

LEHMUA
Regular Meeting

July 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority was held on July 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM at the Authority headquarters, 823 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey and via tele-conference with Commissioners.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELE-CONFERENCE: Earl Miller, Secretary; Marie Skelly, Treasurer; Kenneth Miller, Kenneth Laney, and Peter Cicco

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Earl F. Sutton, Jr., Executive Director; Michael S. DiFrancia, Superintendent; Alan Dittenhofer, Authority Engineer via tele-conference; Debra Rumpf, Esq., via tele-conference.

THOSE ABSENT: Joseph Koptic, Chairman; Margaret DePergola, Vice-Chairperson, Nicole M. Princiotti, Executive Secretary/Q.P.A.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: None

The following statement was read:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, this meeting has been duly advertised in the Atlantic City Press and the 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 Authority's bulletin board.

Mr. Sutton advised the Board that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the prior minutes of June 9, 2020.

PRIOR MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Earl Miller, seconded by Mr. Ken Miller to approve the prior minutes of the Authority's regular meeting held on June 9, 2020. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Ken Miller – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Ken Laney- yes, Peter Cicco- yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Earl Miller, seconded by Mr. Ken Miller to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Ken Miller – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Ken Laney- yes, Peter Cicco- yes.

BILLS RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Mrs. Skelly, seconded by Mr. Cicco to approve the operational account bills resolution. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Ken Miller – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Ken Laney- yes, Peter Cicco- yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1 - Mr. Sutton stated that we are going to continue to have full daily operations with hours Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm. However, the office will remain closed to the general public. All necessary business can be conducted through the drive-thru window, with our drop boxes, internet, and phone.

2 - Mr. Sutton stated that he is so proud of the water tank painting. He and Mr. DiFrancia have received so many positive comments personally and through Social Media. A special thank you was made to Pat Johnson of *The Sandpaper* for her great article after she called him to discuss it. An application for a trademark and copyright has been submitted for the Wordmark. In particular, "Mystic Islands The Gateway to Great Bay". This will prevent any individual or group from profiting or improper use of the Wordmark without obtaining permission from the Authority.

3 - Mr. Sutton stated that the Authority closed on loans for water and sewer for the Phase I project and received full funding. This is great news for the Authority and our customers, as 50% of the funding was borrowed at 0% interest. A submittal has been made to NJIB for reimbursement of the Phase I project, and well #12 treatment plant.

4- Resolution 2020-31 was presented for consideration authorizing a refund.

A motion was made by Mrs. Skelly, seconded by Mr. Laney to approve Resolution 2020-31 Authorizing reimbursement to Richard Leonardis, Lien Holder for payment affecting Block 325.82 Lot 25. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Ken Miller – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Ken Laney- yes, Peter Cicco- yes.

5 - Mr. Sutton reminded the Board that the next meeting will be on August 11, 2020 at noon and will be held via teleconference.

6 - Mr. Sutton advised that there is no customer committee and no need for executive session this month.

Mr. Sutton stated that was all he had for his report unless anyone had any questions. Mr. Ken Miller had a question with regard to the Drive-Through window being open at the Authority. Mr. Sutton stated that it is open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4 PM and has been continually since the start of COVID-19. Mr. Miller stated that he will advise his community of this information. There being no other questions, a motion was made by Mr. Earl Miller, seconded by Mr. Ken Miller to approve the Executive Director's Report as submitted. All in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1- Mr. DiFrancia asked everyone to stay well and remaining healthy.

2 - Mr. DiFrancia stated that the Water Treatment Plant Project is nearing completion. We are waiting for the floors to be finished, there is some additional wiring, and the NJDEP needs to perform testing and approve startup.

3- Mr. DiFrancia stated that he too was so excited about the painting of the tank. He said he was very proud of the artwork and has enjoyed the comments made by the public. He advised that we are in the process of getting LED lighting so that tank will be illuminated at night. Unfortunately, there was some graffiti done in the neighborhood and to the tank, but it has been resolved. A formal Police report has been filed.

4- Mr. DiFrancia stated that M.S.P. Construction is doing a fine job and moving along very well. Two of the six streets will be fully completed by the middle of July. We are finalizing the review of Phase II and would hope to be authorized to bid by the end of the year.

5- A motion was made by Mrs. Skelly, seconded by Mr. Laney to approve Resolution #2020-32 authorizing the release of performance guarantee conditioned upon posting of a maintenance guarantee for Sea Pirate Campground, Block 173 Lot 3.02 with regard to the sewer system. This is as per the recommendation of the Authority Engineer. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Ken Miller – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Ken Laney- yes, Peter Cicco- yes.

6 - Mr. DiFrancia stated that his work order management report is attached, and he would be happy to answer any questions.

There being none, a motion was made by Mr. Earl Miller, seconded by Mr. Cicco to approve the Superintendent's Report as submitted. All in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dittenhofer advised the Board that the report has been submitted on behalf of Remington and Vernick Engineers. All items on his report have been covered by the Superintendent and Executive Director.

Mr. Dittenhofer stated that was all he had for his report unless there were any questions.

There being none, a motion was made by Mr. Earl Miller, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to approve the Engineer's Report as submitted. All in favor.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mrs. Rumpf commented on the water tower and stated that it was absolutely gorgeous. She wanted to commend all who were involved.

Mrs. Rumpf stated that she wanted to add that Mr. Price filed an appeal for a waiver with the Township on the final day. It was not complete and there are some items missing. The Township Attorney advised him that a fee of \$500 is due for the review. In his affidavit, he provided some aerial information and states it is a hardship. Furthermore, Mr. Price did acknowledge in his filing that he was aware that he had to make connection to the sewer. A written response from the Authority will be recommended at a future date once we know when the matter will be heard.

Mrs. Rumpf stated that was all she had for her report unless there were any questions. There being none, a motion was made by Mrs. Skelly, seconded by Mr. Ken Miller to approve the Attorney's Report as submitted. All in favor.

Mr. Sutton once again thanked Mrs. Rumpf for her efforts regarding the Rodgers case.

Mr. Sutton advised that Resolution #2020-33 was not on the agenda but needed to be presented. This is for an extension to be granted to Allied Painting due to delays in materials being shipped as a result of COVID-19. A letter recommending the extension was provided by Felipe Contreras Special projects Engineer.


A motion was made by Mr. E. Miller, seconded by Mr. K. Miller to approve Resolution #2020-33 granting a sixty (60) day extension from the original completion date to Allied Painting Incorporated to complete the painting of the Radio Road 0.3 MG Standpipe Project. Roll call vote, Earl Miller – yes, Ken Miller – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Ken Laney- yes, Peter Cicco- yes.

Mr. Sutton asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board? There being none, a motion was made by Mr. Earl Miller, seconded by Mr. Ken Miller to accept, and file all general correspondence. All in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Earl Miller, seconded by Mr. Laney to open this portion of the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Mr. Sutton asked if there were any members of the public on the tele-conference? There being none, a motion was made by Mr. Earl Miller, seconded by Mr. Ken Miller to close this portion of the meeting to the public. All in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Earl Miller, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to adjourn. All in favor.


Earl Miller, Secretary