## EAST WINDSOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY Minutes of Regular Meeting Thursday, May 19, 2016 @7:30 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 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 Lippman Marc Platizky Leonard Millner Steven Kurs William Lawler Michael Shifman

Absent:

None

## Also present:

Edwin Schmierer, Esq., of Mason Griffin & Pierson James Farry, of Hatch Mott MacDonald Ronald Ghrist, Finance Officer Richard Brand, Executive Director Clark Wolverton, Wastewater Superintendent Dolores Borosko, Board Secretary

Chairperson Moore requested that the Public Notice be read. The secretary read the statement stating that the agenda for this meeting was mailed to the Windsor Hights Herald, Trenton Times and Trentonian on May13, 2016. 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 May 13, 2016. Chairperson Moore then asked for a roll call after which she asked if any Member had any objection to holding this meeting as advertised. No one objected.

Chairperson Moore asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak on any issue not on tonight's agenda. Hearing no one Chairperson Moore closed the public portion of the meeting.

Mr. Brand introduced Peggy Gallos from the Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA). Ms. Gallos spoke briefly about her back ground and work experience. Since membership in the AEA is not mandatory Ms. Gallos thanked the Board for their participation in the organization. Ms. Gallos reviewed current planned activities and programs being offered through the AEA. Ms. Gallos also stated that the AEA was always looking for people to share

their knowledge by giving presentations to the AEA membership and that invitation includes Board Members. She thanked the Board for their support and allowing her to do her brief presentation on AEA events.

Mr. Brand said as a follow up to last month's meeting and discussion of the billing for private fire hydrants he and Mr. Schmierer had reviewed the by-laws of the Authority. The purpose for this resolution was to revise the Rules and Regulations as they pertain to private fire hydrants. The resolution clarifies what the MUA considers to be a private fire hydrant. As a result the Authority will charge commercial properties with un-metered fire hydrants a fee for each hydrant located on their property. Hydrants within residential communities are not considered private and will not be billed to the associations. A motion to approve and adopt the resolution amending the Rules and Regulations was made by Mr. Lippman, seconded by Mr. Millner and unanimously carried.

## Resolution 2016-17 Resolution Amending By-Laws Concerning Private Fire Hydrants

WHEREAS, the East Windsor East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") adopted on February 24, 1994 Rules and Regulations for users of the Authority's sanitary sewer and water services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized to charge in accordance with its Schedule No. 1 water service rates for providing water service for private fire service devices including hydrants, automatic sprinklers, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to clarify that said charges are to be made by the Authority for unmetered private commercial fire service devices and wishes to amend its by-laws to reflect this clarification.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. Section 3-3.1002 of the "EWMUA Rules and Regulations, February 24, 1994 is hereby amended to read as follows: (underlined material is new)

## 3-3.1002 Private Fire Service:

- a) For automatic sprinklers or other fire service devices or appurtenances, located in or on a building, a separate service line is required to be used exclusively for fire service. At the option of the applicant, private fire hydrants, located outside the building(s) on private property, may be connected to the fire service line. Each <u>unmetered private commercial fire hydrant connected to the fire service line</u> shall be subject to the charges as outlined in Schedule 1, Water Service Rates. Hydrants located on private property shall be maintained by the property owner.
  - 2. This amended by-law shall take effect upon adoption and approval by the Authority.

Chairperson Moore asked Mr. Brand to speak about the power washing of several of the water towers. Mr. Brand stated that the power washing of water tanks was part of the asset management program and that he was pleased with the results. Mr. Brand added that the Authority had received calls from the residence that were very complimentary and thankful for the improvement to their neighborhood. Chairperson Moore was impressed with the before and after photos and asked if this meant we could delay painting the towers which will be a big savings for the Authority. Mr. Brand said yes and as part of the continuing clean-up plan two ground storage tanks across the street from the Georgetown development would be power washed by MUA employees.

Mr. Brand informed the Board that he was seeking verbal Board approval for the Wyckoff Mills Road Development (Project Terra) to move forward with the easement along Probasco Road. The easement is expected to be about 10-15 feet wide and 30 feet long. The Twin Rivers Trust has no problem with it as long as the Authority has possession of it. Mr. Millner made the motion, Mr. Platizky made the second and the Board unanimously approved the motion to allow the Wyckoff Mills Road (Project Terra) to move forward with the easement.

There was a brief discussion of the Crest Engineering Study for sewer line extensions to residential properties along Route 539. The Board instructed Mr. Brand to contact Mr. Mendenko of Village Nursery's with results of engineering study and then let owners respond to the MUA if interested.

Mr. Brand informed the Board that the Shared service agreement with Cranbury is working out very well. The MUA employees are doing an excellent job and all parties are pleased. Mr. Brand stated that it was a very good Board decision.

When questioned about utility savings Mr. Brand responded that being members of the Middlesex County Co-op for gas and electric has been a great savings for the MUA.

Mr. Millner made a motion to accept/approve the Operating Bill List with Operating Bills of \$568,959.13; Payroll 4/27/16 of \$70,894.40 and payroll 5/11/16 of \$67,035.00. Also a prepaid of NJ Public Community Water System Tax –Jan – Mar of \$1,717.36. The motion was seconded by Mr.Lippman and unanimously carried.

Chairperson Moore requested a motion to accept the Operating Report for April and Mr. Platizky made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lippman and unanimously carried.

Ms. Moore asked for a motion to approve the Development Report and Mr. Kurs made the motion seconded by Mr. Platizky and unanimously carried.

Mr. Lippman made the motion to approve the Finance Officer's Report for April, seconded by Mr. Millner and unanimously carried.

The Engineer's Report for April was approved on a motion made by Mr. Millner, seconded by Mr. Platizky and unanimously carried.

Having nothing further to discuss Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Platizky, Secretary

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