

**MINUTES
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
November 2, 2015**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, November 2, 2015, at the Municipal Building located at 149 Wheatsworth Road. Members present were Mr. Cicerale, Mr. Kula, Mr. Marples, Mr. Albanese, and Mr. O'Grady. Absent: Mr. Roof, and Mr. Kaminski. Also present Mike Vreeland, Ryan Scerbo, Bob Schultz, and Marianne Smith

After salute to the flag, Mr. Cicerale stated compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Minutes: A MOTION was made by Marples, seconded by Kula, to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting. In favor, Cicerale, Kula, Marples, Albanese, and O'Grady.

OLD BUSINESS:

Indian Field:

Mr. Cicerale and Mr. Kula recused themselves from this portion of the meeting as it relates to the Indian Field Development and outstanding Bonds which affects the HTMUA and Hardyston Township. Mr. Marples will resume as Chairman.

Phase II As-Built Plans / Phase III Conveyance / Bonds – Mike stated the engineering and surveying company which worked on the construction plans were contacted with regard to the availability of the as-built plans. If the plans are not available a cost request was made. Status should be available by next meeting.

Ryan stated all the information with regard to the Performance Securities as presented at last month's meeting was presented to Fred Semrau, Township attorney. Letters were sent to the bonding company, response was received as to the guarantors of the issued bonds and the letter of credit. Fred has located a number of guarantors of the original bond. He will be taking the next step to collect and close out the conveyances. Significant progress has been made.

Irrigation meter replacement – Bob stated it is in process and will be completed once the new metering is in place.

Mr. Cicerale and Mr. Kula returned to the meeting.

Crystal Springs:

Pump Replacement – Flow Meter – The flow meter is scheduled for installation tomorrow. SCMUA will be in attendance during the installation. An inspection date will be set and then all expenses will be forwarded to SCMUA for reimbursement.

High Ridge Properties:

Payment Status – Gail stated 29 full and 1 partial quarter behind with interest calculated through October 31 for a total due of \$ 916,396.01.

Ridgefield Commons Emergency Interconnection –

Mike stated nothing received to date.

North Church Technical Center:

Marianne stated a meeting was held with the property owners and their engineers last week. The engineers discussed different possible options.

Water Allocation Permit

Mike stated as part of the application process, it should be submitted prior to next month's meeting. Authorization would be necessary for us to work as agent to the HTMUA

A MOTION was made by Kula seconded by Marples to authorize Mike Vreeland of Guerin & Vreeland Engineers to act as agent for the HTMUA to submit the Water Allocation permit to the State of New Jersey. In favor: Cicerale, Kula, Marples, Albanese, and O'Grady.

New Business

Marianne stated conversation was held with the Crystal Springs master association with regard to the water tank maintenance/painting. Further discussion was held including the temporary storage options and timing of the project.

Gail stated SCMUA's proposed rates were received with a proposed increase in the operating charge of approximately \$8,300.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

A MOTION was made by O'Grady and seconded by Kula to pay the bills, as per the bill list. In favor: Cicerale, Kula, Marples, Albanese, and O'Grady.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A MOTION was made by Marples and seconded by Kula to accept the correspondence as presented. In favor: Cicerale, Kula, Marples, Albanese, and O'Grady.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Nothing at this time

METERING:

Mike stated an initial inspection of the meters in the Crystal Springs development was completed in under a week. With the exception of the Cedars section which has multiple touch pads on a building, making the identification process difficult and is not conveyed to us, of the 758 meters checked, 62 or 8% posed issues. We are in the process of ordering meters for Indian Field. The metering software and hardware have a tentative ship date of November 25th. Once the meters, software, and hardware are received we will begin the process of notifying the Indian Field homeowners to set up repair/replacement times of the meters with issues. Further discussion was held regarding meter issues in Crystal Springs.

AT&T LEASE OPTIMIZATION:

Ryan stated he approached AT&T with regard to our concerns with maintenance of the water tank and the responsibility and affect it may or may not have on the lease. AT&T agreed to modify the lease specifically addressing our concerns with maintenance and make it clear that the HTMUA will not be responsible for the costs for the temporary relocation of the antenna; we are just required to notify AT&T within 90 days. The lease agreement states property taxes can be submitted for reimbursement. Ryan will compose and send a letter to AT&T.

PROFESSIONAL'S REPORTS:

Administrator – nothing further

Operator – nothing further

Billing Clerk – Gail stated the tax sale occurred mid October. Four residences were originally on the list, 3 paid and 1 was sold a tax sale.

CFO – not present

Accountant – not present

Attorney – nothing further

Engineer – nothing further

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:

The meeting was opened to the public.

As there were no members of the public present, the meeting was closed to the public.

There being no further business, A MOTION was made by Kula to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hensal
Recording Secretary