
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA

Regular Meeting

September 8, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on September 8, 2010. Adequate notice of this meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was given to the Observer Tribune and the Hunterdon County Democrat on March 4, 2010. Notice was also posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board.

Members Present: Messrs. Akin, Strawn*, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters
Alt. Members Present: Messrs.
Members Absent: Messrs.
Alt. Members Absent: Messrs. Kramer, Popper
Township Liaison Present: Messrs.
Township Liaison Absent: Messrs. Harmon
Staff Members Present: Executive Director (E.D.) Platt, Secretary Waller, Attorney Gregory

*arrived at 7:48pm and left at 10:00pm

OPEN TO PUBLIC/CLOSED TO PUBLIC 7:30PM

MEETING MINUTES – JULY 7, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. Cullen, and seconded by Mr. Napolitano, that July 7, 2010 Minutes be approved with a change to reflect P. Costic's departure time. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters
NAYS: Messrs.: None
ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

BILLING ADJUSTMENTS – JULY 2010

Motion was made by Mr. Cullen, and seconded by Mr. Peters, that the Billing Adjustments for July 2010 be approved as presented. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters
NAYS: Messrs.: None
ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The DEP DBPR Plan is due September 13th. F. Platt is meeting with D. Egarian and D. Carswell to finalize.

F. Platt has requested specifics on the quality of discharge from the Washington Township DPW vehicle wash facility.

A brief staff meeting took place to primarily discuss the inspections by the JIF and the EJIF. Overall the results were good.

BUDGET STATUS

A meeting occurred with the Auditor to get specifics on Budget management. It was determined that if the DCA budget line items are exceeded, an amended Budget will have to be adopted.

The capital budget for c108, Camp Washington Spring, needs to be increased by \$40,000 to allow for additional engineering work. This money will be moved from 141f, New Wells, by reducing that total by

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the entire \$40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Strawn, and seconded by Mr. Cullen, to approve the budget changes as described. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Strawn, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters
NAYS: Messrs.: None
ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
CAMP WASHINGTON RESERVOIR CONVERSION

No. 10-09-B

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("Authority") retained David J. Egarian, P.E. of D.J. Egarian & Associates, Inc. ("Engineer") as its consulting engineer in accordance with the terms of agreement dated January 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has submitted a Proposal dated August 16, 2010, attached hereto and made a part hereof, for engineering work in connection with the Camp Washington Reservoir Conversion project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the authority to proceed with the Camp Washington Reservoir Conversion project; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for these purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority**:

(1) The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to accept the proposal of David J. Egarian, P.E. for the aforesaid engineering work with an amount not to exceed \$6150.00 in accordance with the attached Egarian proposal.

(2) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage according to law.

DATED: September 8, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. Strawn, and seconded by Mr. Cullen, to approve the engineering services for the Camp Washington Reservoir Conversion. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Strawn, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters
NAYS: Messrs.: None
ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
GROVE STREE PUMPING STATION SITE PLAN

No. 10-09-C

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("Authority") retained David J. Egarian, P.E. of D.J. Egarian & Associates, Inc. ("Engineer") as its consulting engineer in accordance with the terms of agreement dated January 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has submitted a Proposal dated August 13, 2010, attached hereto and made a part hereof, for site plan engineering work in connection with the Grove Street Pumping Station project; and

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the authority to proceed with the Grove Street Pumping Station project; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for these purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority:

(1) The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to accept the proposal of David J Egarian, P.E. for the aforesaid engineering work with an amount not to exceed \$5300.00 in accordance with the attached Egarian proposal.

(2) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage according to law.

DATED: September 8, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. Strawn, and seconded by Mr. Cullen, to approve the engineering services for the Grove Street Pumping Station Site Plan. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Strawn, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

It was recommended that the MUA approach the Township, regarding the selected site, prior to Egarian beginning work on Grove Street Site Plan. Options to address any sound issues were discussed.

EXCAVATION AND LAB SPECIFICATIONS

F. Platt to look into the status on the excavation and lab specifications.

INVOICES FOR PAYMENT OVER \$5,000

Motion was by, Mr. Strawn, and seconded by Mr. Cullen, to approve payment of the Gregory and Reed invoice for \$8,291.44 and the Toby Barkman invoice for \$12,159.03. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Strawn, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

LONG VALLEY VILLAGE

Motion was made by Mr. Strawn, and seconded by Mr. Cullen, to extend the billing adjustment payment period, for Long Valley Village, from 12 months to 18 months. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Strawn, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

S. Akin and D. Strawn will email J. Waller their candidate selections to interview for the Executive Director. J. Waller will then forward those resumes to the remainder of the Board Members.

EJIF & JIF INSPECTIONS

It was recommended that the insurance be marketed prior to renewal. The inspections are helpful for the MUA on loss control. Reported items and their resolution status were discussed. The most significant item was the need for secondary spill containment especially where truck loads of petroleum and chemical products are delivered. Includes sludge removal areas. There is a deadline of

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November to identify solutions. This requirement is consistent with State regulations. The MUA has already begun looking at solutions.

J. Gregory to provide status on health insurance OPRA.

WMP MEETING

The meeting, to discuss failing septic along Bartley Rd., is scheduled for September 16, 2010 at 10:00 am with the Highlands Council.

COMBE FILL SOUTH

There has been nothing further on this. The Board requested the costs to-date be pulled together and submitted. D. Egarian owes the MUA the scope of work. J. Waller to provide J. Gregory with the hourly rate plus payroll expenses.

GROUNDWATER

There is a meeting set for September 13th, to discuss questions and comments on the SOP provided by D. Egarian.

HIGH RIDGE TANK

F. Platt is not prepared to discuss this as yet. A greater of understanding of D. Egarian's recommendations is required.

ENERGY AUDITS

The vendors that provided proposals have been notified that the MUA will not be going ahead with the Energy Audits. J. Waller to provide W. Cullen copies of the JCP&L bills for his research into any cost savings through other electric providers. J. Waller will also contact the Township to see if they are utilizing another vendor.

DAILY RECORD INQUIRIES

The Ag Board response will be ready by Friday. The Fox News statement was provided to the Daily Record representative attending the meeting. The MUA still needs to discuss attendance at the September 17th Ag Board Meeting. The Smith and Searles wells will be discussed in closed session. Combe Fill is a landfill, superfund site on the Washington Township/Chester boarder, southern area of Parker Road. There is groundwater contamination going back 30 years. There has been discussions regarding providing water to the residence in this area.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:47 PM

RESOLUTION CLOSED SESSION
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No. 10-09-A

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority to discuss a matter relating to Litigation, Personnel and Contract Negotiations which matter is permitted by Section 7.6 of the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey for 1975) to be discussed in closed session in the absence of the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority has determined that it is necessary in the public interest that the matter in fact be discussed in closed session, and has estimated that, as nearly as can be ascertained, the results of the discussion can be disclosed to the public when

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formally acted upon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the public be excluded from the closed portion of this meeting, during which only the aforestated matter will be discussed.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: September 8, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. Strawn, and seconded by Mr. Cullen, to go into Closed Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel matters. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Strawn, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

OUT OF CLOSED – 10:03 PM

Motion was made by Mr. Cullen, and seconded by Mr. Napolitano, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Strawn, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:04pm

Respectfully submitted,
E. Jill Waller
Secretary