

**MINUTES
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 2, 2017**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building located at 149 Wheats worth Road. Members present were: Mr. Cicerale, Mr. Kula, Mr. Roof, Mr. Kaminski, Mr. O’Grady and Ms. Van Allen. Also present Ryan Scerbo, Mike Vreeland and Marianne Smith.

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

Minutes: A MOTION was made by Kaminski, seconded by Kula, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting. In favor, Cicerale, Kula and Kaminski. Abstain; O’Grady.

OLD BUSINESS:

Indian Fields:

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

Phase III Conveyance – Ryan will contact consultant.

Bonds – Fred following up with meeting.

Well #3- Ron will monitor new transfusion pump.

Crystal Springs:

Shotmeyer Tract/ Bypass- Mike stated he received letter from Dale of Crystal Springs that they will keep us updated.

Water Tank- Mike stated we received draft specs and is obtaining paperwork for EIT loan.

Assisted Living Facility – Marianne reported investors are moving forward and she has a meeting scheduled with Andy.

Grand Cascades Hotel Water Meter – Mike stated Bob is awaiting confirmation this it is installed.

Irrigation – Mike discussed possible need to adjust the rates for irrigation based on NJDEP rules and the Township’s Highlands Water Use and Conservation Management Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Professional Services Contract to Appoint Bond Counsel

William Mayer from Decotis, Fitzpatrick, Cole and Giblin introduced himself and discussed the purpose of having bond counsel and Mr. Mayer and Mr. Scerbo discussed the EIT loan program for water tank and meter replacement projects.

A MOTION was made by Kula, seconded by Kaminski to adopt Resolution appointing DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP as Bond Counsel. In favor, Cicerale, Kula, Roof, Kaminski & O'Grady.

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**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH
WILLIAM MAYER, ESQ.
OF
DECOTIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP
FOR PROFESSIONAL BOND COUNSEL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority to retain bond counsel to render professional advice and consulting services to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the contractor shall, for such services, bill at the rates set forth in the contract attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bids on the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The proposal of Decotis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin LLP, through William Mayer, Esq. the attorney who shall perform such services and submitted a contract to this Board, shall be and is hereby approved.

2. The contract with Decotis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin LLP, through William Mayer, Esq. as bond counsel for the Hardyston Township Municipal Utility Authority (HTMUA) for the period October 2, 2017 to October of 2018, is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with 40A: 11-5(1) (a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

3. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utility Authority.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Chairman Cicerale	X			
Vice Chairman Kula	X			
Secretary Marples				X
Treasurer Roof	X			
Kaminski	X			
O'Grady	X			

Certified to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the HTMUA at a meeting held on October 2, 2017

Recording Secretary

North Church Technical Center:

Marianne stated Ryan had made some changes to the draft agreement. Marianne has scheduled a meeting to discuss final agreement and moving forward.

Operational Considerations/Strategic Planning

1. EIT Financing – Ryan states that Carrine completed the on-line registration and created the projects. The next step is requesting a meeting with EIT to discuss project viability and requirements.
2. Rule Proposal – Ryan discussed proposed changes to the rules regarding homeowner repair fund, return electronic payments and hydrant permits. The proposal will be ready for adoption at the November meeting.
3. On call services – Mike stated he is working on finalizing the technical specifications to go out to bid to hire a contractor to perform on-call services and repairs

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

A MOTION was made by Kaminski and seconded by Kula to pay the bills, as per the bill list of October 2, 2017. In favor: Cicerale, Kula, Roof, Kaminski and O'Grady.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Nothing to report

PROFESSIONALS' REPORTS

Administrator – nothing further

Operator – nothing further

Billing Clerk – not present

CFO –not present

Accountant – not present

Attorney – nothing further

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:

The meeting was opened to the public.

As there were no members of the public present, a motion was made by Kula to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Egan
Recording Secretary