

**MINUTES
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
July 7, 2014**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, July 7, 2014, at the Municipal Building located at 149 Wheatsworth Road. Members present were Mr. Kula, Mr. Marples, Mr. Albanese, Mr. Kaminski, and Mr. O'Grady. Absent, Mr. Cicerale, Mr. Roof. Also present were Mike Vreeland, and Marianne Smith. Absent, Mark Hontz.

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

Minutes: A MOTION was made by Kaminski seconded by Marples, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 meeting. In favor; Kula, Marples, Kaminski, O'Grady. Abstain; Albanese.

OLD BUSINESS:

Indian Field:

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

Phase III Conveyance – Mike nothing new since last report.

Water spheroid – The contractor addressed all the items on the punch list. There were a couple of spots on the outside of the tank which were caused by the scaffolding. A full day was spent making similar type repairs. By next meeting we should receive a final inspection report, at which time it will be presented.

Crystal Springs:

By Pass Upgrade/SCMUA – Mike stated an e-mail was received from Tom Varro, Chief Engineer at SCMUA. The work plan was approved. SCMUA would like to add to the project; replace the flow meter at the main, of which we own and are responsible for. SCMUA would like to replace it and then maintain, operate, own and record the data. There is no indication that it would be to our disadvantage. It would be one less piece of equipment we would have to maintain. Mike has no objections. SCMUA would like for us to coordinate the pump repairs and the meter replacement with Ron, and SCMUA's operator. Once the project is complete we will submit all our costs (equipment, construction, etc.) and receive reimbursement from SCMUA.

A MOTION was made by Marples seconded by O'Grady to acknowledge the acceptance of the By-pass Upgrade project by SCMUA. At the request of SCMUA, the flow meter at the main will be replaced. All costs and future maintenance of the flow meter will be borne by SCMUA upon the completion of the project. In favor: Kula, Marples, Albanese, Kaminski, and O'Grady.

Hamburg By-Pass – Marianne stated no response from Hamburg with dates.

High Ridge Properties:

Payment Status – Gail stated there are twenty four full and one partial quarter behind with interest calculated through June 30, 2014 for a total of \$700,818.52.

A MOTION was made by Albanese seconded by Kaminski to convene to executive session for matter related to pending litigation.

A MOTION was made by Marples seconded by O’Grady to return to regular session.

Executive session minutes will be released at a later time.

Ridgefield Commons Emergency Interconnection –

Mike stated nothing new to report.

North Church Technical Center:

Marianne stated a meeting was held with the property owners. A final report was completed by the fire safety engineer. The cost is much higher than originally thought due to the necessary modification of the tank. The option of a diesel fired pump would require it to be heated as opposed to utilizing electric, which requires a generator, which is more costly. The Town Council wanted to have a meeting with the effected parties so they were aware of the options and costs involved prior to the approval for the engineer to do a spec design development.

Unfortunately, only three property owners attended the meeting. The property owners were alarmed at the increase in the number. It would ultimately be the decision of the Special Assessment Commission as to how the cost would be apportioned out. On the high end we are calculating a 3% interest rate on bonding and probably a very conservative number on engineering from Associated Fire, translating into approximately \$750,000. This would translate to approximately \$2,700 per year per property. That would just be the special assessment. Different options could be considered such as non-sprinkled vs. sprinkled properties.

The Town Council decided to send an additional letter to all the property owners with a copy of the EI Associated report with the costs involved. It is ultimately a decision of the Town Council. The letter will be sent out this week and a meeting will be coordinated with the effected parties in early August.

New Business

Nothing at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

A MOTION was made by Marples and seconded by Albanese to pay the bills as per the bill list. In favor: Kula, Marples, Albanese, Kaminski, and O’Grady.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A MOTION was made by Albanese seconded by Kaminski to accept the correspondence as presented. In favor: Kula, Marples, Albanese, Kaminski, and O’Grady.

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Nothing at this time.

BUDGET:

Marianne stated, as required by the State, when the budget is not ready to be presented by July 1st, a late filing resolution must be made. Paul Cuva will present the budget at the next regularly scheduled meeting. We do not anticipate a rate increase and the budget looks solid at this time.

Whereas, the Local Authorities Law requires every Authority to transmit three certified copies of the Budget to the Director of Local Government Services at least 60 days prior to the end of the current fiscal year; and

Whereas, the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority Budget for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2015 was due on July 1, 2014;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Commissioners of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority that the reason for the late introduction of the Authority Budget for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2015 is that the Authority's estimated revenues and appropriations were not known at the time the Budget was to be legally introduced.

A MOTION was made by Marples seconded Kaminski. In favor: Kula, Marples, Albanese, Kaminski, O’Grady.

PROFESSIONAL’S REPORTS:

Administrator – Nothing further

Operator – Nothing further

Billing Clerk – Nothing further

CFO – Not present.

Accountant –Not present.

Attorney – Not present

Engineer – Mike referred to the correspondence; the NJDEP requested a Inactive Well Inspection Report, Water Conservation and Emergency Management Plan. Mike compiled the information and the report was submitted.

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 Albanese to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hensal
Recording Secretary