

Special Meeting - Agenda

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

5:00 PM

Municipal Courtroom

Egg Harbor Township MUA
3515 Bargaintown Road
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
(609) 926-2671

A Special Meeting will be held with the Township Committee to discuss Best Practices.

Formal action may or may not be taken.

Egg Harbor Township Municipal Utilities Authority
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Special Meeting Minutes

Mayor McCullough read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act and called the Township Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Roll Call for Township Committee members was called. Members of the public were also present.

Vice-Chairman Duffy read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:	Nathan Davis, Chairman	absent
	Michael Duffy, Vice-Chairman	present
	H. Chris Schwemm, Treasurer	present
	Theresa Prendergast, Secretary	present
	Charles Pfrommer, Commissioner	present
	Theresa Moschetto, Alt Commissioner	present

Vincent Polistina, Engineer, John Ridgway, Solicitor and Robin Veloso, Bookkeeper were also in attendance.

Meeting with Township Committee

Mayor McCullough stated that the MUA was invited to the Township Committee meeting to meet requirements of New Jersey Best Practices which requires municipalities to meet annually with their authorities.

Vince Polistina, Authority Engineer, was introduced to present information regarding the operation of the MUA.

The MUA was formed in 1968 when sewer was installed in West Atlantic City. The Authority now has approximately 14,000 customers, both residential and commercial. The system includes over 200 miles of sewer lines and 49 pump stations; the 50th pump station will come on line when the Next Gen facility starts building.

Debt Service

\$5.7 million in debt

Two things have had a major effect on our budget:

- Connection Fee Revenue – In 2006, the Authority had \$1.1 million in connection fee revenue from homes connecting to the system. By 2013, connection fee revenue was down to \$170,000.
- ACUA Treatment Charges – This is the largest expense in the Authority budget. The amount paid in Treatment Charges is based on a percentage of

flow from the 13 municipalities which are part of the system. As Atlantic City flow has decreased due to the economic situation in that city, and as flow from second homes on the islands has dropped, our share has increased.

2007 Bonds – The Authority took on \$4 million in debt for projects and capital rehabilitation. A sewer system has approximately a 40 year useful life; much of the system has reached its useful life.

Environmental Infrastructure Trust – The Authority obtained alternate financing for the Washington Avenue main lining project.

Repairs and Maintenance

Severe weather events, such as the derecho and Super Storm Sandy affected our sanitary sewer system. For example, after the derecho, 49 pump stations were without power. After these weather events, generators were added and the communication system was updated.

The Authority stopped capital expansion for a period of time, but system rehabilitation has continued.

- West Atlantic City line replacement
- Pump station upgrades
- Generators
- Video inspections
- GIS to map entire system

Upcoming projects/ rehabilitation

- Upgrade Trailer Park pump station near Walmart
- Searstown pump station needs to be upgraded
- Washington Ave. – another section needs lining, \$1 million project
- Zion Park video project
- Miami pump station – wiped out by Superstorm Sandy. FEMA funding to eliminate pump station.
- Generators – FEMA funding
- GIS system
- Expansion Projects
 - North Mt. Airy
 - Farmington East

Rates

Rates remain constant this year. Mr. Polistina indicated that he expected rates would remain stable for the next couple of years. There may be minor increases in the future, but things have stabilized for now.

Questions from Committee Members

- % of pump stations with back-up generators – 50%. In the event of a power outage, a portable generator can be towed to any location that lacks a permanent generator.
- Debt Service - \$5.7 million through 2035
- Next Gen pump station – already built on Delilah Road, not online yet.
- Requests for new service – The Authority does get requests for new service, but a portion of the township is not within the wastewater management system. We keep a priority list for areas in need of sewer.
- Rate Increase – Rates are impacted by the ACUA Treatment Charges. If Treatment Charges increase, that could impact rates.

Mayor McCullough asked if any commissioners would like to comment; no comments. MUA portion of meeting was adjourned.

Theresa Prendergast, Secretary

Prepared by Robin Veloso, Bookkeeper

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