

WOODBINE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, William Pikolycky at 7:30 p.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act by notifying the Atlantic City Press on March 9, 2015, and by posting a copy of said notice on the Lobby Bulletin Board, of the Borough Hall.

An audio recording of this Open Public Meeting is filed with the Secretary of the Board.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

William Pikolycky, Chairman
Vice-Chair Barbara Prettyman
Eduardo Ortiz, Board Member

William Blaney, Solicitor
Bruce Graham, Engineer
Jim Gurdgiel, Plant Operator
Jack Lynch, Sewer Plant Operator
Monserrate Gallardo, Secretary/Treasurer

The following members and/or professionals were absent:

Mary Helen Perez, Board Member (Notified via email that she would be unable to attend this meeting.)
Enrique Rodriguez, Board Member

The Chairman led the Board to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes of July 27, 2015:

1st Motion: Vice-Chair Prettyman 2nd Motion: Eduardo Ortiz

Approved: 3 Abstain: 0 Opposed: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

USDA/Sewer Study Status Update

Engineer Graham reported on the grant given to the Borough that would allow a preliminary engineering report to be done (PPG). He stated that the contract had been signed by the parties involved. Engineer Graham also discussed the latest response of the Woodbine Developmental Center. Michael Zumpino, representing Triad Associates gave more details as it related to the State and their budget. A discussion was initiated before the Board. Chairman Pikolycky spoke of the economic benefits that could possibly come out of this project. He also gave some history regarding this matter. A detail fact/position paper was given for the Board Members to review.

Water Tower Renovations

Engineer Graham reported that the project was completed and closed out with NJ DCA as far as the grant was concerned. He stated that an inspection of the tank was done. He informed the Board that he had requested the spikes to keep the birds off the antennas be put back up, and that some cleanup of the paint job be done. He concluded by stating that he was just waiting to hear back from the Contractors.

Chlorine Room – Flood Damage

Engineer Graham stated that he distributed a quote for repairs for the Chlorine Room, and discussed it in detail. A brief discussion was initiated regarding this matter. Chairman Pikolycky asked Mr. Gurdgiel if he had reviewed the quoted information. Mr. Gurdgiel affirmed that he did review said quote.

NEW BUSINESS:

At this time, Chairman Pikolycky mentioned the need for a resolution authorizing the filing of a pre-application for USDA water and waste disposal funding under the Business and Communities Grant Program. Engineer Graham gave details of items that needed to be updated, and mentioned that it would be more beneficial to put a total package together to seek said funding.

Mr. Zumpino agreed and gave further details regarding the need to avoid an imminent threat to the water system should it fail due to deferred maintenance. He explained that the USDA was not interested in just funding maintenance projects but may possibly look at an upgrade of said system. A discussion was initiated regarding this matter. Mr. Zumpino mentioned that water mains were considered an eligible expense. There was a discussion regarding map updates. A motion was then made and seconded to approve Resolution No. 08-2015 with the amended language recommended by Mr. Zumpino.

Resolution No. 08-2015, as amended: Authorizing the filing of a pre-application for USDA water and waste disposal funding under the Business and Communities Grant Program.

1st Motion: Eduardo Ortiz

2nd Motion: Vice-Chair Prettyman

Approved: 3

Abstain: 0

Opposed: 0

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Nothing else to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Blaney reported that he was helping the Secretary with an item regarding the Sewer Study, and would have it sorted out before the next meeting.

WATER OPERATIONS: Mr. Gurdgiel gave a status update regarding employee Charles Becica. He stated that Mr. Becica called and informed him that he had acquired a staph infection after the initial surgery done to his right wrist, and had to return to the hospital to have it checked out. A discussion was initiated regarding this matter. Mr. Gurdgiel continued by mentioning that Mr. Jose Gomez could possibly be out due to jury duty. He concluded by reporting on a problem he found with the responder for Well #6. He discussed what actions had been taken to correct the problem. He also mentioned that he had a JIF class in Deftford coming up soon.

SEWER OPERATIONS: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Secretary reviewed the bills with the Board Members.

Motion to pay bills:

1st Motion: Eduardo Ortiz

2nd Motion: Vice-Chair Prettyman

Approved: 3

Abstain: 0

Opposed: 0

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

BOARD MEMBERS:

ADJOURNMENT:

1st Motion: Eduardo Ortiz

2nd Motion: Vice-Chair Prettyman

Time: 8:21 pm

Approved: 3

Abstain: 0

Opposed: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Monserate Gallardo

Monserate Gallardo,
Secretary/Treasurer