

EAST WINDSOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at the Administration Building on Wiltshire Drive and called to order by Chairperson Moore at 7:30 p.m.

The following Members were present:

Linda L. Moore
Marc Platizky
Steven Kurs
Leonard Millner
William Lawler
Michael Shifman

Absent: Marc Lippman

Also present:

Edwin Schmierer, Esq., of Mason Griffin & Pierson
Ronald Ghrist, Finance Officer
Richard Brand, Executive Director
Clark Wolverton, Wastewater Superintendent
Skip Lovejoy, Water Superintendent
Dolores Borosko, Board Secretary

Chairperson Moore requested the Public Notice statement be read announcing that the notice and agenda of this meeting were mailed to the Windsor Hights Herald, Trenton Times and Trentonian on March 13, 2015. An agenda was posted on the official bulletin board of the Authority and delivered to the Township Clerk for posting on the bulletin board at the East Windsor Township Municipal Complex on March 13, 2015. The Board Secretary then called the roll after which the Chairperson asked if any Member had an objection to holding this meeting as advertised. No one objected.

Chairperson Moore asked if there was any one present in the audience that would like to discuss an item not on tonight's agenda and hearing no one moved to the first item on the agenda the Local Government Energy Audit.

Mr. Brand began a discussion on the Local Government Energy Audit by stating he had submitted an application to participate in the audit program which will help identify cost-justified energy efficiency measures and facility upgrades that will reduce operating cost. Participants will select from a list of pre-qualified auditing firms and the program will subsidize 100% of the cost for the audit up to \$100,000/yr. The audit will also be beneficial if we are considering a solar project the audit will make recommendations to fully optimize the space required for a solar field

to achieve what we want. Another benefit is that the energy audit will help with obtaining grant money from the New Jersey Energy Resiliency Bank program and/or others for the solar project. This conversation led to a brief discussion of solar during which Mr. Brand stated that currently it was brought to his attention that you can get good deals if you go with a PPA. Mr. Brand will continue to research solar both owning and PPA as well as any grants that might be available. Chairperson Moore moved the discussion back to the energy audit and asked if Mr. Brand was looking for some Board action. Mr. Brand stated that this was more for Board information and no action was required at this time.

Mr. Brand spoke regarding an analysis conducted on the various materials used for the water mains, age, life expectancy and current condition within the MUA service area. Mr. Brand stated that while the system is in relatively good condition and below the median break rate for the Northeast established by the AWWA he was recommending implementing a water main replacement program to maintain the integrity of the water system. Mr. Brand believes that the MUA should take a systematic and proactive approach for replacing water mains starting with replacing the two most affected by corrosion this year. Mr. Brand and Mr. Ghrist both agreed that there were funds available in the budget for these replacements.

Next Mr. Brand informed the Board that Verizon Cellular has approached the MUA about installing new cell towers within the Township. Two streets being mentioned and looked at are Primrose and Conover. Mr. Brand will update the Members as he receives more details.

During the General Discussion/topics from Board Members Mr. Millner questioned the increase in water flow into the wastewater treatment plant to which Mr. Brand responded that we are aware of the issue and Mr. Wolverson has the Collections Department inspecting and televising sewer mains in the area. They have found some cracks which will need repairs. It is an Infiltration & Inflow problem which we will continue to research and monitor. The Members will be advised as new information is discovered.

Chairperson Moore moved to the payment of bills requesting a motion and a second. Mr. Kurs made a motion to pay \$242,539.24 in operating bills; Payroll for 2/18/15 of \$74,716.96; and Payroll for 3/4/15 of \$74,325.05. A second to Mr. Kurs motion was made by Mr. Platizky and unanimously carried.

Chairperson Moore asked for a motion to approve the March Operating Report. Mr. Platizky made the motion to approve and a second was made by Mr. Kurs, and the motion was ~~unanimously carried~~. Chairperson Moore questioned the number of complaints in the water department for the month. Mr. Lovejoy responded that they are not all complaints and in fact there were several calls reporting frozen water meters, a couple of properties to be turned on and high use inquiries. Chairperson Moore asked if there were any other comments or concerns and hearing none took a vote unanimously approving the March Operating Report.

Chairperson Moore asked for a motion and second to approve the Development Report for March. Mr. Platizky made the motion, seconded by Mr. Millner and unanimously carried.

Mr. Kurs made a motion to accept the Finance Officer's Report for February, seconded by Mr. Lawler. Chairperson Moore noted a drop in the over 90 day's accounts receivables owing from last year. There being no additional discuss the Finance Officer's Report was unanimously approved.

The Attorney's Report for February was unanimously approved after a motion to accept was made by Mr. Millner, seconded by Mr. Lawler.

The Engineers Report for March was unanimously approved after a motion to accept was made Mr. Millner, seconded by Mr. Lawler.

The January 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes were adopted on a motion made by Mr. Kurs, seconded by Mr. Millner and unanimously carried.

The February 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes were approved with a motion made by Mr. Millner, seconded by Mr. Platizky and unanimously carried.

There being no other items for discussion Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Marc Platizky, Secretary