

**OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 13, 2013**

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of March 13, 2013 was called to order at 7:00 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 (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)  
Arthur Haney, Secretary  
Richard Greene, Treasurer  
Rocco Donatelli, Commissioner  
Reginald Butler, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate – Assistant Secretary  
Anita Greenberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate - Assistant Treasurer
- Absent:  
None
- Also present:  
Michael Roy, P.E.  
Stephen A. Florek II, Comptroller  
Louis E. Granata, Esq.
- Executive Director's Report: **Monthly Water Distribution and Drinking Water Analysis**  
Executive Director Donatelli discussed the Drinking Water Analysis-Monthly Coliform Summary Report Form from the Garden State Laboratories and the Monthly Water Distribution for February 2013.
- Disinfection Byproduct Rule (MCL Exceedance)**  
Executive Director Donatelli reported that a meeting was held on March 5, 2013 at the Madison Park Firehouse with members of the MUA staff and representatives of the DEP. Facts were presented to several residents in attendance along with solutions which are being explored and implemented for the area north of Perrine Road, the only area in the Township of Old Bridge which receives 100% of Middlesex Water.

**Operational Changes at Perrine Road 10MG Tank**

Executive Director Donatelli stated that implementation of corrective measures has begun. The affected tank is being drained and cleaned so that the mixer may be installed. The multi-phase disinfectant will be added shortly. Middlesex Water has taken measures to reduce the organics which caused this problem. Favorable test results are anticipated in May.

**Aberdeen Water Purchase Agreement**

Executive Director Donatelli reported that Mr. Granata will discuss an extension of the current contract during Executive Session.

**Sewer Division – Vehicle Purchase**

Executive Director Donatelli stated that two pickup trucks with a combined mileage in excess of 235,000 miles need be replaced. Money for this purchase from the state bid list has been available in the budget. He recommended selling the surplus vehicles on govdeals.com.

A motion to purchase two - 2013 F350 – 8ft Meyers Plows at a cost of \$32,326.00 each for the Sewer Division as recommended was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Greene, Haney, Butler, Greenberg, Galante

NAYS: None

NO PARTICIPATION: Donatelli

ABSENT: Testino

5 Ayes            0 Nays            1 No Participation            1 Absent

Previous Minutes: Rate Hearing - January 16, 2013

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Haney, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Greene

ABSENT: Testino

4 Ayes          0 Nays          1 Abstain      1 Absent

Engineering Reports: Michael Roy, P.E.

Report on Developers for Approval:

None

Superintendent's Report: Al Lunkenheimer, Superintendent Sewer Division

A motion to approve the Superintendent's Report as included in the Commissioners' packets was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Donatelli.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Greene, Haney, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Testino

5 Ayes          0 Nays          1 Absent

Engineering Reports: Michael Roy, P.E.

1. Redevelop Well No. 2, Contract No. W13-161, Award Contract.

Mr. Roy announced that out of the four bidders, the lowest was A.C. Schultes, a master well drilling company whom the MUA has used in the past. He recommended awarding this contract in the amount of \$69,405.00. Redevelopment of wells usually occurs once every five to ten years.

A motion to award Contract No W13-161 – Redevelopment of Well No. 2, to A.C. Schultes in the amount of \$69,405.00 as recommended was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Galante.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Greene, Haney, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Testino

5 Ayes          0 Nays          1 Absent

Financial Report: Stephen A. Florek II Comptroller

***Employee Benefits Renewal***

Mr. Kurtz of Governmental Risk Management Associates outlined the renewal for plan benefits. He explained that QualCare handles claims administration services and network and managed care access. Prescription benefits are administered by Express Scripts. The MUA is currently paying \$446,000 for claims administration, network access and prescription administration fees. This amount will be increased to \$478,000.

Claims costs are currently \$1,890,000; this will increase to \$2,080,000, money which is kept in a surplus trust account. Based on these renewal figures, the increase will be nine percent in the total cost of health benefits.

Two alternative health plans have been devised as a result of the changes in health care legislation – a POS and an HMO.

Mr. Greene asked what insurance plan is offered to out of state retirees.

Mr. Kurtz responded that out of state retirees are provided the same benefits provided to all retired employees via the multi-plan network.

A motion to renew the health benefits package with QualCare and Highmark Life was made by Mr. Donatelli and seconded by Mr. Greene.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Greene, Haney, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

NO PARTICIPATION: Testino

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 No Participation 0 Absent

***Approval of Budget***

A motion to approve the FY 2013-2014 Preliminary Water/Sewer Division Budget was made by Mr. Testino and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Greene, Haney, Testino, Butler, Galante

NAYS: None

NO PARTICIPATION: Donatelli

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 No Participation 0 Absent

Mr. Florek added that he would like to auction a Sharp SD-3062 copy machine and a Printronix high speed printer, Model No. P5210, on govdeals.com.

A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Mr. Galante and seconded by Mr. Greene.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Greene, Haney, Testino, Galante

NAYS: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

**Legal Report:**

Louis E. Granata, Esq.

Mr. Granata reported that three matters will be discussed in closed session: contract negotiations, ongoing litigation and potential litigation.

Mr. Granata stated that Toby Gardens was an application originally made by Mr. Hegarty which was subsequently taken over by Kara Homes until its bankruptcy. Amboy Bank then proceeded with the application until Mr. Brunetti purchased the property along with the application.

Mr. Brunetti has requested that the Authority waive its water/sewer connection fees in accordance with an agreement. There are differences as to whether or not those contracts are in effect.

Mr. Granata has been in contact with Mr. Abraham (for Brunetti) to attempt an agreement via a developer's agreement which appears optimistic. Mr. Abraham is aware of the items which the Authority must insist upon.

Mr. Abraham stated he believes that there is a basis for an agreement between Mr. Brunetti and the Authority with respect to water/sewer connection fees, and he looks forward to a developer's agreement.

Mr. Granata stated that he will be discussing this issue in Executive Session. He added that Mr. Brunetti intends to build all four buildings simultaneously.

Bills & Claims: \$1,927,766.51

A motion to approve Bills & Claims was made by Mr. Greene and seconded Mr. Donatelli.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Greene, Haney, Testino, Galante

NAYS: None

5 Ayes            0 Nays            0 Absent

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

**Toby Gardens Water & Sewer Application**  
To be discussed in Executive Session

**Disinfection By-Products EPA Rule**  
Discussed in Executive Director's Report

New Business: None

Open to Public: Seeing no hands Chairman Galante closed the public portion

Executive Session: A motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. as made by Mr. Galante and seconded by Mr. Butler.

The motion was approved by an ALL AYES vote.

**The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m.**

**During Executive Session Mr. Granata discussed Brunetti litigation and potential litigation. There was also a discussion relating to the Aberdeen Township's water purchase contract renewal.**

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. was made by Mr. Testino and seconded by Mr. Greene.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Donatelli, Greene, Haney, Testino, Galante

NAYS: None

5 Ayes      0 Nays      0 Absent

Respectfully submitted,

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Arthur M. Haney, Secretary