

**MINUTES
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
September 10, 2012**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, September 10, 2012, at the Municipal Building located at 149 Wheatsworth Road. Members present were Mr. Cicerale, Mr. Verrilli, and Mr. Kula. Also present were Mike Vreeland, Mark Hontz, and Paul Cuva.

After salute to the flag, Mr. Cicerale 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 July 2, 2012 and August 6, 2012 meeting. In favor: Cicerale, Verrilli, and Kula.

OLD BUSINESS:

Indian Field:

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

Phase III Conveyance – Mike stated Beazer Homes has been in contact with him and they indicated they will be working through the punch list. All indications are that they are moving forward.

Water Spheroid Rehabilitation – Mike stated the temporary tank and pressure switch has been installed. We have been operating under this scenario for about two weeks. The tank has been drained and the scaffolding is up. They hopefully will be sandblasting within the week. The contractor is looking for confirmation of the colors. Mike discussed and displayed the color mock up.

A MOTION was made by Verrilli seconded by Kula to approve the Indian Field Waterspheroid paint colors as Benjamin Moore “Basin SW#4054” for the Main Tank body and “Blueprint SW#4056” as the Base of the tank. In favor: Cicerale, Verrilli, and Kula.

Mike indicated that the tank was previously painted with a lead based paint. The residue that is sandblasted off is considered hazardous waste. We will need to apply for the EPA Site Identification Form.

A MOTION was made by Verrilli seconded by Kula to permit the Administrator, Marianne Smith to endorse the EPA RCRA Subtitle C Site Identification Form. In favor: Cicerale, Verrilli, and Kula.

Crystal Springs:

K. Hovnanian – Mike stated nothing new at this time. He did receive a phone call from Hovnanian indicating that they felt all the issues were completed and they were ready to move forward. At this time the escrow funds have not been replenished and no further work is authorized until replenishment is received.

High Ridge Properties:

Payment Status; High Ridge Properties & Beaver Run Shopping Ctr. – Gail stated an updated payment status for High Ridge Properties will be available at next month's meeting. Beaver Run currently has a \$5,658 credit balance due to double payment of the last quarterly charges.

Litigation – Mark stated nothing new at this time.

Ridgefield Commons Emergency Interconnection:

Mark has recused himself.

Mike stated the draft agreement was sent to Mr. Collins for review.

North Church Technical Center:

Mark stated the agreement was signed and ready to sign this evening as per previous discussions.

YMCA

Mike stated nothing new at this time to report.

New Business

Nothing 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: Cicerale, Verrilli, and, Kula.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to discuss

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Nothing at this time.

2012-13 BUDGET ADOPTION:

A MOTION was made by Kula seconded by Verrilli to accept the sewer budget for fiscal year ending August 31, 2013. Total revenues of \$895,307, total appropriations of \$1,072,273, unrestricted undesignated retained earnings utilized of \$176,966, in addition to capital appropriations of \$222,500 of expenditures with a planned funding source of \$190,000 from renewal and replacement and \$32,500 from equipment reserves. In favor; Cicerale, Verrilli, and, Kula.

A MOTION was made by Kula seconded by Verrilli to accept the water budget for fiscal year ending August 31, 2013. Total revenues of \$420,020, total appropriations of \$457,946 unreserved retained earnings utilized of \$37,926, in addition to capital appropriations of \$452,500 of expenditures with a planned funding source of \$430,000 from renewal and replacement and \$22,500 from equipment reserves. In favor; Cicerale, Verrilli, and, Kula.

2012 -13 RATE ADOPTION:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Kula seconded by Verrilli, **WHEREAS**, the HTMUA has calculated its updated water and sewer rates as part of its ongoing process of budgeting and review of income, expenses and obligation; and

WHEREAS, the HTMUA provided statutory notice and publication, pursuant to N.J.S. 40:14B-23, for a September 10, 2012 public hearing on its proposed water rate and sewer rate; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2012 the HTMUA conducted a public hearing on its combined rate, consisting of water rate and sewer rate, and heard the statements of Mr. Cuva, the HTMUA's Auditor in favor of the rate change; and

WHEREAS, the HTMUA noted that the proposed rate change constitutes an increase in rates to its customers, the water rate which has not been increased since 2008 and represents a 2.96% increase; and the sewer rate has not been increased since 2010 and represents a 2.92% increase.

WHEREAS, the hearing was opened to the public, but no public comment was offered and no members of the public were present to offer comments, and the hearing was thereafter closed to public comment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the HTMUA as follows:

1. The new combined water and sewer rate is EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY TWO DOLLARS **(\$842.00)** per year per customer. The water rate portion of this combined rate is TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY EIGHT DOLLARS **(\$278.00)** per year per customer. The sewer rate portion of this combined rate is FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS **(\$564.00)** per year per customer; and
2. The new rates are effective December 1, 2012.

In favor; Cicerale, Verrilli, and Kula.

PROFESSIONAL'S REPORTS:

Administrator – not present

Operator – not present

Billing Clerk – Gail stated that a review is being made of each billing transaction which occurred during her absence and the final quarterly billing should be in the mail next week.

CFO – Not present

Accountant – Paul stated his firm would like to begin the audit process in the next couple of weeks.

Attorney – Mark stated a review of bankruptcy procedures will be presented at the next meeting.

Engineer – Nothing additional at this time.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:

The meeting was opened to the public.

No members of the public were present.

The meeting was closed to the public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hensal
Recording Secretary