

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on April 14, 2021 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 no one being allowed to gather in large groups in person per order of the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the President of the United States of America.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Santagata.

Those present were:

R. Baker	J. Santagata
R. Delano	C. Santore
J. Formisano	A. Zorzi
J. Johnston	

Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick sent an email to Michael Itri providing a copy of payment certificate #2 for his signature for the pump station upgrades project. This payment will be approved on tonight's bill list.

Dennis Yoder of Remington & Vernick sent an email regarding federal grant opportunities for fiscal year 2021. Mr. Yoder feels it may be worth submitting an application for the septage receiving station or upgrades to the plant water system for the future. The BBMUA board was very interested in having Remington & Vernick apply on the BBMUA's behalf. Robert Delano asked how much Remington & Vernick would charge to submit an application on behalf of the BBMUA. The board decided to approve Remington & Vernick to submit an application on behalf of the BBMUA for a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. The application deadline is April 28, 2021. Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl Santore will call Robert Smith of Remington & Vernick to ask how much they will charge and express the interest of the BBMUA in applying for the federal grant and inform him that the board approved them to file on the BBMUA's behalf for a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.

m/Delano s/Baker to allow Remington & Vernick to apply for federal grants for a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00
m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano adopt Resolution R-16-2021 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/Delano s/Baker to open the executive closed session meeting at 7:07 pm. m/passed

m/Formisano s/Baker to close the executive closed session meeting and return to regular session at 7:15 pm. m/passed

m/Delano s/Formisano to hire Nicholas Montgomery for the position of plant operator that was advertised in The Daily Journal and the Atlantic County Record in February and March 2021 at a pay rate of \$19.74/hour or 60% of the non-licensed operator salary set forth under the current union contract.

Secretary Cheryl Santore provided the board with a copy of the GUDPA Certificate from Newfield National Bank for the year ended December 31, 2020 for the record.

Ms. Santore provided an email from the NJUAIJF to the board regarding COVID-19 Vaccines & Cannabis Legislation for review. Chairman Santagata stated that the Cannabis Legislation does not pertain to the BBMUA and that they will follow the State guidelines regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.

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

Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl Santore reminded the BBMUA Board that it is time to file the annual Financial Disclosure Statements. The filing deadline is April 30, 2021 and they must be filed or fines may be imposed by the State.

m/Baker s/Delano to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on March 24, 2021. m/passed

m/Baker s/Formisano to approve the purchase of the upgraded software for the Op10 & Antero programs from AllMax Software in the amount of \$1,000.00 m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi informed the board that he needs to purchase a new septage pump, 2 impellers, and 2 suction plates. We have been taking in more septage and cleaning the septage pit more frequently due to the number of loads we are accepting and the compost building that holds the sludge is holding it but is almost filled to capacity. Hopefully we can continue to take the amounts of septage that we are currently experiencing. However, with the increase in septage comes the increase in processing and maintenance costs. Once the weather changes and dries out a little bit the septage intake slows down, but with the wet winter we had we are bringing in a lot of septage right now. Mr. Zorzi is in the process of obtaining three quotes but the one quote they have received at this time is \$6,150.00 for the pump, \$1,145.00 for the impellers and \$2,784.00 for the suction plates for a total of \$10,079.00. This cost is without the freight. Mr. Zorzi is still waiting on two other quotes but since time of the essence when ordering these parts he is requesting the board's approval on this.

m/Formisano s/Delano to purchase a new septage pump, 2 impellers and 2 suction plates in the amount of \$10,079.00. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 6. m/passed

m/Baker s/Johnston to pay all bills presented for the month of April 2021. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on April 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Delano s/Formisano to adjourn the meeting 7:24 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary