and Buena Connection Brewing Co. water and sanitary sewer application. High Grass Farms & Buena Connection Brewing Co. have provided test sample results to the engineers and they have been shared with Alan Zorzi, BBMUA

Plant Superintendent. The Buena Connection Brewing Co is not operational as of yet. Interim agreements have been established and those companies are complying with the interim agreements.

DeBlasio & Associates are requesting the MUA provide their office with an I-Bank Drinking Water Projects scope of work in order for them to prepare a proposal to make application to the NJ I-Bank.

A copy of the contract for Legal Services for execution in accordance with the response to the Request for Qualifications was provided. The contract is for the period February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.

Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr thanked the board for the reappointment as the BBMUA's Auditor for the incoming year. He informed the board that his contract was provided for execution in accordance with the response to the Request for Qualifications. The contract is for the period February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.

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

Jason Capizzi of JP Capizzi Law Office forwarded the proposed contract for execution in accordance with the response to the Request for Qualifications and needs to be executed. The contract is for the period February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.

Rio Supply provided the annual Neptune 360 software subscription invoice in the amount of \$4,724.73 and the annual premium support in the amount of \$3,000.00 for a total support and software cost of \$7,724.73 for 2025. This is the software and equipment that we use to read our water meters.

m/Johnston s/Marinacci to approve the purchase of the annual support and software subscriptions in the total amount of \$7,724.73 for 2025 from Rio Supply, Inc. m/passed

m/Santagata s/Johnston to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on January 22, 2025. m/passed

Frank Carpino asked if High Grass Farms operations are being held up and are not allowed to dispense their effluent into the sewer plant. Mr. Carpino was told they are allowed to dispense their domestic waste into the system but their effluent from

operations is being handled per the Interim Agreement that was agreed to by High Grass Farms and the BBMUA. High Grass Farms is operating.

Assistant Plant Superintendent, Jonathan Erber, presented a quote from Bayview Bearing & Supply, LLC for an SEW Reducer and a 2 HP Severe Duty Electric Motor for the Hydrodyne Screen & Compactor in the amount of \$3,095.00. Bayview Bearing is the only supplier of these materials and therefore three quotes could not be obtained.

m/Johnston s/Marinacci to approve the purchase of the SEW Reducer and a 2 HP Severe Duty Electric Motor for the Hydrodyne Screen & Compactor from Bayview Bearing & Supply LLC in the amount of \$3,095.00 m/passed

A CVA Quote was received from Foley CAT providing information on an agreement which provides a discount on all preventive maintenance services through the CVA. We used to belong to this program but when it expired were never told that it was still in existence. Some of the advantages of the CVA include 30% off of labor for preventive maintenance services, a \$600.00 flat rate travel time and mileage charge, and locked in pricing. This is basically a maintenance agreement that will save us money.

m/Johnston s/Carolla to approve signing up for the maintenance agreement with Foley CAT for all preventive maintenance services on the 930M Loader. m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Johnston to accept and file all correspondence sent out for review without reading numbered 1 through 16. m/passed

m/Santagata s/Johnston to pay all bills presented for the month of February 2025. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on February 26, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

m/Marinacci s/Johnston to adjourn the meeting 6:29 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary