

**MINUTES
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
October 3, 2011**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, October 3, 2011, at the Municipal Building located at 149 Wheatsworth Road. Members present were Mr. Kievit, Mr. Cicerale, Mr. Verrilli, Mr. Kula, and Mr. Marples. Also present were Mark Hontz, Paul Cuva, Mike Vreeland and Marianne Smith

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 September 12, 2011, August 1, 2011, and July 11, 2011 meeting. In favor: Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula, and Marples.

OLD BUSINESS:

Indian Field:

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

Phase III Conveyance – Mike stated correspondence was received from Beazer homes indicating that the escrow has been replenished and they have instructed their surveyors to update the as-built plan revisions.

Water Tank – Mike stated he spoke to Agua to inquire on the status of their review of the interconnection agreement. Agua inquired on our timeline for the project and stated that they have not completed their review on the agreement. Mike will follow-up.

Marianne stated a meeting was held with the association and their representatives regarding town and development issues. The concerns regarding the water tank in Crystal Springs was discussed with the Indian Fields representatives. They unanimously agreed that they did not want to have that particular issue added to our budget and thus increasing rates.

Additional Items -

Mike stated that the flow rates increased for several days after the recent heavy rains. The manholes were opened and there seemed to be intermittent surges coming through, not a steady heavy flow. In the Meadow Pond area there seems to be intermittent surges and banging was observed. Ron & Mike suspected sump pumps may be the cause. One resident let us in their home/basement of which there is a sump pump. It is hooked up to the sewer system in the home, which goes into the sanitary sewer system. The resident indicated that the sump pump was in the home when she purchased the home 11 years ago. It is her understanding that several of the neighbors have sump pumps. We may

want to send our customers a notice or correspondence indicating that sump pumps being disbursed via the sewer system is not permissible according to our rules and regulations. It increases our usage on the sewer allocation and presents a strain on our system. Further discussion was held.

Mark will research and present the issue at next months meeting.

Crystal Springs:

Bramble Conveyance – Mike and Mark stated a closing was held on September 29, 2011 on the Bramble section.

Water Tank – No further discussion

Additional Items:

Mike stated the manhole with the I&I issues in the Oaks and Clubhouse area had been taken care of previously. But, with the heavy rains it is no longer working. This will create an on-going issue with our system and may create erosion and sink holes around the man hole producing bigger issues in the future. Mike located a company that provides sub-surface chemical compounding, Remcon, located in Rockaway. A site-visit was done and proposal was presented for the two manholes and sewer pump station. A day rate and gallon rate was provided to do the repairs. Remcon is estimating 20-25 gallons and a total of 3 days to complete the repairs. Mike recommended entering into an emergency contract to address the I&I issues. Marianne questioned the use of more than 1 bid. Mike stated since the governor did declare a state of emergency it would be allowable. Marianne questioned whether a not a FEMA claim could placed. This will be looked into.

A MOTION was made by Kula seconded by Marples to accept the proposal from Remcon for repair of the manholes to address the I&I issues at Crystal Springs at a rate of \$2,500 per day for approximately three days, and approximately 25 gallons at \$110 per gallon for the product to fill the holes. In favor: Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula, and Marples.

High Ridge Properties:

Payment Status; High Ridge Properties & Beaver Run Shopping Ctr. – Gail stated the High Ridge is 12 full and 1 partial quarter behind with interest calculated through September 30, 2011 for a total due of \$ 319,731.85.

The Beaver Run portion owes the current quarter (\$5,644.00), due October 15, 2011 plus the additional interest calculated to the date of the last payment or \$427.14 for a total of \$6,071.14.

Marianne stated the tax lien on the property was sold at tax sale for \$178,000. A premium of \$70,000 was also paid.

Civil Action –Mark recommended executive session to discuss the pending litigation with High Ridge Properties. No further comments from Mike.

A MOTION was made by Verrilli seconded by Cicerale to convene to executive session to discuss pending litigation in regards to High Ridge Properties. In favor; Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula, and Marples.

Minutes from the executive session will be released at a later date.

The meeting returned to regular session.

A MOTION was made by Cicerale and seconded by Verrilli authorizing the HTMUA attorney and/or HTMUA Administrator to contact Lakeland Bank and the new lien holder of the High Ridge Properties property to ascertain if quarterly payments will be made. In favor: Kievit, Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula, and Marples.

YMCA:

Mike stated nothing new at this time.

Ridgefield Commons Emergency Interconnection:

Mike stated nothing new at this time.

North Church Technical Center:

Marianne stated the town council passed the ordinance for the special assessment. The town attorney and HTMUA attorney will convene to draft an agreement.

Further discussion was held.

New Business

Nothing new at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Nothing at this time.

PROFESSIONAL'S REPORTS:

Administrator – Nothing further

Operator – Not present

Billing Clerk – Gail stated as a follow-up to the water and sewer lien; of the nine properties, three customers paid and six properties had liens placed on the property. The liens sold for a total of \$8,596.96.

CFO – Not present

Accountant – Not present

Attorney – Nothing further

Engineer – Nothing further

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:

The meeting was opened to the public.

No public comment was offered.

The meeting was closed to the public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hensal
Recording Secretary