

The regular meeting of the Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority was held on December 13, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. at the Authority headquarters, 823 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Koptic, Chairman; Margaret DePergola, Vice Chair; Earl Miller, Treasurer; Eugene Kobryn; Richard Robins; Marie Skelly

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Crea

OTHERS PRESENT: Earl F. Sutton Jr., Executive Director; Michael DiFrancia, Superintendent; Colleen Kleinow, Administrative Assistant; Alan Dittenhofer, Authority Engineer; Brian Rumpf, Authority Attorney; Peter Chacanas, Authority Attorney; Brian Logan, Authority Auditor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE PER SIGN-IN SHEET: Donna Doherty; Robert E. Tichaz

Mr. Koptic opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Kleinow read the following announcement:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, this meeting has been duly advertised in the Atlantic City Press and Asbury Park Press, posted on the Authority bulletin board, and posted and filed in the Office of the Little Egg Harbor Township Clerk. Resolutions are posted on the bulletin board.

PRIOR MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. DePergola to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 14, 2016. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Eugene Kobryn – yes, Margaret DePergola – yes, Joseph Koptic - yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Robins, seconded by Mr. Kobryn to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Richard Robins – yes, Eugene Kobryn – yes, Margaret DePergola – yes, Joseph Koptic - yes.

BILLS RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Robins to approve the operational account bills resolution. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Richard Robins – yes, Eugene Kobryn – yes, Margaret DePergola- yes, Joseph Koptic - yes.

Mr. Sutton introduced Brian Logan, Authority Auditor, to address the Audit.

Mr. Logan stated that the Audit Report for year end June 30, 2016, report date October 31, 2016, was filed with the State of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services, the Township Clerk, the Municipal Bond Rule Making Board, and any others that are required to receive it. The Authority has an unmodified opinion on its financial statements and the supplemental data contained in the report. We didn't identify any material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting nor did the audit tests disclose any instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under government auditing standards. On Page 67 of the Audit Report, there are no recommendations.

Mr. Logan explained that an unmodified opinion is the top of the line opinion you can get on the financial statements. That is what you want to receive. We did not identify any deficiencies or weaknesses in internal control related to compliance issues. It is all positive language that you want to have every year. This is a positive report.

Mr. Logan stated that he would like to add that the Commissioners could review the report at their leisure and call or e-mail him any time with questions they may have. If they have questions now, he would be happy to answer them at this time.

Mr. Sutton stated that he wanted to add that the audit was not ready for our last meeting due to new rules that were going into effect that Mr. Logan knew were coming but were not finalized yet as far as pension liabilities and indebtedness in the future. Once he had that, he was able to compile everything and finish the audit. However, we are up to date on it and have been paying our obligation. There was no complaint about it, but he wanted to thank Mr. Logan for following up on it and completing it.

Mr. Logan advised that the information comes out of an actuarial report prepared by an independent firm hired by the State. Until he gets those numbers, he can't put the figures into the financial statements. That is what we were waiting on.

Mr. Koptic advised that there is a resolution on the agenda with respect to the audit.

A motion was made by Mr. Robins, seconded by Mr. Kobryn to approve Resolution #2016-78 regarding the Authority's fiscal year ending 6/30/16 audit report. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Richard Robins – yes, Eugene Kobryn – yes, Margaret DePergola – yes, Joseph Koptic – yes.

Mr. Logan excused himself from the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1 – Mr. Sutton stated that this item was already addressed regarding the audit.

2 – Mr. Sutton advised that there is a resolution presented tonight appointing him as the Authority's Public Agency Compliance Officer for the upcoming year. It is an annual requirement to have a PACO to ensure that the Authority is in full compliance with regulations and issues that come up.

A motion was made by Mrs. DePergola, seconded by Mr. Robins to approve Resolution #2016-76 appointing Earl F. Sutton Jr. as the Authority Public Agency Compliance Officer. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Richard Robins – yes, Eugene Kobryn – yes, Margaret DePergola – yes, Joseph Koptic – yes.

3 – Mr. Sutton stated, as a point of information, there is a resolution authorizing the final sewer approval for Sea Pirate Campground. We will take that up under the Engineer’s Report. Approval was recommended by the Engineer and the Plans Committee.

4 – Mr. Sutton advised that authorization is requested to obtain RFPs for professional services. It is hard to believe a year has already passed. We will advertise for January, and anyone that is interested in submitting a proposal may do so. The proposals will be received sometime in January and recommendations will be made by the Personnel Committee at our February 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Robins, seconded by Mr. Kobryn authorizing the Director to solicit RFPs for professional services for 2017. All in favor.

5 – Mr. Sutton advised that the tax sale was conducted today at the Township. Yesterday was the official deadline for customers to make their payments via cash, certified funds, or money order. He would like to commend Mrs. Trettin from our office, who coordinates with the Tax Collector, Dayna Wilson. They do a fine job. The unpaid accounts are turned over to the Township to pursue. We received quite a bit of money yesterday. Today went very well, but there is a lot of work involved in this.

6 – Mr. Sutton stated that there are no maintenance or performance bonds set to expire.

7 – Mr. Sutton wished everyone a safe and healthy Christmas holiday and New Year. It is nice to see some of our Board Members back and healthy as well as Mr. Rumpf. He can’t believe almost a year has passed since Mr. Rumpf was appointed. He has been a great asset to the Authority. That was all he had for his report.

A motion was made by Mrs. DePergola, seconded by Mr. Kobryn to approve the Executive Director’s Report as submitted. All in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1 - Mr. DiFrancia advised that the Well #14 Piping and Pumping Equipment Project on Radio Road in Osborn Island has begun. The contractor, Derstine, is doing a good job and is a pleasure to work with. The job is moving along well.

2 – Mr. DiFrancia stated that the Generator at Well #6 Project, which is a Hazard Mitigation Project, went well. The DEP air quality permit was received, and we are in full compliance. We met with Tony Ricci to begin final closeout.

Mr. Sutton advised that we received a grant in excess of up to \$117,000.00 for this project. The nice thing about grants are that grants do not have to be paid back.

Mr. Sutton stated that the project came in below the anticipated costs. We will receive 90% back. The officials had mentioned that we may be able to take the remaining money to work on Pump Station #3, which is a sewer pump station replacement project. It would be very nice to be able to apply money to the Pump Station #3 project.

Mr. Sutton stated, as a point of information, the Well #6 Generator project is the project that the original contractor reneged on. We had to go to the third bidder, which actually worked out phenomenal for us. We will be acting very soon on the final payment, which will be submitted for reimbursement. We hope to get that quickly. It usually takes a long time for reimbursement; however, the officials indicated reimbursement is usually made within a month under the Federal and State program.

Mr. Sutton further stated that he would like to thank our Staff for their work on it.

3 – Mr. DiFrancia advised that hydrant flushing has finally been completed for the year. Normally we start the flushing at the end of March and complete it in May. It usually takes about two months, but because of drilling Well #14, the well had to be shut down, and as a precaution, we stopped the hydrant flushing before it was complete. We resumed flushing in September, and it is now fully completed.

4 – Mr. DiFrancia stated that the hydrant flow testing is now complete for the year. We have been working on it for over a year. We wanted to have an overall ISO rating for each fire district served. We started the testing, which has been completed. We did over 20% of the hydrants in each fire district. The information will be distributed to the Chief of each fire company. They will have to sign for the report due to the confidential information contained in the report. Every year we will be performing more flow testing on the hydrants, and within five years we will have all the hydrants tested and have an ISO rating on each one. He would like to commend our new Inspector, John Mulvihill, who helped with this process. He was here every night working with our Assistant Maintenance Chief, Scott Ramesdorfer, along with a few other plant personnel.

Mr. DiFrancia stated that he is very happy that we have gotten this done and looks forward to continuing it next year.

Mr. Sutton advised that this is a time-consuming process, but we are proud of the report. It contains flow information, static pressure, and gallons per minute. The fire districts can use the report for their information and also reach out to the officials in an attempt to get insurance reductions.

Mr. DiFrancia stated that he will pass around the report for the Board to review. The report will be distributed to the Fire Chiefs as mentioned.

Mr. Sutton advised that the report is confidential because we do not share this information due to terrorism, and we expect the Fire Chiefs not to share the data as it can be used in a negative capacity. We always want to protect our water system. We ask for confidentiality because of that reason.

5 – Mr. DiFrancia advised the Board that on December 7, 2016, he received a phone call at approximately 9:00 P.M. regarding a major water main break on Golf View Drive in the Sea Oaks Development. He and our plant personnel worked all night until 3:30 A.M. repairing the break. He would like to commend our personnel for their hard work and dedication for all they have done. It was pretty cold that night, and we had minimal pressure loss. The job was done very well. We went back the next day and cleaned the street to make it satisfactory to the development. He would like to commend everyone for a job well done.

6 – Mr. DiFrancia stated that the Work Order Management Report is attached for the Board's review. There were four water leaks, which is very good. As you can see through the year, we had a very high number of them in other months. He would like to point out the disconnects and activations because that affects our revenue. There were only four disconnects, but there were twelve accounts activated. That means we are still on the up and up bringing more customers back on line. Activations bring in more revenue for the Authority, which keeps the Authority running.

Mr. Kobryn recommended a letter be sent to the personnel commending them for their work on the water main break.

Mr. Koptic advised that our Executive Director takes care of that.

Mr. DiFrancia stated that is all he has for his report.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Robins to approve the Superintendent's Report as submitted. All in favor.

PLANS COMMITTEE

Mr. Koptic advised that the Plans Committee Report is as noted and asked whether there were any questions. There were none.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. DePergola to approve the Plans Committee Report as submitted. All in favor.

Mr. Koptic asked that Resolution #2016-77 be acted upon with respect to returned water meter and/or MTU.

A motion was made by Mr. Kobryn, seconded by Mrs. DePergola to approve Resolution #2016-77 authorizing customer refund(s) for returned water meter(s) and/or MTU(s). Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Richard Robins – yes, Eugene Kobryn – yes, Margaret DePergola – yes, Joseph Koptic – yes.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dittenhofer stated that on behalf of Remington, Vernick & Vena Engineers, he forwarded a written report to the Authority. As mentioned by Mr. Sutton, a final sewer approval is before the Board tonight for Sea Pirate Campground. Patrick Benn is the applicant for the project. They are proposing to construct improvements to an existing campground. The property is located in both Little Egg Harbor and Eagleswood Township. They are applying for sewer service and propose to connect to an existing OCUA manhole located on Willets and Railroad Avenue and extend the force main along Willets, crossing Route 9, and onto the campground site. The on-site sewer improvements will service the existing buildings and provide pump-out facilities for various campsites. He spoke to the Authority Staff and Plans Committee, and approval is recommended per his December 8, 2016 letter. There is a resolution on the agenda for action.

A motion was made by Mr. Robins, seconded by Mrs. DePergola to approve Resolution #2016-79 granting final sewer approval for Sea Pirate Campground, Block 173 Lot 3.02 (Little Egg Harbor Twp.), Block 1 Lots 117, 117.02, 119, 119.01, 119.02 & 120 (Eagleswood Twp.), and Block 3 Lot 2 (Eagleswood Twp.) Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Richard Robins – yes, Eugene Kobryn – yes, Margaret DePergola – yes, Joseph Koptic – yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Robins, seconded by Mrs. DePergola to approve the Engineer's Report as submitted. All in favor.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Rumpf advised that he submitted the written report for the Board's review and approval. In addition to the report, he forwarded a letter to Mr. Sutton with his opinion regarding the request made by Sea Oaks several months ago, with respect to the irrigation billing.

Mr. Rumpf stated that he would elaborate on his opinion letter if Mr. Sutton would like.

Mr. Sutton stated that he would like Mr. Rumpf to report on his opinion with respect to the request.

Mr. Rumpf advised that he was asked to perform research and offer his opinion on the request the Sea Oaks Homeowners Association made for a change in their irrigation billing. His opinion is that it would not be in the best interest of the Authority to engage in a restructuring of rates for the purpose of additional allocation for irrigation. To boil the argument down, what you do for one, you will have to do for all. It would open up a box that would generate a lot of difficulties going forward where others would make a similar request. His letter outlined several reasons that show why any adjustment to the rate structure is not recommended, and the Authority must respectfully decline the request. It could possibly have a grave impact on the Authority to adjust the rate structure.

Mr. Sutton thanked Mr. Rumpf for the research. The Commissioners had committed to looking at anything possible but didn't want to do anything rash. He appreciates the research.

Mr. Sutton advised that he had received additional correspondence from the Association asking about the Authority's decision because they were concerned about the delay in the Authority getting back to them. He wanted to make sure that we did our due diligence in examining everything. It might not be what the Association wanted to hear, but it would open the Authority to exposure.

The Board thanked Mr. Rumpf for researching and providing his opinion on the matter.

A motion was made by Mrs. DePergola, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Attorney's Report as submitted. All in favor.

Mr. Koptic asked whether there were any other matters to come before the Board. There were none.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. DePergola to accept and file all correspondence. All in favor.

A motion was made by Mrs. DePergola, seconded by Mr. Robins to open this portion of the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Donna Doherty of 9 South Miami Drive addressed the Board on behalf of herself and her husband. She stated that she paid her bill in the amount of \$148.00 in person on October 13, 2016. She always comes in and comes to the counter. At the time, the clerk was dealing with an irate customer and took the check and bill from her, and she left. She didn't know anything was amiss until she received a default notice. After calling our office, she wouldn't say the person answering the phone was warm and fuzzy. She was told to look up her check and bank statement. She told the clerk it was impossible for her to do that because she didn't have a computer. She was told that she had to make her payment at the town hall. Before doing that, she went to the bank to see if her check cleared, and it had not cleared. Her checkbook indicates that she wrote it out. She has her own personal record that she paid. She received another thing informing them that their name and address were in the paper. That was mailed December 2, 2016.

Mrs. Doherty stated that she paid her bill on time. She didn't misplace her check. She felt that it was misplaced somewhere in the office. She didn't receive a phone call or postcard before her name was in the paper. She has paid on time for 20 years. She was told the Authority called to remind customers of the tax sale. She asked the clerk what phone number they used. They looked it up and didn't have a phone number on file. No courtesy was ever extended to her. She left her check here. She understands people make mistakes, but she feels she was not received courteously here and was not talked to courteously. Her name and address appeared in the paper. It is defamatory, and she is very upset. For 20 years she paid her bills, and there was no courtesy.

Mrs. Doherty stated that instead of coming on the 11th, Veteran's Day, it came in on the 13th. It was mailed out ahead of Veteran's Day. If we send it out on the first, she could have seen there was a problem. When people see your name in the paper, they ride up and down the street to look at your house. She did not appreciate that. For 20 years she paid on time and not one bit of courtesy was extended. That has really put a bad taste in her mouth.

Mr. Koptic thanked Mrs. Doherty for her comments and stated that he will discuss this with the Executive Director and the Manager who oversees the office department that handles payments. For her not to receive a receipt from the clerk she handed the payment to is not a normal occurrence. He can understand Mrs. Doherty feeling terrible that her name was in the paper. He has been here over 53 years and has never had his name in the paper. He would not be happy about it either. He doesn't know what happened, but our billing department personnel have always been helpful and courteous. It is possible that because of the person giving the clerk a bad time that something went amiss. We will have to find out what happened.

Mr. Koptic stated as Chairman, he offers his apology. This normally does not occur. When we receive a payment, we post it and deposit it.

Mrs. Doherty stated that she feels that probably because an incident was happening at the time that her check went astray. She can accept that, but she can't accept not being given a courtesy. She realizes a lot of people do not pay their bills, but there was no grace period. It was overdue, and she understands she would have to pay interest, but there was no grace period to pay it so that her name would not go in the paper. She has all the dates. Everything was so fast. Everything was sent to the Township before the 15th.

Mr. Koptic stated again that he offers his apologies and advised Mrs. Doherty that we will find out what happened. That is all he can say right now. We are very sorry it happened and hopes it never happens again.

Mrs. Doherty stated that she accepts his apologies and hopes we can extend a grace period between the time the bill is paid and information sent to the newspaper. If it was November 1st, and a 10-day grace period, but then Veteran's Day the post office was closed. It was very rapid how it happened, and she is very concerned about her check. She did put a stop payment on her check.

Mr. Sutton advised that during this time it is particularly normal to handle 10,000 transactions in the quarter. It is abnormal for one of our clerks to accept a payment without processing it. They have to reconcile their work at the end of the day. He is not questioning what happened at the time, but it is against policy to accept a check in person and not process it.

Mrs. Doherty stated that she feels that too many things were happening at the time. The clerk was having difficulty with the gentleman that was here, and she asked if she could take the payment.

Mr. Sutton stated that it is very frustrating at this time of the year. We pride ourselves on being extra courteous and going the extra mile. With her 20-year payment record he can certainly see her being upset. We have customers that actually pay through the online banking systems and authorize their bank to send a check to the Authority for the 1st. Unfortunately, the checks get mailed here from North Dakota, and even though the customer is notified that the payment was made on the 1st, the check doesn't get here until after November 10th. It is a tragedy, but we have to mail the check back to the customer because we can't accept it after the 10th.

Mr. Sutton advised that it is a statutory provision that we must supply the unpaid accounts to the Township, and the customer has to pay an extra \$15.00 cost of sale. He would be mortified that his name was in the paper also.

Mr. Sutton stated that what occurred is not the norm. The clerks handle so many transactions during a quarter. He and our staff pride themselves in going the extra mile. Unfortunately, that didn't happen in this instance, and unfortunately, because of the law, we have to send the unpaid accounts to the Tax Office for the tax sale, and we cannot accept payments at the Authority after that time. We have no choice but to handle it in this manner because of the statutory requirements.

Mr. Sutton advised that we have an automated system that we can text, e-mail, or call customers to notify them of emergencies or important issues. He would like to make sure that she provides her contact information before she leaves.

Mr. Sutton stated that we used the automated system to notify our customers about the upcoming tax sale, but because her phone number was not in the system, it couldn't contact her. Before she leaves, he would like her to provide her phone number to him.

Mrs. Doherty stated that we do have it now.

Mr. Sutton stated that he would also like to have an alternate contact in the system if possible. We do apologize because we know this is frustrating. However, 100s of people thanked us for calling them. Others called and advised us that they already paid their bill or advising that they pay their bill all the time.

Mrs. Doherty stated that she didn't get notified, and her name was already published. She paid on the 13th and her name still went in the paper, and she doesn't like that. We need a grace period. Why can't we give that little bit of grace period? She realizes there are over 100 names in the paper. She understands it is a big operation, but she didn't like the lack of courtesy on the phone. She went to town hall and spoke to Dayna Wilson and did go over with her husband. She was not treated respectfully and was surprised at that. She does not want to deal with people driving up and down her street looking for liens.

Mr. Sutton advised that we utilize the tax sale process because we do not shut customers' water off if they do not pay their bill. We do not want to do that so our only recourse is the tax sale process.

Mr. Rumpf advised that in 1998 the Township Committee made a decision to adopt the accelerated tax sale process to essentially save money to reduce the reserve for uncollected taxes. Prior to that, the tax sale would occur in February or March, but unreserved collection was around the 92 mark, but it jumped to 99% when they changed it. We saved six cents that otherwise would have had to be raised. The bad news is what Mrs. Doherty experienced. The Township now must follow the stringent requirements, and the MUA is part of that as they are hooked together with the Township for the arrearage.

Mr. Rumpf further advised that once that was adopted in 1998, you didn't have to plan in the budget to absorb a six or seven cent increase to the tax rate to allow for the reserve to go back to normal levels.

Mr. Rumpf stated that as a Township, it saves money going through this process. People are rightfully outraged though when it is not the fault of the taxpayer. He is sure it was explained to her by the Tax Collector that they have a very tight time limit statutorily for the tax sale process. He would love to see something done to relax this, but until legislation is enacted, there is not much that can be done.

Mr. Rumpf also stated that one third of the Authorities and Taxing Authorities use the accelerated tax sale to bring the money in at the end of the year, but it doesn't allow for the Town to give a grace period. There is not much the Authority or Town can do to change the rules unless they would back out of the accelerated tax sale, but it would be a budgetary hit.

Mr. Sutton stated that we started out with 2,300 accounts in arrears, and given that many, we rarely hear a complaint about our staff for the number of transactions that they take. We are not perfect and can make mistakes, but we will look at whether there are any improvements that can be made. When she comes in and makes a payment, she must make sure to get a receipt.

Mrs. Doherty stated that she definitely will.

Mr. Sutton advised that we scan the check, and it automatically gets posted to the account. He appreciates her coming here and bringing it to our attention.

Bob Tichaz addressed the Board and stated that he had asked for a report regarding fire hydrants and asked how far we have gotten with that.

Mr. DiFrancia asked which report he was speaking of. Is he speaking about the Twin Lakes Report?

Mr. Sutton stated that the Mystic Islands Fire Department originally produced the report. It originally was given to the Township and not the MUA. It was given to him later on. It has been reviewed, and we haven't done anything yet with regard to that. The design was already completed and submitted to the DEP. We are still waiting for DEP approval. There were questions with regard to the fire hydrant locations. The MUA would have the ultimate authority on their location though.

Mr. Tichaz stated that we do not have enough hydrants.

Mr. Sutton stated that there will be more than an adequate number of hydrants upon completion.

Mr. Tichaz stated that he is glad to hear about the ISO as was mentioned earlier. That is fantastic. It is a move in the right direction.

Mr. Tichaz advised that Mr. Stenger is no longer the Chief. He will get the new Officer roster to us, but wanted to hear our view on that report and see where we were.

Mr. Sutton advised that the additional outlet on the hydrant to facilitate connection was in excess of \$500.00.

Mr. Tichaz stated that most fire companies and mutual aid companies have that particular fitting because that is the fitting on the pumper. We have to hook up to the hydrant with that.

Mr. DiFrancia advised that when you put the nozzle on you have to screw it on. No matter how much the fitting is, you have to screw it on. It is not much time, but it is a substantial amount of money. We have a lot of projects coming up that are millions of dollars. The Authority doesn't have the money for that because of its other projects. If the fire companies want to pay for that, they can.

Mr. Tichaz stated that we have a hydrant on Binnacle and Hudson, which is nice. We created a system.

Mr. DiFrancia stated that the design is within every 400 feet. If there is a hydrant every 400 feet, they have a substantial amount of water. If we went with their recommendation of 200 feet, they will suck the main dry. We took into consideration how many hydrants. Every 400 feet will provide adequate protection. Everything in the report was taken into consideration. We take the extra time to look at everything; not just benefitting the fire company but benefitting the community. We will always review any comments, ideas, or recommendations.

Mr. Tichaz stated that was just the Twin Lakes area. They are probably going to work on the rest of the Township.

Mr. DiFrancia stated that the Authority is as well.

Mr. Tichaz stated that he knows we are moving in the right direction.

Mr. DiFrancia stated that Osborn Island, being new infrastructure, will be the last phase, but we have been installing hydrants with our in-house personnel, which is saving a lot of money. We installed three on Osborn Island and plan to install more and will put that in our budget. We do not want Osborn Island to feel like they are being left out. We are doing the work instead of making it part of one of our projects. We are trying to make everyone happy. He doesn't see any issue with the fittings. It doesn't even take a minute or two. It takes longer to take off the cap.

Mr. Tichaz stated that all the fire companies have 5" because they have 5" hose, but if they know they are dealing with one hydrant in a half mile, they have to put a pumper up.

Mr. DiFrancia advised that quarter turn all the caps would have to be changed and would be easier to tamper with. We have to take that into consideration.

Mr. Tichaz stated that he understands that and thanked everyone for their time.

Patrick Benn from Sea Pirate Campground addressed the Board.

Mr. Benn thanked everyone for adopting the resolution granting final sewer approval for the campground. It means a lot to him to get the project going. He asked whether the Authority had researched what other campgrounds were charged for their service.

Mr. Benn was advised that the letter our Engineer provided contains that information and should have already been provided to his Engineer, Mr. Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs was copied on the letter and should have received it.

Mr. DiFrancia gave Mr. Benn a copy of the letter and resolution.

Mr. Sutton stated that the fees are fair and reasonable and everything is in the letter as to how they were calculated. The cost per unit to hook up is included in the letter. We had looked at other campgrounds.

Mr. Sutton stated that he wanted to commend Mr. Benn for taking an area that is environmentally sensitive and utilizing a working sanitary sewer that will improve the quality of life there.

Mr. Benn stated that he got a better understanding of everything, and he wants to keep the campground in the family. This was the 46th summer. He is second generation, and he has a son and daughter that are third generation. Being they can tie into the sewer, they can put in more camp sites.

Mr. Sutton stated that is the biggest septic system on Route 9, but in the future, the State is not going to look favorably on septic systems of this size. Mr. Benn is being proactive.

Mr. Benn thanked the Authority.

There were no other public comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Robins, seconded by Mrs. DePergola to close the public portion of the meeting. All in favor.

Mr. Koptic asked whether there were any other matters. There were none.

Mr. Koptic thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a happy holiday.

There being no further business and no executive session matters, a motion was made by Mr. Robins, seconded by Mrs. DePergola to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

SECRETARY

Approved on (Date)