

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on May 11, 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 Borough offices being displaced due to renovations.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Santagata.

Those present were:

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

Chairman Santagata received a letter from Patricia Keeper of the ACUA submitting three copies of the 2022 Laboratory Services Contract and a copy of their resolution 22-3-77. The contract has been executed and all three copies have been returned to the ACUA for their signatures and executions.

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

Secretary Cheryl Santore informed the board that she received an email from Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa and Knorr regarding the new Local Finance Notice 2022-11 pertaining to residential water, sewer & electric arrearages. Mr. Testa recommends reviewing the requirements included in the Local Finance Notice with the Solicitor to set out a plan to comply with the requirements. Ms. Santore forwarded this email to the Solicitors Mr. Casella and Mr. Testa at Testa, Heck, Testa & White to obtain their feedback.

Ms. Santore received an email from John Smith of Mantis Innovation (formerly Energy Market Exchange) regarding holding the online energy auction. Mr. Smith is suggesting holding an energy auction where pricing will begin in June 2023. The auction is

scheduled to run in two weeks. Our current contract will expire in August of 2022; however, Mr. Smith feels that we should turn back over to the utility company which is Atlantic City Electric from the period of August 2022 until June 2023 when the new energy contract will take effect. He feels the price to do this will be comparable to what we will get with an auction that would start now. Therefore, if the board is in agreement, we will need to adopt resolution R-15-2022 which authorizes the purchase of electricity supply services for public use on an online auction website.

m/Johnston s/Formisano to adopt resolution R-15-2022 Authorizing the Purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website. m/passed

m/Delano s/Johnston to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on April 27, 2022. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi submitted a letter to Chairman Joseph Santagata regarding an emergency purchase of repairs to Well No. 2. On May 3, 2022 the 100 horse power pump motor failed and was taken out of service. This well is the second largest production well and is critical for the potable water supply to meet system demands to service the BBMUA's daily water demands to the Borough of Buena and Buena Vista Township. AC Schultes was called out on May 4, 2022 for the emergency and they removed the pump motor, installed a temporary motor and will be evaluating the motor that was removed. The estimated repair cost is \$25,000.00.

m/Delano s/Johnston to adopt resolution R-16-2022 ratifying the award of an emergency purchase contract for an emergency repair on well no. 2 by AC Schultes Inc. for an estimated amount of \$25,000.00. m/passed

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

m/Delano s/Johnston to pay all bills presented. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on May 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Johnston s/Delano to adjourn the meeting 7:13 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary