

Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority Minutes
August 18, 2015

Chairman Walter Bronson called the August 18, 2015 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, Ronald Dancer, Harry Miller and Anthony Esposito. Committeemen Marinari was also in attendance.

Bill List: On motion of Mr. Weirsky, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Bill List for August 18, 2015 was approved as submitted. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Ylvisaker reported the Regular Account had an adjusted opening balance as of July 21st of \$66,622.43, operating expenses of \$33,482.11, deposits of \$12,109.25 with an ending balance on August 18th of \$45,249.57. On motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Weirsky, the Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Minutes: The July 21st minutes were tabled and will be presented at the September 15, 2015 meeting for approval.

Resolutions:

On Motion of Mr. Weirsky, seconded by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. 2016-06, introducing the 2015-2016 Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 was adopted. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. On advice of the auditors, the Annual Operating Budget and Capital Budget will now be accounted for separately.

On motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Weirsky, Resolution No. 2016-07, authorizing the Receipt and Personal Review of the Annual Audit for the Year Ending June 30, 2014 was adopted. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Mr. Dancer wanted a clarification in the audit on Page 14, Note: 6 and the reference to a final agreement related to the existing Interim Shared Service Agreement. Mr. Ylvisaker noted this was a matter that we will need to look into and discuss further.

On motion of Mr. Weirsky, seconded by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. 2016-08, granting approval from the PMUA for an application before the Land Use Board for a Major Subdivision for Block 79, Lot 11 which is not located within the Sewer Service Area of Plumsted Township was adopted. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Energy Aggregation: Mr. Ylvisaker said the Township Committee would need a recommendation from the MUA's subcommittee to award the bid for the Energy Aggregation program. Attorney McGuckin said a motion from the Authority would be appropriate.

Mr. Weirsky reported for the Energy Aggregation subcommittee that since the contract for energy aggregation will be ending in November 2015, RFP's were put out and we received two bids. The two qualifying suppliers were TriEagle Energy and Verde Energy. After evaluating the bids, options and costs, the subcommittee's recommendation was to award the contract to Tri Eagle for the March 2016 start date. As such, the contract with Verde will end in November 2015 and all customers will revert back to JCP&L until March 2016. The bid will be for 21 months which will take us through the following winter season. There will be a little less savings than we currently have at .08752 which is close to our original contract. The estimated JCP&L price as compared to .10187, which is an estimated savings of 14% from the JCP&L price. Mr. Dancer asked if there would be any confusion to the public by reverting back to JCP/L for the four months between the end of the contract with Verde and the start of the new contract with TriEagle. Mr. Chilton, our energy consultant, was in attendance to discuss how this would be presented to the residents. He said one of the required steps in the process was to provide an opt out notification letter which had been done before and the residents are now familiar with. Because there is a gap in the

contract, normally the opt out notification is sent out within a week or two of awarding the contract. He felt that the opt out notification should be sent closer to the end of the term of the contract explaining the process, and if they choose to stay in the program, do nothing or complete and return an opt out letter. He said by waiting to send out the letter, it would be fresh in the residents' minds and they will understand the change with JCP&L in that line item. He also noted that this information could be put on the MUA website. He said if additional outreach is requested, it can be discussed further. Mr. Chilton said the market for GEA has been extremely challenging since January 2014 and this was only the second successful bid they have had in the last year and a half. He further noted the results were better than he had expected.

There was discussion regarding the resolution the Township Committee will adopt at their Special Meeting following the MUA meeting at 7 pm. On the motion of Mr. Weirsky, seconded by Mr. Miller, the MUA recommended the Township Committee accept Tri Eagle Energy's proposal for the March 2016 start date and for a period of 21 months at a cost per kilowatt of .08752 cents. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Solid Waste and Recycling: Mr. Ylvisaker said that the bid has been advertised for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and the bidder's conference is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th. The bids are due on September 29th at 10 am. Three companies have requested bid specs; which are Pinto Brothers, Waste Management and FCI. Mr. Ylvisaker also noted there was an issue with bulk pickup last week which has been resolved.

Redevelopment Project: Mr. Ylvisaker said he now understands from conversations with Ocean County and NJDEP the permit for the Surface Water Discharge and approval of the Ocean County Waste Water Management Plan are expected to be in January 2016 as there were some issues the State and County still need to resolve with the WMP. He noted the procedural process is taking longer than expected. He said the Township received approval from the Local Finance Board for the waiver of the down payment provision for the BAN issue if the Township decides to go that route. Mr. Bronson noted more discussion will follow next month.

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

Mr. Bronson opened the meeting to public comment. Committeeman Marinari felt that notification to the public regarding the continuation of the energy aggregation program should be done prior to the opt out letter being sent out. Mr. Ylvisaker said a press release could be issued and this was agreed to.

A motion was made by Mr. Weirsky and seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2015 at 6:30PM.

Respectively submitted by:

Nancy Hendrickson, Secretary