

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on May 28, 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	S. Testa
R. Baker	C. Santore	K. Curtin, Solis Partners
C. Mielke	A. Zorzi	B. Guglielmo
F. Soto	R. Smith	
J. DuBois	M. Testa Jr.	

Chairman Brunini presented Robert Guglielmo with a plaque for his 26 years of service to the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority. Mr. Guglielmo retired from the BBMUA as of January 31, 2014. The Board wishes him the best of luck in his retirement.

Chairman Brunini informed the board that Alternate board member #1, Jim DuBois, is resigning effective June 1, 2014. It is with utmost regret that we must accept his resignation. Thank you for your many years of service. Mr. DuBois said the leadership of the BBMUA is amazing as well as the office staff and the plant staff.

Mr. Kim Curtin of Solis Partners, Inc. attended tonight's meeting to answer any questions that anyone might have after his proposal at the last meeting. He is requesting that the BBMUA and BRHS send letters to Atlantic City Electric to request capacity for the proposed solar projects. This is not binding in any way for the BBMUA. If the capacity is confirmed and approved by Atlantic City Electric then he would like permission to file the interconnect permit. The BBMUA Solicitor, Michael Testa Jr. stated that if the BBMUA was going to purchase energy on an adjacent piece of property to our plant from Solis Partners, that would have to be done through a bidding process. There is another proposal, phase 2 so to speak, that would place solar panels on a portion of the Donato Property to supply energy to the Buena Regional School District for the high school and middle school. This needs to be looked into further by our Solicitor. There would have to be a process where that property would be deemed no longer available for public use.

Mr. Testa is conducting further research on this second phase. Per Mr. Testa as far as the so called phase 1 on the Levari Property goes there are no issues at all other than bidding on the energy purchased.

Robert Smith of Remington, Vernick & Walberg informed the board that an email was received from Kim Miller of Level-1 Construction by Kevin McMullan addressing the issues listed on the punch list for the BBMUA Wastewater Treatment Project maintenance period. These issues are all being addressed as stated in the email.

Mr. Smith informed the board that Jessica Norkis of Remington, Vernick & Walberg provided a copy of the public notification letters to the Planning Board and Environmental Commission of the Borough of Buena in regard to the TWA Permit Application revision filed for the UV Elimination.

A proposal was submitted by Edward Walberg of Remington, Vernick & Walberg for engineering services to prepare the necessary submittals for the modification of the NJDPES Permit for the increase to the wastewater treatment discharge on behalf of the BBMUA. The proposed fee to complete the work is for a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 without permitting fees.

m/Mielke s/Baker to appropriate a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 for engineering fees to prepare the necessary submittals for the modification of the NJDPES Permit for the wastewater treatment increase in discharge. m/passed

Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing, Testa & Knorr informed the board that he has provided the client engagement letter for the 2013 Audit. The audit field work has just begun and is underway.

m/Baker s/Soto to approve BBMUA Secretary Treasurer, Cheryl Santore, to attend a course offered by Rutgers Continuing Studies for Introduction to Accounting in the amount of \$469.00. The class will be every Wednesday evening beginning July 9 through August 6 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Bowman & Company in Voorhees. m/passed

Due to the rise in electricity costs EMEX would like to run another public online auction for electric rates now instead of in November when the current contract expires. The BBMUA is under no obligation to accept any bid, however, we need to pass this resolution which authorizes EMEX to hold the auction.

m/Baker s/Mielke to adopt resolution R-14-2014 authorizing the purchase of electricity supply services for public use on an online auction website. m/passed

m/Baker s/Mielke to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on April 23, 2014.

Roll Call: Baker – yes; Mielke - abstain; Soto – yes; DuBois – yes; Feaster – yes Brunini – abstain m/passed

m/Baker s/Mielke to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 14, 2014.

Roll Call: Baker – yes; Mielke - yes; Soto – abstain; DuBois – yes; Feaster – yes Brunini – yes m/passed

Alan Zorzi, Plant Superintendent informed the board that he sent an email to Dennis Yoder of Remington, Vernick & Walberg with TDS samples that were collected back in 2011 in anticipation of the NJDEP requirements.

This week during one of the storms the fermentation recycle VFD main board took a hit which gives the flow rate and runs the entire GE system. Mr. Zorzi called the control guy in and with the help of Ovivo they tried to change out one motherboard with the one that wasn't working. Unfortunately there are 1,000 set points in the VFD. Mr. Zorzi requested the program information for all of the VFDs for the aerators, pumps, and VFDs. Until this information is received it is being run manually. The line that was hit is underground and they are going to put surge protection on that line.

Mr. Zorzi also brought up the issue with the electric poles at the pump stations. Mr. Zorzi had requested that \$17,000.00 be put in the budget to replace these poles. Mr. Zorzi received a new quote from Scalfo Electric to eliminate these poles in the amount of \$14,000.00 if the BBMUA did the trenching and the back filling. The electric would be underground and the poles would be eliminated.

m/Mielke s/Baker to appropriate a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 to Scalfo Electric to eliminate the poles and bury the electric underground at the two pump stations. m/passed

Mr. Zorzi informed the board that the manhole situation is still being worked on. We are still awaiting a list from the Borough of Buena road department. Once the list is received Mr. Zorzi and Mr. Brunini will be having a meeting with the Administrator of the Borough of Buena to rectify this situation.

m/Mielke s/Baker to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 9. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on June 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Mielke s/Soto to adjourn the meeting 8:15 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary