

**MINUTES  
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
November 1, 2010**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, November 1, 2010, at the Municipal Building located at 149 Wheatsworth Road. Members present were Mr. Kievit, Mr. Cicerale, Mr. Verrilli and Mr. Kula. Also present were Mike Vreeland, Mark Hontz, and Robert Schultz.

After salute to the flag, Mr. Kievit stated compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Minutes: A MOTION was made by Verrilli and seconded by Kula to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting. In favor: Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli, and Kula.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Indian Field:

**Corrosion Control** – Mike stated the final permit was issued. The dilution equipment was delivered to the well house and Ron is in the process of implementing the system for use.

**Phase II As-Built Plans** – Mike stated nothing new at this time.

**Phase III Conveyance** – Mike stated nothing new at this time.

Crystal Springs:

**Ardleigh & Shotmeyer Housing Sections** – Mike stated we were granted the extension of time as requested for the permit.

**Well #3** – A meeting is being held on Wednesday with the manufacturer and vendor along with the design engineer regarding the control panel. Since the last meeting operational issues were covered and adjustments were made to the parameters and wires. A positive impact is now being seen on the soft start of the well. It will be further fine tuned when all the representatives meet.

**Additional** – Ron informed Mike on Friday that Well Pump #1 went down. A contractor was contacted and the pump pulled to see if the motor can be repaired. The status of the repair or condition is unknown at this time.

High Ridge Properties:

**Payment status** – Gail stated High Ridge Properties is 9 full and 1 partial quarter behind with interest calculated through October 31<sup>st</sup> for a total due of \$ 210,224.49. The Beaver

Run (Anton Pilz) is 1 quarter behind with interest calculated through October 31<sup>st</sup> for a total due of \$5,519.58.

**Civil Action** – To be discussed during executive session.

**Sussex Borough** – To be discussed during executive session.

#### YMCA

**Developer agreement** – Mark stated he is in receipt of the signed Developer's agreement and shall have it ready for execution shortly.

#### Ridgefield Commons Emergency Interconnection:

Mike stated copies of sample documents for conveyance were sent to Tom Collins. Once this is received we will make a final inspection site visit.

#### North Church Technical Center

Mike stated a phone call was received from Riverdale Quarry questioning the status of the water system. They were looking to close out the project and they had not received any more payments from the 3<sup>rd</sup> party whom agreed to pay for the maintenance of the systems. North Church Gravel had purchased additional lots at the location and was in need of hydrant information.

#### New Business

Utility Easements – Mike stated he received a phone call from the management company at the Briars. Homeowners in several areas of Crystal Springs were looking into installing patios or fences. The association indicated that there may be utility easements in these neighborhoods. Even though we may not own most of the utilities, it may be to our advantage to communicate with the management companies to avoid any issues that may arise in the future. As a suggestion we can put together a form letter with maps indicating easements in a particular neighborhood.

AT&T Lease – Mark stated AT&T has contacted us relaying the opportunity to participate in a lease optimization program. The optimization seems to be for AT&T not for us. It is a 5 year term sheet which is inferior to our existing lease. Our present lease is unusually strong with limited termination provisions. They have not terminated and it is due to renew shortly. At which time we would be in a position to renegotiate. Mark explained the form which was sent to agree to the optimization program.

Hardyston Emergency Services – Antenna Installation – Bob stated that emergency services are looking for additional sites to place their antennas to help decrease the voided or dead spots in the surrounding area. They would like our permission to install an antenna on the water tower in the Indian Fields development. A letter will be sent to

Mr. Hickerson of the Office of Emergency Management requesting specifications and information regarding the installation of 3 new auxiliary receivers to be sent and communicated to Mike Vreeland of Guerin & Vreeland.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

A MOTION was made by Kula and seconded by Cicerale to pay the bills as per the bill list. In favor: Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli, and Kula.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Kievit questioned item #1 regarding suspension of an alarm notice. Mike indicated that this may be the subcontractor to JV Security. Bob indicated the alarms are still functioning. Bob will contact them.

A MOTION was made by Verrilli and seconded by Kula to accept the correspondence as presented. In favor: Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli, and Kula.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Nothing at this time

**PROFESSIONAL'S REPORTS:**

Administrator – not present

Operator – nothing additional

Billing Clerk – Gail stated the audit 09-10 was just completed and there seemed to be no issues or questions.

CFO – not present

Accountant – not present

Attorney – Nothing further

Engineer – Mike stated Ron had an issue at the Boulevard pump station at Crystal Springs. There has been an ongoing problem with the cutting head. The supplier suggested a different style pump. It is a solids moving pump which has different VFD drives. Ron is obtaining prices from 3 different vendors. By switching this type pump they do not have the same horsepower pump we would have to have to go to a larger pump. At this point we want to research the size pump that would work with the flows which are occurring.

**OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:**

The meeting was opened to the public.

No comments were heard from the public. The meeting was closed to the public.

A MOTION was made by Kula and seconded by Verrilli to adjourn to executive session to discussion active litigation.

A MOTION was made to by Kula seconded by Verrilli to return to regular session.

A MOTION was made Cicerale seconded by Kula for Mark Hontz, attorney for the HTMUA to file a response to the civil action complaint filed by High Ridge Properties, LLC vs. Borough of Sussex, Hardyston Township Municipal Utility Authority, and Sussex County Municipal Utility Authority. In favor, Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli, and Kula.

Mike stated we received the proposed Fiscal year 2011 rate schedule from SCMUA indicating a decrease in our charges.

A MOTION was made by Kula seconded by Cicerale for the HTMUA Administrator and professional staff, if needed, to attend the SCMUA rate hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. In favor; Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli, and Kula.

A MOTION

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kula, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Hensal  
Recording Secretary