

Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority Minutes
May 17, 2016

Chairman Bronson called the May 17, 2016 Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority Meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Flag Salute. Attorney McGuckin read the Open Public Meetings Act.

Those in attendance were Walter Bronson, Edward Weirsky Robert Minter and Richard Brown. Committeeman Marinari was also in attendance.

Attorney McGuckin noted that since the PMUA was considering a rate increase and under State law a rate hearing is required. It was advertised and scheduled for this meeting. Under State law a transcript of the rate hearing was required to be recorded by a Court Reporter. Note: A copy of the official transcript will be posted on the PMUA web site.

Peter Ylvisaker gave an overview of why the PMUA was considering the rate increase due to rising contract costs and expenses since the program started in July 2011.

On motion of Mr. Weirsky, seconded by Mr. Minter, to adopt the new rate of \$80 per quarter effective as of July 1, 2016 as published. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

On motion of Mr. Minter, seconded by Mr. Weirsky, the rate hearing was closed. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

The Authority returned to the regular session.

Bill List: On motion of Mr. Minter, seconded by Mr. Weirsky, the Bill List for May 17, 2016 was approved as submitted. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Treasurer's Report: The Regular Account had an opening balance as of April 19th was \$52,525.78 operating expenses of \$31,612.23, deposits of \$21,206.78 with an ending balance of \$42,120.33 on May 17th. On motion of Mr. Weirsky, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Minutes: On motion of Mr. Minter, seconded by Mr. Weirsky, the Minutes of April 19, 2016 were approved as submitted. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes with Mr. Brown abstaining.

T & M Associates Monthly Update on the Sewer System Design: Mr. McKelvey of T&M Associates was in attendance to give a project update. The Preliminary Design Report which outlines the first stage of T&M's report was forwarded to the Authority members. Mr. McKelvey said since submitting the Preliminary Design Report, they have addressed comments that arose. As a result of those discussions there have been some project scope changes made to reduce the construction costs and with these changes the construction costs have been reduced from approximately \$21.5 million to \$19 million. The changes were to reduce some gravity sewer on Evergreen Road and to reengineer the flow of wastewater from the schools, municipal building and library so that this flow would be pumped from the existing school plant, which will be abandoned, by an existing force main to Bright Road where a connection to gravity sewer would be made.

Another significant change was at the treatment plant itself. Originally, it was planned to construct three service trains and this now has been reduced to two. He said based on their estimated flows, he did not feel the third train would be needed at this time but space is provided for a third train if it was needed in the future. Mr. Weirsky noted that the building would accommodate the third train but the equipment would not be put in.

Mr. McKelvey asked the Authority members to review the Preliminary Report and provide any comments so they can respond and hopefully have the report approved at the June meeting so they can proceed to final design.

There was discussion regarding if the sewers would be available when Lennar starts selling their units. Mr. Ylvisaker said he would be meeting with Lennar to get any updates to their schedule.

Chairman Bronson mentioned to Committeeman Marinari that it was time to meet with the Mayor to discuss funding and where we go from here. Mr. Marinari agreed to set up this meeting.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Ylvisaker presented the Authority with an updated memo from Neil Grossman, MUA Financial Advisor, regarding the lower construction budget and what the coverage would be. Mr. Ylvisaker said the coverage ratio is 2.57 based on an all inclusive budget with construction, financing and everything else included.

Chairman Bronson questioned if a letter went out to Van Cleef regarding the apparent discrepancies between T&M's estimate and that of Van Cleef's. Mr. Ylvisaker answered no but a letter would be sent shortly.

Redevelopment Project: Mr. Ylvisaker said he provided the members with an article on vacuum sewers which could work for and save the MUA money. This concept will be looked into further.

New Jersey American Water: Mr. Ylvisaker said he would have a status report from American Water at the June meeting. He said they should be close to point in submitting their water allocation permit to the State to get the well 3rd well operational.

Energy Aggregation: Mr. Minter asked that since it has been a month since the new contract with TriEagle started had there been any feedback good or bad. Mr. Ylvisaker said there was one lingering case with a resident regarding the former Verde contract and he had heard there was some chatter on the internet but personally he had received no negative calls regarding the program or TriEagle. The exception was one resident saying that they had not yet seen Tri Eagle on their JCP&L bill.

Chairman Bronson noted that on NJ.com that Stafford, Manchester and a couple of other towns were now going forward with an Energy Aggregation program. He said that we may in the future get in sync with these communities and go together as one program.

DEP Letter: Mr. Weirsky questioned the PMUA's response to DEP's letter that at this point we were not choosing to submit an amended socio economic response. Mr. Ylvisaker said his response letter left the door open. He did indicate if we did want to amend the socio economic report we would have to hold another public hearing. Mr. Weirsky asked if the engineers were comfortable with the metals because they would not adjust the metals. Mr. Ylvisaker said with the ion exchange included we can meet all the permit requirements. He further noted that based

on the initial operation of the WWTP and what level of metals we see there was some discussion that IX could also be phased in.

Chairman Bronson opened the meeting to the public. Barbara Mislick of Jacobstown Road said she came regarding the rate hike but she also had questions related to the sewer project as she has a personal interest in it. She stated she lives on Jacobstown Road and would like to get more information if the sewers would be by her home and if the residents would have the option of hooking into it or if they would continue using what they have whether it is a septic system or cesspool. She said she would like to learn more about this and was told Mr. Ylvisaker would be the person to talk to.

Chairman Bronson asked for any old or new business. There was none.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Minter and seconded by Mr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2016 at 6:00PM.

Respectively submitted by:

Nancy Hendrickson, Secretary