

**OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REORGANIZATION MEETING
February 6, 2013**

Call to Order: The Reorganization Meeting of February 6, 2013 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Louis Granata, Esq.

Mr. Granata 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:
Rocco Donatelli, Commissioner
Thomas Galante, Commissioner
Richard Greene, Commissioner (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Arthur Haney, Commissioner
Edward Testino, Commissioner
Reginald Butler, 1st Alt. Commissioner
Anita Greenberg, 2nd Alt. Commissioner

Absent:
None

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

Mr. Granata announced that this is the reorganization of the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority.

Election of Officers of OBMUA – One Year Term Ending January 31, 2014

Chairman: A motion to nominate Thomas Galante as Chairman was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Haney, Testino, Butler, Galante.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Greene.

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Vice Chairman: A motion to nominate Edward Testino as Vice-Chairman was made by Mr. Galante and seconded by Mr. Donatelli.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Haney, Testino, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Greene

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Secretary: A motion to nominate Arthur Haney as Secretary was made by Mr. Galante and seconded by Mr. Testino.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Haney, Testino, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Greene

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Asst. Secretary: A motion to nominate Reginald Butler as Assistant Secretary was made by Mr. Testino and seconded by Mr. Donatelli.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Haney, Testino, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Greene

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Treasurer A motion to nominate Richard Greene as Treasurer was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded by Mr. Testino.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Haney, Testino, Butler, Galante.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Greene

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Asst. Treasurer A motion to nominate Anita Greenberg as Assistant Treasurer was made by Mr. Galante and seconded by Mr. Testino.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Haney, Testino, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Greene

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

General Counsel: A motion to appoint Louis Granata, Esq., as General Counsel was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

Special Counsel: A motion to appoint McManimon & Scotland, LLC and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A. as Special Counsel was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Testino.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

Labor Counsel: A motion to appoint Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri & Jacobs LLC as Labor Counsel was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded Mr. Testino.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

- Bond Counsel: A motion to appoint Gluck Walrath LLP as Bond Counsel was made by Mr. Testino and seconded by Mr. Butler.
- The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.
- Bankruptcy Attorney: A motion to appoint Scarinci Hollenbeck and McKenna, DuPont, Higgins & Stone as Bankruptcy Attorneys was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Testino.
- The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.
- Auditor: A motion to appoint Hodulik & Morrison, P.A., as Auditor was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded by Mr. Butler.
- The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.
- Actuarial: A motion to appoint AON Hewitt as Actuary was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Testino.
- The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.
- Financial Advisor: A motion to appoint Acacia Financial Group as Financial Advisor was made by Mr. Testino and seconded by Mr. Butler.
- The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.
- Training Specialist: A motion to appoint Skyline Environmental, Inc., as Training Specialist was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Donatelli.
- The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.
- Computer Maintenance Specialist: A motion to appoint PC Visions as Computer Maintenance Specialist was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Galante.
- The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.
- Insurance Agent/Health Insurance: A motion to appoint Government Risk Management Assoc. as Insurance Agent/Health Insurance was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Donatelli.
- The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.
- Insurance Agent: A motion to appoint Volk Insurance Group as Insurance Agent was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Donatelli.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

Consulting Engineer: A motion to appoint R3M Engineering, Inc., as
Sewer Division: Consulting Engineer for the Sewer Division was made by Mr. Galante and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

Consulting Engineer: A motion to appoint CME Associates as Consulting
Water Division Engineer for the Water Division was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Donatelli.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

Consulting Engineer: A motion to appoint Alaimo Associates as Special Projects
Special Projects: Consulting Engineers was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

Board Secretary: A motion to appoint Patricia Greene as Board Secretary was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded by Mr. Testino.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote with the exception of Mr. Greene, who abstained.

Alternate Board Secretary: A motion to appoint Michael Roy as Alternate Board Secretary was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

Bank Depositories: A motion to appoint Amboy National Bank; Bank of America; Chase Bank; Columbia Bank; Kearny Savings Bank; New Jersey Cash Management Fund; Provident Bank; Sun National Bank; and TD Bank as Bank Depositories was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Donatelli.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

Affirmative Action Authorized Signatories: A motion to appoint Guy Donatelli, Executive Director; Michael Roy, Engineer; and Stephen A. Florek II, Comptroller, as Affirmative Action Authorized Signatories was made by Mr. Testino and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote with the exception of Mr. Donatelli, who abstained.

Certifying Agents: A motion to appoint Guy Donatelli, Executive Director; Michael Roy, Engineer; and Stephen A. Florek II, Comptroller, as Certifying Agents was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Testino.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote with the exception of Mr. Donatelli, who abstained.

DEP Documents Authorized Signatories: A motion to appoint Guy Donatelli, Executive Director and Michael Roy, Engineer, as DEP Documents Authorized Signatories was made by Mr. Testino and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote with the exception of Mr. Donatelli, who abstained.

Newspapers: A motion to appoint The Home News Tribune, The Asbury Park Press and The Star Ledger as official newspapers was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Greene.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

Public Portion: Several residents of Cheesequake Village addressed the Commissioners with respect to delaying the date on which interest charges on late payments may be accrued. They also object to the high water and sewer rates.

Mr. Florek stated that the date on which interest begins to accrue is set by State Statute.

Dr. Greenberg stated that she objects to the “pass through” rates from Middlesex Water and the Middlesex Water Utilities Authority. She questions if those budgets are scrutinized for possible savings.

Mr. Galante expressed his intention to appoint Mr. Testino and Dr. Greenberg to a task force to face Middlesex County with the concerns of the residents of the Township of Old Bridge.

Mr. Haney stated that pressure can be brought upon the Board of Chosen Freeholders to attempt to persuade the MCUA to create more efficiency in its budget. He added that reductions in water/sewer rates for seniors would have to be accomplished

through the State Legislature.

Mr. Greene stated that the MUA is being proactive, but the MCUA sets the sewer rates. The most recent sewer rate increase was based on an anomaly which occurred at a facility of the MCUA when a large amount of waste was measured at that facility. The MUA challenged the increase, and as a result, there may be a future reduction of costs. A large percentage of water provided to the residents of Old Bridge comes from a private company, Middlesex Water. All “pass through” water increases from the MUA have originated from this company, not from increased labor or operating costs.

Mayor Henry stated that the MUA is responsible for the residents of Old Bridge paying the highest water/sewer rates in the surrounding towns. He holds the MUA responsible for the current rates and suggests reducing health care costs, legal and professional fees.

He has received a letter from Middlesex County Department of Infrastructure Management stating that the Crossroads sewer connection is being denied by the NJDEP.

Mr. Roy responded that a NJDEP Treatment Works Approval for its construction has already been received. Middlesex County bypasses the MUA as the Sewer Authority in Old Bridge and sends all of the correspondence to the Township. Mr. Rizzo received the letter and contacted the MUA for a meeting

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 7:35 p.m. by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Greene.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Arthur M. Haney, Secretary