



Berkeley Township MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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A Public Meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Thursday, **January 27, 2022** at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721. Presided by Chairman Hale-present, Jerome Bollettieri-absent, Edward Cammarato-present, Samuel Cammarato-present via tele-communication, Richard Elliott-present, William McGrath-present, Fred Bekiarian-present.

Also present: Robert Budesa-Attorney, Keith Chiaravallo-Engineer and Michele Nugent-Executive Director.

After the salute to the flag, Ms. Del Conte read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Mr. Hale stated Commissioner Bekiarian will be seated as a voting member for tonight's meeting.

Motion to approve the Public Meeting Minutes and the following reports from the meeting on December 16, 2021: Richard Elliott, second, Samuel Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

- Executive Director's Report
- Engineer's Report
- Attorney's Report

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Samuel Cammarato stated for the six week period (12/18/21-01/28/22) the payroll expenses totaled \$70,736.45 and the operational expenses totaled \$137,605.19. The operational expenses include one payment to Winner Ford totaling \$54,173.00 which was separately authorized by resolution in a prior meeting.

Edward Cammarato and Samuel Cammarato reviewed the first four weeks. Edward Cammarato and Michael Hale reviewed the last two weeks.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Fred Bekiarian, second, William McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Executive Director's Report:

Ol' Eagle-authorize final approval and acceptance of a performance bond:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization for final approval and acceptance of the performance bond for Ol' Eagle. Ol' Eagle is extending the water main on Northern Boulevard for one single family home. The engineer has reviewed the project and recommends final approval. The attorney has reviewed the surety bond. The bond to be accepted is in the total amount of \$19,406.00.

Motion to authorize final approval and acceptance of a performance bond for Ol' Eagle: Richard Elliott, second, Edward Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Award water system emergency repair bid:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization to award Crest Construction Group the water system emergency repair bid. Crest Construction provided references and was the lowest response out of the four bids. Mrs. Nugent reiterated this is only for emergency water services.

Motion to authorize to award Crest Construction Group the water system emergency repair bid: Richard Elliott, second, Edward Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Execute FSD Enterprises' Agreement:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization to execute the FSD Enterprises' Agreement for cellular lease consultant services.

Motion to authorize execution of the FSD Enterprises' Agreement: Richard Elliott, second, Edward Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Award DISH Wireless, LLC. bid and authorize lease negotiations:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization to award DISH Wireless, LLC. the bid and lease negotiations for antenna space on the Station Road Tower. The lease negotiations are for five year leases renewable up to four times with an annual 3% increase.

Motion to award the bid to DISH Wireless, LLC. and authorize the lease negotiations: Richard Elliott, second, Edward Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Nugent referred to the Progress Report and presented the highlights:

- Phase VII Water Main Project – Nine easements were received and valued at between \$750.00 and \$1,950.00. A meeting will be scheduled with the Authority Attorney and Engineer on acquiring the easement acquisitions.
- 4th Quarter Billing – \$452,968.42 for 3,701 customers.
- Extension of Covid Mandates: The Governor has extended the Covid mandates. The original grace period is extended through March 15, 2022. The Authority did not participate in the January 2022 Township lien sale.
- Bids – The professional appointments were prepared and advertised for the 2022 re-organization meeting.
- AT&T Station Road Lease Amendment – AT&T submitted a request for an on-site generator. A lease amendment is being negotiated.
- NJUA JIF Safety Kickoff Breakfast – Scheduled for February 23, 2022, may be canceled.
- CD Investments Purchased – CDs were purchased.

Mrs. Nugent stated there will be Executive Session following tonight's meeting.

Engineer's Report:

Phase VII Water System Improvements:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated the Phase VII permit application is under review at the State. CME continues to prepare information for the NJIB.

Northern Boulevard Tank Rehabilitation:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated CME continues with the submittals required for the NJIB application.

Solar Energy System Feasibility Study:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated he met with the Solar Committee to discuss the scope of work for the Power Purchase Agreement.

Annual Engineer's Report:

Mr. Chiaravallo presented the Annual Engineering's Report which is a summary of work that occurred during 2021 and provides a brief description of the Plant operations.

Accountant's Report:

Will present at the next meeting.

Attorney's Report:

Appraisal Report for Easements:

Mr. Budesa stated he received the appraisal reports for the nine Phase VII easements. He will contact the property owners to initiate.

Committee Report:

Old Business:

Mr. Samuel Cammarato presented the Solar Committee report. Included in the report was the possibility of utilizing electric powered trucks. A discussion ensued among the Board Members. The conversation was tabled until the next month's meeting (February 2022).

New Business:

No Report.

Motion to open the public portion: Edward Cammarato, second, Richard Elliott. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Chairman Hale stated there are no members of the general public in attendance.

Motion to close public portion: Richard Elliott, second, Frederick Bekiarian. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Executive Session:

Motion to open: Edward Cammarato, second, Richard Elliott. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Topics Discussed:

Employee request for extension of leave

Authorize employee Covid stipend

Motion to close: Richard Elliott, second, Fred Bekiarian. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

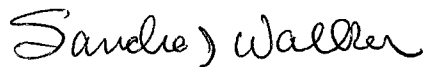
Motion to re-open public portion: Edward Cammarato, second, Richard Elliott. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve employee request for extension of medical leave: Edward Cammarato, second, Richard Elliott. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Motion to authorize employee Covid stipend: Edward Cammarato, second, Fred Bekiarian. All in Favor. Roll Call. Edward Cammarato-yes, Samuel Cammarato-yes, Richard Elliott-abstained, Fred Bekiarian-yes, Michael Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sandra J Walker
Office Clerk

The next meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority located at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721.