

**OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
January 16, 2013**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of January 16, 2013 was called to order at 7:14 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Galante.

Announcement: Chairman Galante announced that this meeting is being held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice has been given to the newspapers and notice of the meeting has been posted in public places.

Roll Call: Present:
Thomas Galante, Chairman
Edward Testino, Vice Chairman
Kiran Desai, Secretary
Richard Greene, Treasurer
Rocco Donatelli, Commissioner
Reginald Butler, 1st Alternate – Assistant Secretary
Anita Greenberg, 2nd Alternate - Assistant Treasurer

Absent:
None

Also present:
Guy Donatelli, Executive Director
Michael Roy, P.E.
Stephen A. Florek II, Comptroller
Louis E. Granata, Esq.

Executive Director's
Report: Guy Donatelli, Executive Director

Monthly Water Distribution and Drinking Water Analysis
Executive Director Donatelli discussed the Drinking Water Analysis-Monthly Coliform Summary Report Form from Precision Labs and the Monthly Water Distribution totals for November and December 2012.

Union Negotiations
Executive Director Donatelli stated that the Authority and the union have reached an agreement for a new three-year contract. All language changes have been settled, and the only outstanding issue is pay increases. Yaacov Brisman, the labor attorney, will discuss a possible settlement in Executive Session.

Service Agreement with the Township of Old Bridge

Executive Director Donatelli stated that a meeting was held with Mayor Owen Henry on January 9, 2013 to discuss the following issues:

- a) Crossroads cost sharing – the Township has a major piece of property that will benefit from the installation of the sewer.
- b) Manzo/Transco Bonds – it is a mutual understanding that Mr. Granata will be contacting Mark Roselli, Township Attorney, to discuss accomplishing cost sharing. The cost for Township review of subdivisions has not been resolved.

Personnel Hiring

Executive Director Donatelli stated that he is recommending the following candidates to be hired as employees in the Water Division: Joshua Lynn and Vincent Pscolka.

A motion to hire Joshua Lynn and Vincent Pscolka in the Water Division was made by Mr. Galante and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Greene, Testino, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

NO PARTICIPATION: Desai

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 No Participation 0 Absent

2013/January 2014 OBMUA Schedule of Meetings

Executive Director Donatelli stated that if the Commissioners agreed with the proposed schedule of meetings, he would have it published.

There was no objection to the proposed schedule of meetings for 2013. A motion to approve the Executive Director’s Report was made by Mr. Galante and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Desai, Greene, Testino, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

NO PARTICIPATION: Donatelli

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 No Participation 0 Absent

Chairman's Report: Mr. Galante appointed Commissioners Greene and Testino to the Committee in charge of reviewing Professional Qualifications.

Mr. Roy stated that Professional Qualifications were due on January 30, 2013.

Previous Minutes: None

Engineering Reports: Michael Roy, P.E.
Reports on Developers for Approval:

None

Superintendent's Report: Al Lunkenheimer, Superintendent Sewer Division

A motion to approve the Superintendent's Report (December 2012) was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded by Mr. Desai.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Desai, Donatelli, Greene, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

ABSENT FROM THE PODIUM: Testino

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent From the Podium 0 Absent

Engineering Reports: Michael Roy, P.E.
None

Financial Report: Stephen A. Florek II, Comptroller
None

Legal Report: Louis E. Granata, Esq.
Mr. Granata stated that his report with respect to ongoing litigation would be given in Executive Session.

Bills & Claims: A motion to approve Bills & Claims in the amount of \$1,711,033.75 was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Desai.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Desai, Donatelli, Greene, Testino, Galante

NAYS: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Old Business: **Brunetti Oaks at Glenwood Development – Status**
To be discussed in Executive Session.

Recharge Basin Study – Status

Mr. Roy stated that there have been meetings to discuss options for use of the property and there will be a presentation in the future.

Manzo Boulevard – Request to Notify Bonding Company

Mr. Roy stated that this will be handled by the attorneys.

New Business: None

Open to Public: Mr. Abraham, representing the Brunetti Organization, was anticipating that the Brunetti application (Toby Gardens) would be considered by the Commissioners this evening.

Mr. Roy stated that the submission of the application occurred too late for consideration at this night's meeting. The application must be presented three weeks prior to the next meeting. If the application is complete, it would be reported upon prior to the February 20, 2013 meeting.

Mayor Henry stated that he believes that he has shown his commitment to the OBMA with an exclusion of a revenue source from this Authority in the forthcoming Township of Old Bridge budget. Monies not taken from the OBMUA was to offset rate increases to ratepayers.

With respect to the Wal-Mart easement, he stated that the Township Attorney is completing the documents.

Referring to the Manzo/Transco matter, he questions how this has gone so far that improvements have to be made based on a bond issued in 2001.

He believes that with respect to the subdivision reviews, waiver of in-house fees must be a two-way street. If the Township is already waiving a \$1.3 million contribution from the OBMUA, isn't that enough to waive.

Mayor Henry stated that as a result of a major vehicle accident on Rt. 9, a major privately owned pump station was rendered out of commission. The response from the MUA was efficient and professional, and a crisis was averted.

Mayor Henry stated that he is looking forward to a good year. He emphasized that pressure should be put on the MUA to be held accountable for the recent increase in sewer rates.

Seeing no further hands Chairman Galante closed the public portion.

Executive Session: A motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Donatelli.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Desai, Donatelli, Greene, Testino, Galante

NAYS: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Prior to the roll call vote the following statement was made.

Mr. Desai expressed his gratitude to the members of the Township Council who had appointed him Commissioner and to the entire staff of the OBMUA for their respect, assistance and cooperation during his tenure. He is grateful for having had the opportunity to serve the residents of the Township of Old Bridge.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

During Executive Session Mr. Granata discussed Brunetti litigation and pending litigation. Yaacov Brisman, labor attorney, discussed union negotiations.

Land Appraiser

Mr. Granata recommended that John DeRosa be hired to perform the appraisal with respect to the acquisition of the easements in connection with the Higgins Road/Rt. 516 tank connection.

A motion to hire John DeRosa to perform the appraisal with respect to the acquisitions of the easements in connection with the Higgins Road/Rt. 516 tank connection as recommended was made by Mr. Testino and seconded by Mr. Desai.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Desai, Greene, Testino, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

NO PARTICIPATION: Donatelli

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 No Participation 0 Absent

Prior to the roll call vote the following discussion took place. Dr. Greenberg asked what the condition of the road would be. Mr. Roy responded that most of the work would be tunneled.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. was made by Mr. Testino and seconded by Mr. Desai.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Desai, Donatelli, Greene, Testino, Galante

NAYS: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Respectfully submitted:

Arthur Haney, Secretary (since reorganization meeting 2/6/13)