

BOROUGH OF BUENA  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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The regular meeting of the BBMUA was held on June 13, 2018 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 Joseph Santagata.

Those present were:

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

At the last regular meeting we tabled the letter from Edward Dennis of Remington, Vernick & Walberg providing a proposal to prepare design documents and provide bid phase and construction phase engineering services and advertisement for a septic receiving station upgrade for an amount not to exceed \$42,500.00. Plant Superintendent, Alan Zorzi updated the board on the pilot study that took place the week of May 28 through June 1, 2018. Paul Bellezza of Sherwood Logan & Associates, Inc. spoke with Mr. Zorzi and Dennis Yoder of Remington, Vernick & Walberg and asked about the Huber system that we were originally quoted on. They explained to Paul about our MBR system and our septage and asked what type of system he would recommend. Mr. Bellezza recommended the Huber RoFAS/WAP Septage Receiving Station which he brought to the BBMUA free of charge for one week to be tested out on our incoming septage to see how it works for us. This system that they brought for the pilot study is one of their best systems. It cleans everything up and will save money that way and could possibly create more septage revenue for the BBMUA. When running the study the system did work very well. However, it is very slow in processing the waste and all of the haulers complained about the time it took to empty their trucks. It caused the backups as far as getting the haulers in and out quickly. What usually takes a hauler 3 minutes to dump a load was taking 25 to 30 minutes. Another drawback was this system has to be indoors in a heated building. This would be an additional cost that we did not count on. Mr. Zorzi said this would end up costing more than we had budgeted. Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl Santore stated that we budgeted \$239,500.00 and that did not

include the engineering costs so that would be additional money we would have to find. Mr. Zorzi stated he knows the pumping stations are coming due and there are more pressing items that need to be addressed. Mr. Zorzi stated he could clean the current system out every month compared to every 2 months and even possibly purchase a vac truck and keep the current system we have now. Especially with the haulers complaining about the time it takes to unload their trucks. You could possibly lose haulers. Chairman Santagata asked what Mr. Zorzi's recommendation would be and Mr. Zorzi said he would table this for a later date.

m/Formisano s/Delano to table the replacement of the septic receiving station upgrade for the future. m/passed

Edward Dennis of Remington, Vernick, & Walberg provided a proposal to provide consulting engineering services for GIS Water Utility Infrastructure System Mapping and Asset Management Plan per New Jersey Water Quality Accountability Act. The total cost of the proposal is \$92,700.00. As the BBMUA Auditor, Steve Testa stated at the last meeting this is a water expense and our water budget is very tight with little to no surplus at the end of each year which is why we can't approve this now and do a budget amendment. Mr. Zorzi stated this is mandatory and a new law. We will receive fines if this is not completed on time. Alan Zorzi stated that he asked the Engineer since the BBMUA operators have to go out and locate the valves and hydrants can we GPS the items and send it to Remington for the reports to save some of the cost. Mr. Delano asked if there is a timeline on this. Cheryl Santore stated that the letter from Remington stated October of 2019, however when Ms. Santore was going over the budget figures for our operating budget and consulting with Mary Ann Chalow on this matter, Ms. Chalow feels the deadline in April 2019. Ms. Santore spoke with Robert Smith about this and he is looking into it further. This will have to be paid for out of the water operating budget and we only budgeted \$21,000.00 for 2018. It may be possible complete this plan in phases. Please note we are unable to approve this at this time due to the fact that we do not have this money in the operating budget.

Secretary Treasurer, Cheryl Santore, provided a sample letter to the board addressed to the residents of Louis Drive notifying them the sanitary sewer extension is complete and they can tie into the system for the board's review and approval. This letter also notifies the residents that they have 90 days from the date of the letter to connect into the system and they will be billed quarterly in the amount of \$136.25 regardless of connection into the system. The practice of billing after 90 days has been past practice with all projects the MUA has done. Currently 4 people paid their connection fees (two located on Central Avenue and two located on Louis Drive. The board was satisfied with the letter and Ms. Santore will be mailing them out tomorrow.

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

The BBMUA participated in an online auction with Energy Market Exchange (EMEX). EMEX received bids from seven different suppliers of energy and it was decided that the best choice for the MUA would be to potentially sign a 24 month agreement with Great Eastern Energy. The proposed rate for electric charges will be \$0.09186 per kWh. This rate is \$0.01736 more than our previous 18 month contract with Source Power and Gas because it does not include the usage at the wastewater treatment plant due to the plant utilizing green energy from the Solar Facility located directly next to the plant.

m/Baker s/Johnston to authorizing the signature of the contract with Great Eastern Energy for the purchase of energy generation services for public use for a period of 24 months at a fixed rate of \$0.09186 per kWh. m/passed

m/Baker s/Delano to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 23, 2018. m/passed

Plant Superintendent Alan Zorzi received a letter from Michele Potter of the State of New Jersey DEP Office of Quality Assurance regarding the 2018 Non-Potable Water Proficiency Test Study. Our laboratory performed acceptably on all parameters it was required to analyze in the study.

Mr. Zorzi also received an email from Eva Deitz of Cambria Solar requesting him to sign the SREC Registration Program Final As-Built Technical Worksheet. Mr. Zorzi spoke with Robert Smith of Remington, Vernick & Walberg and Ben Parvey of Blue Sky Power prior to signing the sheet. They stated it would be ok for Alan to sign the required paperwork and return it to Cambria Solar. A copy was provided to the board for their records.

m/Baker s/Johnston 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 June 2018. m/passed

The next regular meeting will be held on June 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

m/Delano s/Johnston to adjourn the meeting 7:22 p.m. m/passed

Submitted by  
Cheryl Santore-BBMUA Secretary