

**MINUTES
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
December 6, 2010**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, December 6, 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 Marianne Smith.

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

Minutes: A MOTION was made by Cicerale and seconded by Verrilli to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2010 meeting. In favor: Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli, and Kula.

OLD BUSINESS:

Indian Field:

Corrosion Control – Mike stated nothing new at this time. Ron is working on getting the equipment up and running.

Phase II As-Built Plans – Mike stated nothing has been received to date.

Phase III Conveyance – Mike stated nothing has been received to date.

Crystal Springs:

Ardleigh & Shotmeyer Housing Sections – Mike stated meeting and inspections have been done with the manufacturer, Ron Schneider, and the Crystal Springs engineer. Many of the technical issues have been resolved. A final punch list has been developed and Crystal Springs several of the items should be completed this week. We should be in a position to wrap things up by the next meeting for conveyance. Mark stated the revised title work has not been received as of yet. A resolution had already been approved on Shotmeyer on June 7, 2010 for the Chairman to execute the conveyance.

Well #3 – Mike stated this was covered with the Shotmeyer.

Well #1 – Mike stated Ron came across a problem with the motor. A new check valve was replaced and re-installed. It is functioning properly now.

Boulevard Pump Station – Mike stated this is the pump Crystal Springs was having difficulty with. Measurements were taken last week and additional items need to be checked. The vendor recommended a different type of head assembly. We want to make sure we are not over sizing the pump and it is suitable for the location.

K. Hovnanian / Tannery Hill, The Cedars – Mike stated a phone call was received from a contractor performing some repair work for Hovnanian, including a fire hydrant. The contractor was told that an extensive punch list including several fire hydrants and other items approximately two years. The list was sent to the contractor allowing them to contact Hovnanian to obtain approval for the additional work. In the meantime we received a letter requesting release of the bonds of which we responded indicating that we would need proof of the work being performed until such time the bonds would not be released.

High Ridge Properties:

Payment status – Gail stated High Ridge Properties is 9 full and 1 partial quarter behind with interest calculated to November 30, 2010 for a total amount of \$212,873.00.

Marianne stated they are also in arrears to the town for \$138,000 in property taxes. Calls have been placed to the mortgage company.

Civil Action – Will be discussed during executive session.

YMCA

Developer agreement – Mark stated the developer's agreement has been completed and is ready for the Chairman to sign.

Ridgefield Commons Emergency Interconnection:

Mike stated nothing new at this time.

North Church Technical Center

Mike stated a phone call was received from NASP inquiring on the status of the fire protection system. They requested the final estimate from the engineering company to upgrade the system and NASP stated they will be reaching out to other occupants within the complex to form some collective approach to addressing the issue. They are a little concerned that the situation is in limbo. Nothing has been heard from Riverdale Quarry.

New Business

Nothing new at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Nothing at this time.

AT&T Lease:

Gail stated that the representative for AT&T, Black Dot has contacted us several times and is very consistent. Black Dot requested to be placed on speaker phone this evening as they could not attend the meeting. Marianne stated that this company is very insistent and the town has had prior experience with them as well. Since the area is in the Highlands it is very difficult for AT&T to relocate these cell phone towers. Mark stated there are two very important items we have not seen in the AT&T correspondence; they are not renewing the lease or they are going to a different location. Neither has been corresponded to us until such time why would we agree.

Hardyston Emergency Services – Antenna Installation Request:

Bill Hickerson, Hardyston Township OEM spoke regarding the update on the status of updating the radio communication for all of the emergency services within the township. The township is 32 square miles with two tiers; the lower valley and the Hamburg Mountain. Presently the radio systems are repeaters for fire; police and EMS are on the Hamburg Mountain. The signal goes out to the Mountain and bounces back. If anything breaks that chain nothing is received. We are having difficulty with the 515 corridor, mountains on top mountains. Signals are being blocked from the Stockholm areas and 515 corridors. Police on portable radios cannot reach the repeaters so they are relying on their cell phones. Tests were performed to make sure all the different areas are being covered. The tower in Indian Fields had a better signal and was able to cover all the areas and make the necessary connections. Two antennas would be installed on the water tower; the receiver and the secondary antenna. The town has contracted with Royal Communications and the sites are being secured. Three wires would be run and at the base would be a water proof cabinet and would need electricity equivalent of a 60 watt light bulb. The township will prepare an agreement for the Antenna Installation at the Indian Field water tower.

A MOTION was made by Cicerale seconded by Verrilli for the use and installation of an Antenna for the purpose of emergency services for the Township of Hardyston. In favor; Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli and Kula.

SCMUA Rate Hearing:

Marianne stated at the request of the HTMUA board she attended the rate hearing held on November 24th. At the hearing the SCMUA presented the rates and basically there will not more than a 1.2% rate increase predicated on Vernon paying their portion of the bill. They SCMUA assured us if Vernon does not pay their portion the whole county would be indemnified. All things being equal there is a modest increase on our rate which has been incorporated into our budget.

PROFESSIONAL'S REPORTS:

Administrator – Nothing further

Operator – Not present

Billing Clerk – Nothing further

CFO – not present

Accountant – not present

Attorney – nothing further

Engineer – nothing further

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 Verrilli and seconded by Kula to adjourn to executive session to discussion active litigation. In favor; Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli and Kula.

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

There being no further business, A MOTION to adjourn was made by Verrilli, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hensal
Recording Secretary

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Mark stated that an accurate response was completed to answer the documents as mentioned in 13 affirmative defenses. If the case goes forward there will be a need for a cross claim to Sussex Borough and SCMUA. Mark further explained the process of the litigation and what the next steps would entail.