

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on March 12, 2014 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 John Brunini.

Those present were:

J. Brunini	M. Feaster
R. Baker	C. Santore
C. Mielke	A. Zorzi
J. DuBois	

Chairman Brunini informed the board that he, alternate board member Jim DuBois and plant superintendent Alan Zorzi met with Mr. Kim Curtin who works for a company by the name of Solis Partners Inc. They are a solar developing company who is interested in developing a solar project for the BBMUA. They had an informational meeting and Solis provided a lot of information and guidance on how to move forward with a solar project. Mr. Curtin is looking into different possibilities. He spoke with Atlantic City Electric and feels confident that both the solar project at the plant and the previously discussed solar project on the Donato property that would supply the Buena Regional School District would not be a problem. Mr. Curtin will be putting a proposal together and come in front of the board with this proposal. Chairman Brunini asked Mr. Curtin to contact our solicitor Michael Testa to discuss his thoughts and concerns. Hopefully we will have some direction at our next meeting.

A decision needs to be made on the water rates. BBMUA Auditor Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr will be meeting with Cheryl Santore to provide guidance to her while working on the rates. There will be information to provide to the board at the next regular meeting.

A copy of Newfield National Bank's GUDPA Certificate dated December 31, 2013 was received for our records.

A letter was received from Sprint/Nextel regarding the termination of the lease agreement signed on May 23, 2001. This letter as well as a copy of the lease agreement has been forwarded to Michael Testa Jr. for his review and will be discussed at the next regular meeting. This would result in a loss of over approximately \$19,000.00 per year.

m/Mielke s/Baker to approve the treasurer's report as read.

m/passed

Customers have been asking for some time if we accept credit cards. Cheryl Santore, Secretary/Treasurer has been looking into what it would take to be able to accept credit cards. She has been contacted by a company named Govolution who is affiliated with Susquehanna Bank and is continually working toward this goal. Ms. Santore will be contacting our Auditor as well as requesting names of clients in the area that she can contact to see how they accept payments. The board had a few questions that they would like her to ask of Govolution. This is an ongoing project and there will be further discussions at up coming meetings. Prior to any implementation all documents will be reviewed by the BBMUA Solicitor.

m/Baker s/Mielke to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on February 26, 2014

m/passed

Plant Superintendent, Alan Zorzi, received a letter from Terry Beym, Acting Section Chief for the State of NJ DEP Office of Permit Management indicating that on August 31, 2014 our NJPDES permit will expire and a renewal application is needed.

Dennis Yoder of Remington, Vernick & Walberg submitted the renewal for the NJPDES permit to the State of NJ DEP on March 4, 2014.

The septage pump that was going bad a few months ago finally stopped working. To replace this pump it will cost approximately \$5,390.00. One quote was received and we are waiting for three other quotes to come in. An order will have to be placed prior to the next meeting.

When Mr. Zorzi called U.S. Central Systems to enter the new employee into the alarm system on the well houses he was informed that an upgrade will be implemented soon. If we upgrade now the cost will be cheaper and will cost a total of \$600.00 for both the wells. The board agreed that the upgrade should be done sooner rather than later.

Jeff Pace of Minotola Fire Company contacted Alan Zorzi regarding the fire hydrant that the Fire Company would like to install. They had an engineer out there to design the system and contacted Alan to make sure that any issues or comments are addressed. Mr. Zorzi informed the fire company that the hydrant should be metered due to State mandated limits and reports that are required to be filed with the State. He also stated that the BBMUA needs to be notified when the hydrant will be utilized because of brown water complaints as well as the possibility of affecting the water pressure on the line. The fire company was also informed there may even have to be a contract drawn up that specifies how the hydrant is used. The board told Mr. Zorzi to call Mr. Pace back and tell them that once their design is complete that they need to come in front of the board and the BBMUA's engineer for review, recommendations and approval. The main goal is to make sure that nothing detrimental happens to our existing lines.

The new plant employee, Jim Harris, began working on Monday, March 10, 2014. He is doing very well.

The septage for January 2014 was 11,000 gallons less than January of 2013. February septage totals are not in yet.

m/Mielke s/Baker to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 4. m/passed

m/Baker s/Mielke to pay all bills presented for the month of March 2014. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on March 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Mielke s/Feaster to adjourn the meeting 8:02 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary