

Minutes of a PUBLIC MEETING of  
The Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority Held on  
October 28, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**1. SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Comm. Cartine asked Mrs. Briggs to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. OPENING STATEMENT**

Ms. Sylvester read the opening statement as follows: *"This meeting is being conducted pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, being Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975. In accordance with the requirements of this law, a Meeting Notice was published on February 9, 2013 in the Asbury Park Press. Similar Notice was given to the Clerk of the Township of Brick and placed on the bulletin board maintained for this purpose by the Authority."*

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

James Fozman  
John Ciocco  
Allan E. Cartine  
Joseph M. Veni  
Edward McBride  
George Cevalco

**Absent:**

Patrick L. Bottazzi

**Also Present**

James F. Lacey, CPWM  
Joseph Maggio, PE  
Frank Planko  
Frank Pannucci  
Maric Sylvester  
Jerry Dasti, Esq.  
Frank Holman  
Joe Mallison, PE (For Truhan)  
Christopher Dasti, Esq.

Following roll call Ms. Sylvester advised the Chairman that there is a quorum to conduct the meeting and the alternate vote this evening in Comm. Bottazzi's place is Comm. McBride.

Chairman Cartine stated, "And let the record show that Comm. Bottazzi is absent because he is attending a funeral."

**4. EXEMPT SESSION**  
*(Personnel, Contracts & Potential Litigation Only)*

Counselor Dasti advised, "There is a need for the Authority to adopt a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel, and litigation of contracts. The minutes of the meeting will be held confidential until the need for confidentiality no longer exists."

Motion by Comm. Veni. Seconded by Comm. Cevalasco.

AYES: Comm. Cevalasco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Chairman Cartine stated, "I would ask all those who are not essential for this meeting to please leave and we will call you back when we are out of exempt session."

At this time, 7:01 p.m. the Board entered exempt session.

On motion duly made and seconded during closed meeting the group returned to open session at 7:34 p.m.

## **5. Directors' Reports Review/ Adoption of Reports**

- a. James F. Lacey, CPWM, Executive Director
- b. Stephen T. Specht, PE, Director of Engineering/Operations
- c. Frank Planko, Chief Financial Officer
- d. Joseph Maggio, PE, Director of Water Quality
- e. Frank Pannucci, Jr., Director of Customer Accounts

Chairman Cartine asked, "Do any of the commissioners have any questions on any of the reports. Hearing none I will entertain a motion."

Comm. Cevalasco asked, "I have a question about the purchase of a truck."

Comm. Veni advised that item is on the agenda as 15B.

Comm. Cevalasco stated, "I realize that but was that in the budget?"  
(Someone advised affirmatively but it was not legible who it was.)

Motion to adopt the Directors Reports by Comm. McBride. Seconded by Comm. Veni.

AYES: Comm. Cevalasco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

## **6. Commissioner Committee Reports**

- a. Construction, Buildings & Grounds Committee – Comm. Fozman  
& Alternate Water Source/Energy – Comm. Veni

Comm. Fozman advised that Comm. McBride took Mr. Veni's place at the meeting and read the minutes of the Construction Committee meeting.

Comm. Veni advised, "We did not have a meeting of the Alternate Water Source/Energy Committee."

b. Finance Committee – *Comm. Fozman*

Comm. Fozman advised, "We had our Finance meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> with Comm. Cevalasco and Mr. Planko and we discussed capital financing with Noreen White of the Acacia Financial Group. We were discussing going out two separate times for notes. The first time would be for \$5 million to pay ourselves back \$1.8 million that we already paid out so pay ourselves back and we will have \$3.2 million and that \$3.2 million is being used and we can go out one more time and they can both be paid off at the same time. We also talked about 2014/2015 budget calendar estimate. Mr. Planko advised he is still waiting to hear from the Division of Local Government Services on the amended budget for 2013 and 2014. We also discussed the rate design study by Raftelis Financial Consultants and escrow banking was also discussed. That is all I have. Mr. Planko can add to it."

Director Planko advised, "A couple of comments Mr. Chairman. When we had Ms. White in we talked about it because the one year notes would be the best alternative rather than putting the money in the bank with a bond and having the money sitting there dormant. Also the rates are lower right now. Less than 1% versus about 3.5%. Noreen will be here next month because we are going to present a resolution to the Board to allow us to go out to the Local Finance Board. As Commissioner Fozman mentioned we will go out to the Local Finance Board with a limit and then we will draw down on that limit on a series of notes. I also spoke with Acacia they are double checking with bond counsel on that to make sure they agree with our approach. As far as the amended budget. I spoke with the Division. They needed some additional information and they have now approved that budget so our amended budget is now approved by the DLGS which means next month I can start reporting against the amended budget. Long term disability, we talked about a bit. Next month I will have a resolution on the agenda to renew our long term disability with Lincoln Financial. I am just getting some competitive prices from them and I will have a resolution ready for that next month. Escrow banking - I sent out a request for pricing. I had Mr. Dasti look at it. I have heard from several banks already and I am waiting until Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> to see if there is any additional banks. I will make a recommendation to the Board on that. That is it Mr. Chairman."

c. Rate Committee – *Comm. Cevalasco*

Comm. Cevalasco advised, "We have sent documentation to Raftelis Financial consultants because they had requested information. I assume they are going over all the information with Mr. Planko had sent to them so it is just a wait and see until we hear back from them."

Director Planko added, "I sent out some additional information to them today that they are going to look over and I anticipate having a conference call with Raftelis either the end of this week or early next week for the rate design study."

d. Reservoir Committee – *Comm. Bottazzi*

Chairman Cartine advised, "Commissioner Bottazzi is not here so do any directors have anything they want to say about the Reservoir?"

Director Maggio stated, "Just the item we have on the agenda to extend our current Reservoir Water Quality Consulting contract with Environmental Consultants."

e. Watershed Committee – *Chairman Cartine*

Chairman Cartine stated, "We did not have a meeting last month and Director Maggio do you have anything you want to add to that."

Director Maggio advised that our consultants are continuing to work on the watershed plan.

f. Hazmat & Security Committee – *Chairman Cartine*

Chairman Cartine advised, "I know that we have some drawings for the cameras at the Reservoir. We will be going over them this coming month and trying to come to a plan to install cameras at the Reservoir."

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 23, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes by Comm. Veni, Seconded by Comm. Cevalco.

AYES: Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman Cartine stated, "I do have several pieces of correspondence here. One is from Patti Evan. She says "thank you so much for the beautiful watch and your kind words said to me at BTMUA Day." And then we have a thank you letter from the Naglich family saying "thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the fruit basket in honor of my father Joe. Your kind thoughts are greatly appreciated." And we have a thank you from the Sharkey Family to the BTMUA Board of Commissioners - "thank you so much for your kindness and support at this time. The box of goodies was much appreciated as was your thoughtfulness."

**10. APPROVAL OF BILL RESOLUTION**

Comm. Cevalco read the Bill Resolution Dated October 28, 2013 in the total amount of \$1,639,615.95 as follows:

Total Operating Vouchers:	\$	343,556.58
Total Payroll:		902,029.37
Total Capital Vouchers:		392,261.93

Escrow:		1,768.07
Total Bill Resolution	\$	1,639,615.95

Comm. Cevalco made a motion to approve the Bill Resolution. Seconded by Comm. Fozman

AYES:	Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

# **11. TREASURER'S REPORT - Commissioner Fozman**

Comm. Fozman read the Treasurer's Report balances for the month ending September 30, 2013 as follows:

## **Unrestricted Funds:**

Total Revenue Funds:	\$	11,169,997.21
Total General Funds:		913,432.36
Total Unrestricted Funds:		12,083,429.57

## **Restricted Funds:**

Rate Projection Maintenance Fund:	2,070,491.00
Working Capital Fund:	462,854.21
NJEIT Processing Fund:	3,507,022.82
Total Bond Funds:	14,064,436.34
Total Other Restricted Funds:	1,509,345.37
Total Restricted Funds	21,614,149.74
Total of All Fund Accounts:	33,697,579.31

Comm. Fozman made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Comm. Cevalco

AYES:	Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

# **11. DEVELOPER APPLICATIONS**

## **11.1 Preliminary Applications - No Further Action Required -NONE**

## **11.2 Other Applications**

2134 Mr. Nicholas DeMartino, Minor Subdivision – Wellington Drive, Preliminary & Final, 2 Residential Lots

Comm Fozman advised, "Mr. DeMartino, Minor Subdivision, Wellington Drive, and Preliminary & Final. He wants to cut it into two residential lots. Maybe Mr. Spccht can further explain."

Director Specht advised, "We are looking to extend the sewer main in front of his house. The water main is already out there. We are going to require according to our policy that the developer extend to the end of his property line. This was brought up in the Construction Committee and they concurred with that so that would be part of the application he will install a 4inch PVC sewer lateral and the appropriate water service also and I recommend approval."

Comm. Cevalasco made a motion to adopt this application. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES: Comm. Cevalasco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

11.3 Release of Performance Bonds - NONE

**12. UNANTICIPATED/EMERGENCY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES - NONE**

**13. CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS RECONCILIATIONS - NONE**

**14. CONTRACT CLOSE OUTS**

- a. **Contract Close-Out for Super storm Sandy – Power Cable Replacement to the Raw Water Pump Station at the William Miller Jr. Water Treatment Plant; Super storm Sandy Contract No. 1280; Sodon's Electric, Inc. (Reduction in Retainage from 2% to 0%). The final payment amount totals \$3,606.69.**

Director Specht advised, "This is for the close out for the power cable replacement to the raw water pump station from the generator building at the William Miller Water Treatment Plant Superstorm Sandy Account No. 1280. Sodom Electric is our contractor. We are looking to reduce his retainage from 2% to 0%. The final payment amount is \$3,606.69. The contractor has submitted all the appropriate close out documentation and I recommend that we close out this project."

Comm. Veni made a motion to approve this action. Seconded by Comm. Cevalasco.

AYES: Comm. Cevalasco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**15. AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND APPROVED FUNDS**

- a. **Purchase of a New Franklin Miller Dimminutor (Grinder) at the Riverside Drive WWPS**  
Amount: \$29,750.00  
Vendor: Bendlin, Inc.  
Funding Source: Superstorm Sandy Account No. 1280

Director Specht advised, "This is for the purchase of a new Franklin Miller Grinder at the

Riverside Drive Waste Water Pump Station. A number of months ago the Board approved the repair of this grinder for about \$9,000. On dismantling of the grinder by Municipal Maintenance it was determined that at least \$10,000 more would have to be expended to repair the grinder so it is recommended at this time that we move ahead with the purchase of a new grinder. We did receive three price quotes. Bendlin, Inc. was \$29,750 and Franklin Miller, Inc. was \$29,931 and Municipal Maintenance was \$29,990. All very close so it recommended that we move ahead with Bendlin Inc. The funding source will be pursued through our Super Storm Sandy Account No. 1280."

Comm. Veni asked, "You are saying that the first contractor or vendor is cheaper than the guy who actually makes them?"

Director Specht advised, "That is correct. He gets a discount."

Comm. Veni asked if we are getting the same unit. Director Specht replied affirmatively.

Comm. Veni made a motion to approve this action. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES: Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**b. 2014 Ford F450 Dumping Rack Body**

Amount: \$42,575.00 – State Contract

Vendor: Ditschman/Flemington Ford

Funding Source: Capital Proj. No. 813013 Transportation

\*Replacement for V527 which will go to pool

Director Lacey advised, "This is for a 2014 F450 Dumping Rack Body in the amount \$42,575 and it is on State Contract. The Vendor is Ditschman Flemington Ford and the funding source is capital project No. 813013 Transportation. This will replace vehicle V527 which will go into pool use and again this went through the Construction Committee."

Comm. Veni made a motion to approve this action. Seconded by Comm. McBride.

AYES: Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**c. 24 GE/MDS TransNET Radios and accompanying cables.**

Amount: \$21,390.00

Vendor: Nutech Control Products, Inc.

Funding Source: Communications 910005

Director Pannucci advised, "As discussed at the Construction Committee Meeting, 24 Transnet radios and accompanying cables for \$21,390.00 from Nutech Controls under the communications budget 91005. This is the last phase of the SCADA Radio upgrades so after this that will be completed."

Comm. Veni asked, "How many bidders did we have?"

Director Pannucci replied, "Three priced with our QPA."

Comm. Veni made a motion to approve this action. Seconded by Comm. McBride.

AYES: Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**16. AUTHORIZATION TO SEND OUT BIDS, RFQ'S & RFP'S**

- a. Authorization to go out to bid –Mini Excavator Replacement for Backhoe Unit V304  
\$50,000 Estimated

Director Lacey advised, "We are asking for authorization to go to bid for a mini excavator to replace our backhoe V304. Estimated at \$50,000 and it is budgeted and it did go through the Construction Committee."

Comm. Fozman asked, "You are replacing the old backhoe that got damaged by the storm? Or is this is not Sandy related. I'm just curious."

Director Lacey replied, "No it was not."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to approve this action. Seconded by Comm. Cevalco.

AYES: Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**17. ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Comm. Veni made a motion to adopt the personnel actions as indicated in the Director's Report. Seconded by Comm. McBride

AYES: Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, Bottazzi, Veni, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**18. OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Cartine asked if there was any old business to discuss.

**19. NEW BUSINESS**

**19.1 Requests to Utilize Reservoir**

- a. Michael Hines, Wedding Ceremony on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.



8 participants

Director Lacey advised, "Michael Hines is requesting the use of the Reservoir for a wedding ceremony on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m and they have 8 participants."

Comm. Veni made a motion to approve this action. Seconded by Comm. Cevalasco.

AYES: Comm. Cevalasco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**19.2 Emergency Water Main Replacement on Bay Harbor Boulevard East of Blue Cedar Drive**

Director Specht advised, "A brief discussion on where we are at with the emergency water main replacement on Bay Harbor Boulevard East of Blue Cedar Drive. The week of October second or first we experienced a number of breaks in the section of water main 6 inch ductile iron pipe. On October 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday night, we abandoned the mains and our crews installed a temporary line above ground to four or five homes impacted by the failure of this main. We immediately reached out to the Board of Commissioners to discuss it at our Construction Committee meeting. I appreciate the feedback I received from the Board on allowing us to move ahead prior to the cold weather that is setting in because it is starting to get cold now unfortunately. Where we are right now is we have released the pipe. The contractor has mobilized the backhoe and is ready to get going. I believe it shipped Friday so we should be getting that hopefully by tomorrow and then miscellaneous parts should be moving in right after that. Hopefully we will have construction getting started some time this week. And the contractor has to finish all the work by November 15<sup>th</sup>."

Chairman Cartine asked how many feet of pipe we are talking about.

Director Specht advised, "It is about 600 feet of pipe and we are going to replace the ductile iron with C900 PVC Main similar to what we used on Tilton."

Chairman Cartine asked, "Upon your examination of the pipe that you removed what did you find?"

Director Specht replied, "The pipe has experienced extensive corrosion. I guess the main out there is probably 40 years old which is not too old for piping material, but there are concerns with the soil character out there in this Bay Harbor area. We have experienced a number of failures out there so it is important that we replace this main right now."

Chairman Cartine replied, "That leads me to the next question, can we relate this damage or erosion of this pipe to any part of the Sandy Storm?"

Director Specht advised, "I don't think we can Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Cartine stated, "Well I think I made the suggestion before while this was going on that we apply for Sandy Funds on this and my thinking is that area did flood out. We did have salt water that invaded the ground and that salt water added to the corrosion of that pipe and caused the problems that

we had or sped up the problems that we would have had if we didn't have that storm. I mean we can't pin it on that but why not just go out and see if we can apply for that into mitigation and see if we can recover some money for that."

Director Specht advised, "If that is what the Board wants me to do I can certainly pursue that. We will have to prove it to FEMA that the failure was caused by the storm."

Comm. Fozman stated, "I think you are asking for trouble doing that."

Chairman Cartine asked, "Why do you say that? I am open to hearing all comments."

Comm. Fozman stated, "I know I would like to get every penny you can but as Mr. Specht said the pipe is 40 years old and didn't live it's life full out but that is a shallow water main there and that is all salt area down there. I just hate to bring up a lot of problems with them looking scrutinizing every bill. Just my opinion."

Chairman Cartine asked, "What can we loose? I think it's a shot and I would direct our people to look into that. We do have some insurance people, lawyers that are working on some of this mitigation. I think they should take a look at it and make that decision. If it is a no go it's a no go, but I mean give it a shot. OK. We began the work so I need a motion on. 19.2."

Comm. Veni made a motion to approve this action. Seconded by Comm. McBride.

AYES: Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

### **19.3 State of New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Energy Allocation Initiative**

Director Lacey stated, "I have a letter from Michael Gallagher Sergeant of the State Police from the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police and it informs Brick Municipal Utilities of a \$142,080 hazardous mitigation grant. Grant for energy allocation initiatives and that is what we had spoke about before. They are going to give us this and we will be able to buy some generators and do a study and of course in the scheme of things this is just part of a much larger grant that is going to be coming through as we discussed."

Comm. Veni made a motion to accept the grant. Seconded by Comm. Cevalco.

AYES: Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

### **19.4 Request for Authorization to Extend Contract Ecosystem Consulting Service (ECS) for Reservoir Management Consulting**

Director Maggio advised, "We are requesting authorization to extend our Reservoir Management Consulting Contract with Eco Systems Consulting Services. Our current contract does give us the option to extend the contract for an additional two years at the current terms of a not to

exceed value of \$17,000 per year. We recognize exercising that option. They have been our consultant since 2006 and as always we have been very pleased with their technical support and expertise and they do provide us with a great deal of value in managing water quality in the Reservoir.”

Comm. Veni asked, “I know we have discussed this before but have you looked into anyone else? Are they the best? Well not the best, but I know they are pricey and they are going to give us the same \$17,000...”

Director Maggio advised, “Everything will remain the same, the same contract terms.”

Comm. Veni asked, “But have we ever looked at anybody else?”

Director Maggio replied, “The last time we did enter into a contract which was two years ago we did reach out to our Authority consultants and none of the consultants expressed much interest or did provide the expertise that Eco Systems does. It is a very specialized niche market and they are one of the few that does this and they are relatively local.”

Comm. Veni asked, “Did we spend all \$17,000 for the year?”

Director Maggio advised, “Actually the first year of the contract we only spent \$12,500. And this year we haven’t received all of the invoices, but I think at this date we have only gone through \$7,400.00. We do expect some additional invoices, but they do not get to the \$17,000. We have developed our own expertise in house so the intensity of the support we require has lessened. Previous contracts have been for as much as \$21,000 per year so this current contract recognizes that our expertise has increased over the years.”

Comm. Veni made a motion to approve this action. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES: Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

## **20. RESOLUTIONS**

71-13 A Resolution for the Award of Public Contract to Thomas Controls, Inc. in the Amount of \$2,465,000.00 for Contract No. 711003, Generator Replacement, William Miller WTP

Chairman Cartine stated, “Resolution 71-13 has been removed from the agenda, go down to 72-13.”

Counselor Dasti stated, “Mr. Chairman I would suggest that you adopt a motion to extend it for a month since there are still some things you need to look into on this. Motion to extend the potential adoption of this resolution for 30 days.”

Comm. Veni made a motion to approve this action. Seconded by Comm. Cevalco.

AYES: Comm. Cevalco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

72-13 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Award of a Contract to T&T Commonwealth Construction Co., Inc., on an Emergency Basis for the Replacement of a Water Main within Bay Harbor Boulevard, Brick Township, New Jersey

Director Specht advised, "This is a resolution approving and authorizing award of a contract to T&T Commonwealth Construction Inc. on an emergency basis for the replacement of the water main within Bay Harbor Boulevard. The contract amount is \$88,968.78 and I would recommend approval on that."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to approve Resolution 72-13. Seconded by Comm. Cevalasco.

AYES: Comm. Cevalasco, Fozman, McBride, Veni, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **21. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Chairman Cartine advised, "I have finished with the formal portion of the meeting and we will open our meeting to public discussion. Is there anyone from the public that wishes to be heard, if so please state your name."

Sharon Eastwick stated, "Sharon Eastwick, Business Manager, OPEIU Local 32. I represent the field employees and the water treatment plant people. I came to the commissioners meeting in August because I was concerned as I expressed to you about the disconnect between the Authority and the employees. I truly believe that reaction that was expressed by the commissioners was genuine and sincere. I'm sure you thought last meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September I was going to make a statement about the Township and their recent contract. I didn't because it had not been voted on until the next day September 24<sup>th</sup> so tonight that is why I am here. The Township voted for the teamsters to get four year contracts at 2.5% each year. It did not negotiate away their steps. They just stretched them out over time. We asked for a four year contract and were told absolutely no way. We asked for a higher increase than what was proposed and were told no way. It is about the economy it is about everything... The salaries at the Township are higher than they are here yet just last month you went into an agreement with the Township to borrow the skills of the people that are employed here. Yes they are going to cover the cost plus an additional 15%. That should send a message. So I stand before you tonight and say please reconsider the position that you have taken. This is about fairness because between the Township and the Authority there is the disconnect and it is not a lot of money if you sit down and calculate it out. Thank you."

Counselor Dasti responded, "Thank you Sharon. As you are aware the labor attorney who represents you in these negotiations is obviously not here and I would direct you so that we don't have any kind of unfair labor charge, we understand Ms. Eastwick's comments and we understand the memberships concerns. I would strongly advise you to thank her for her comments, take it under advisement and not specifically retort point by point."

Ms. Eastwick replied, "Jerry I was not asking for a response to be clear. I would not want to put anybody in jeopardy, but this is the governing body that makes the decisions. We have been told that at the table. Rob has my number, my cell phone number. I don't expect them to come back and say

anything but to just think about and reconsider the position that they have given the labor attorney so that we can move on with this.”

Brian DeLuca asked, “Maybe you can answer this Mr. Chairman. Is their truth to some of the discussions and some of the literature I have read is that with the current election coming up this year I understand that if Councilman Ducey was to become our next mayor he is proposing to take over the MUA. Is anyone aware of that? About condensing the MUA into the Township?”

Chairman Cartine replied, “I can’t answer that because it is the first time I am hearing about this as a possibility. It has been spoken about in the past, alright there has been discussion on this for a few years that I can recall, but I can’t comment on it because I have not heard anything on that. I think I do have some opinions about that but I am not ready to discuss them at this time and what will happen will happen in it’s natural course.”

Mrs. Briggs asked, “I just have to ask a question because it was asked at a Council meeting and it didn’t involve the Council, has the MUA done anything to - you have been discussing in one area where the pipes had to be replaced, blah, blah, blah do you want to submit it to FEMA. Is the MUA in the process of doing anything where they can know ahead of time if there is going to be claims that can be covered under Sandy?”

Chairman Cartine replied, “Yes absolutely. I mean we have a whole team of mitigators. I am going to say who are professionals and they came to us from their experience with Katrina. They are a Florida and Texas based company and they have come to New Jersey to help us with much of our claims and possibly some of the claims that our insurance companies refuse to pay so yes we are actively pursuing every nickel and dime for any damage that we believe has been caused by the storm and I hope that answers your question.”

Mrs. Briggs rejoined, “It was mentioned at that meeting that you have to prove that the pipes were...”

Chairman Cartine replied, “Absolutely there are steps you have to go through and paperwork, but you know it’s we’re going to try to get all the money that we can legitimately from the Federal Government as well as the State government. We are pursuing every course.”

Mrs. Briggs stated, “The second thing is I want to thank Mr. Veni for purchasing the clock, nobody listens to it at the Council, but I hear the ding and they don’t talk for 13 minutes anymore. They will go past it, but it has certainly limited the amount of time spent.”

Comm. Fozman stated, “If I can just talk to Mr. Dasti one quick second about the Union attorney that is doing the negotiations. Can the commissioners meet with him?”

Counselor Dasti asked, “With who?”

Comm. Fozman replied, “The union attorney, can the commissioners meet with him and see where everything is and sit down with him again. Would anyone have any objections to that?”

Chairman Cartine advised, "It would have to be at a general membership meeting because there will be a quorum and so it would have to be an advertised meeting. It could be at our next regular meeting or whenever but I have no problem with that."

Comm. Cevasco asked, "The committee couldn't meet with him beforehand?"

Counselor Dasti stated, "Less than a quorum can. I don't know who would form the committee."

Chairman Cartine stated, "A Committee of 2 could and that would be the Personnel Committee for the most part."

Comm. Fozman stated, "I would like to be one of the people."

Chairman Cartine stated, "Be the Personnel Committee."

Comm. Fozman asked, "Who is on the Personnel Committee?"

Comm. Veni replied, "Me and Chairman Cartine."

Comm. Fozman stated, "So let's bring him to the next meeting then."

Counselor Dasti advised, "Well it sounds like you might be able to meet with him in less than a quorum before our next meeting but I'll let the Chairman and Jim make that decision."

Comm. Fozman asked, "Well how will I get my answers. I want to talk to the attorney too."

Comm. Veni advised, "Give me your questions."

Comm. Fozman stated, "But I might ask more questions."

Counselor Dasti advised, "I'm sure he would come to the next regular meeting to talk to you in closed session if you wish. He did that two meetings ago."

Chairman Cartine stated, "I don't have any problem with any which way we want to go. Whether we do it at the next meeting before the full committee. I have no problem. I know this is now being mediated is that correct counselor?"

Ms. Eastwick advised, "We are beyond mediation. We are into fact finding."

Chairman Cartine stated, "Yes it is fact finding and I can't say more on it at this point so moving on is there anybody else with any comments."

Ms. Eastwick stated, "Jerry correct me if I am wrong, but there is nothing stopping the parties from meeting at any time. I settled a contract the day before a session last week. We are not far."

Chairman Cartine stated, "No, we don't have a problem with that. If the commissioners want to have our labor attorney here in closed session next month we will have it. Simple as that. Ok my word."

We will have it. Anybody else. OK we have any comments from the commissioners and professional staff?"

**22. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, PROFESSIONALS & STAFF**

Comm. Fozman stated, "Just a quick comment I haven't heard anything about the MUA and the Township merging together. I just don't want a rumor to start out there. I haven't heard anything."

Chairman Cartine stated, "I haven't heard anything either. Hearing no other comments I will entertain a motion to adjourn."

**23. CLOSING STATEMENT**

*The next Public Meeting of the Authority will occur on Monday, November 25, 2013. All regular public meetings take place in the Main Conference Room of the Authority's Administration Building located at 1551 Highway 88 West.*

**24. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'George Cevalasco', with a stylized flourish at the end.

George Cevalasco  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

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