

BOROUGH OF BUENA
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on May 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting notice was provided to The Daily Journal and the Atlantic City Press 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 Chairman David Romeo.

Those present were:

K. Barbagli in at 6:32 pm	M. Bertonazzi	S. Testa
D. Carolla	C. Santore	
J. Marinacci	J. Erber	
D. Romeo	D. Horst	
J. Santagata	R. Casella	

David Horst of DeBlasio & Associates informed the board that he will be retiring, the June 2025 will be his last meeting and that Joe Mohnack will be taking over as the BBMUA Engineer.

Mr. Horst thanked the Board for approving the proposal for the application to the NJ I-Bank Nano Program to be utilized on the rehabilitation of the Water Tower and water main loop in the vicinity of the water tower.

Chairman Romeo provided Mr. Horst with an update on the Buena Campground to bring him up to date on what transpired when he spoke with Buena Vista Township.

Mr. David Horst of DeBlasio & Associates emailed Mr. Douglas DiMeo County Engineer for Atlantic County notifying him that the BBMUA Board decided they would like to enter into an interlocal agreement with Atlantic County for the County's Contractor to relocate the existing water services for 444, 430, 428, and 426 South Brewster Road and for the BBMUA to reimburse the County for this proposed work. Mr. Horst requested that the BBMUA Solicitor Robert Casella send him a sample Interlocal Agreement and he will put the details in. Mr. Horst also stated that he agrees with Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi that the MUA should inspect the work to ensure that they are doing the work to our specifications.

Mr. Horst stated an email was received from Rick Tonetta, Solicitor for the Borough of Buena to Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates requesting he contact the Borough of Buena's professional planner Tiffany Morrissey regarding its 4th round affordable housing fair share plan. Ms. Morrissey had questions regarding sewer capacity including the added capacity the BBMUA received in 2020 as well as the location of the sewer mains utilized for the added capacity. Kate Douglas of DeBlasio & Associates reached out to Jonathan Erber requesting help with the request. Mr. Erber replied stating the system has not had any new extensions or sewer mains installed except for the past Liberty Village project. Mr. Erber also provided the language as listed in our NJDEP discharge permit regarding additional flow: "The facility is classified as a minor discharger by the Department in accordance with the USEPA rating criteria. This permit serves to implement conditions related to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated March 27, 2007 and amended May 26, 2011 amongst the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, the Buena Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (BBMUA), and the Township of Buena Vista. The existing permit is being revoked and reissued to incorporate a final flow phase of 0.6 MGD. Therefore, this final permit action includes limitations for the flow of 0.4 MGD and limitations for a future flow of 0.6 MGD which can be activated at a future date conditional on the Treatment Works Approval (TWA) and Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) amendment being issued and conditional on the facility discharging at a flow greater than 0.4 MGD as a 12-month rolling average for three consecutive months." These requirements have not been met as of this time to increase to our discharge to 600,000 GPD. Mr. Horst forwarded Mr. Erber's response to Ms. Morrissey and reviewed it with her. Ms. Morrissey stated she has all of the information she needs.

Steve Testa of Romano, Hearing Testa & Knorr informed the board that he received the work papers from Maryann Chalow and his office will be beginning the 2023 Audit of the financial statements before the next meeting.

m/Marinacci s/Barbagli to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 14, 2025.
m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Barbagli adopt Resolution R-23-2025 authorizing the meeting of the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority closed to the public to discuss matters of personnel pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8).
m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Carolla to open the executive closed session meeting at 6:42 pm.
m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Carolla to close the executive closed session meeting and return to regular session at 6:44 pm. m/passed

m/Marinacci s/Santagata to adopt resolution R-24-2025 appointing James H. Harris to the position of Assistant Plant Superintendent of the BBMUA effective July 1, 2025. m/passed

Chairman Romeo asked Assistant Superintendent Jonathan Erber if the new pick-up trucks that were purchased last year are set up to plow snow. Mr. Erber stated they are not. The BBMUA currently has three trucks with plows but the two new trucks do not. In the past the BBMUA offered to help the Borough of Buena Road Department with plowing during snow events and were told that we were not needed because that cut into the employee's overtime.

Chairman Romeo stated he would like to have Joseph Santagata and Jerry Marinacci lead the efforts with the contract negotiations with the Teamsters Union. The Chairman would like them to contact Roger Thorson and start negotiations sooner rather than later.

m/Barbagli s/Marinacci to file all correspondence sent out for review without reading number 1 through number 5. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on June 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

m/Marinacci s/Carolla to adjourn the meeting 6:49 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary