

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING March 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rullo at 5:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and stating the following: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Advance notice of this meeting was given by way of the annual notice which was filed with the Carneys Point Township Clerk, forwarded to the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times and was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Carneys Point Township Municipal Building. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Rullo, Mr. Gatanis, Mr. Newton, Mr. Pelura

Absent: Dr. Racite

Others Present: Mr. Biermann, Mr. James DeBlock, Mr. Telsey, and Mrs. O'Neill

**Payment of Vouchers**

1. On motion by Mr. Gatanis, second by Mr. Pelura, it was moved to approve all properly audited vouchers.

RECORDED VOTE:       Aye: Mr. Rullo and Mr. Newton

1. Nay: None
2. Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED:     4-0-0

**Approval of Minutes**

2. On motion by Mr. Newton, second by Mr. Gatanis it was moved to approve the Regular minutes of the meeting of February 20, 2018.

RECORDED VOTE:       Aye: Mr. Rullo and Mr. Pelura

1. Nay: None
2. Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED:     4-0-0

**Old Business**

3. None

**Correspondence**

4. Letter dated February 26, 2018 from Carneys Point Township regarding the transfer of surplus funds. (Letter attached).
  - Mr. Rullo stated to hold off until next meeting to make sure that sufficient funds are there and talk to Marie and this will be ready for next meeting.
5. Letter received via US Postal Service on February 26, 2018 from Mrs. Delores E Pepperess at 257 South Golfwood Avenue, Carney's Point NJ (Block 187 Lot 7.01) in regards to the account to be terminated due to total destruction of property due to fire.
  - Mr. Rullo said that he will reach out to her in regards to Mrs. Pepperess about this property. Mrs. Pepperess had mentioned to Mrs. O'Neill during a phone conversation that she would be donating the property to Habitats for Humanity. Mr. DeBlock suggested that the Authority send her a letter to explain the costs of the re-connection fees.
6. Public Notice Letter for 100 Route 40 (Block 250 Lots 1-1.01-2-2.01-7-8 and 8.03. This letter is in regards to the application for a permit/approval will of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act.
  - Mr. Biermann he did not see the letter but this is a standard notice. They made an application to the DEP for wetland permits for the above properties between Rte. 48 and Rte. 40. This is just a standard notice to notify all the municipal entities and there is not action that needs to be taken by the Sewer Authority.

## **New Business**

1. Resolution 2018-16 Authorizing Chairman Rullo to Sign the Utility Concurrence and Final Design Checklist Forms for the NJDOT RT 130 Paving Project (S&A #CPSA111)  
RECORDED VOTE: Motioned: Mr. Gatanis  
Seconded: Mr. Newton  
Aye: Mr. Rullo and Mr. Pelura  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0
  
2. Resolution 2018-17 - Revising Performance Bonding and Escrow Requirements for Deepwater Diner (CITGO).  
RECORDED VOTE: Motioned: Mr. Gatanis  
Seconded: Mr. Pelura  
Aye: Mr. Rullo and Mr. Newton  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

## **Reports**

### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Telsey had nothing to report.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Biermann reported the following:

- Mr. Biermann has issued a punch list for the electrical upgrades and have reached out to the contractor and will follow up with them. Moving ahead with the UV Project we have gotten most of the survey done and starting to create some as belts on what is there right now.
- The Lafayette Pump Station. We have gotten the survey done and have prepared some of the base drawings for it.
- The manhole on Rte. 48 in front of the east end pump station that intended to receive the flow from the Kast warehouse. They took a look at it with a contractor to see how feasible it would be to replace the manhole at the existing location. There is a concern that there is a utility pole that's only a few feet away from the manhole. The manhole is twelve feet deep so the excavation would be roughly thirteen-fourteen feet deep by ten feet wide in either direction. This will go right into where the utility pole is. This is not something that can be easily held and would be very expensive to move the pole probably more expensive than to put in a manhole. What they are considering is putting two dog-house manholes in – one to pick up the force main run it over in-between the existing manhole is and the pump station. There's not a whole lot of room there and water main runs behind the curb as well. There is additional information they need to get on this site. We need to survey the site and do a preliminary design for it. Mr. Biermann would like authorization from the board to move ahead with this. Mr. Gatanis asked if all the expense would be on the Authority and Mr. Biermann responded that it would be on the Authority. Mr. Rullo asked what the cost increase would be from the original estimate of \$40,000.00. Mr. Biermann replied that was the cost of when they thought they could construct the manhole at the original location. This will be too difficult for the contractor to get his equipment under the wires and then to be able to work with the pole. They will have to do some designs rather than some sketches for the contractor. This will be more work than originally anticipated. Mr. Gatanis asked if the estimate could go to \$60,000.00. Mr. Biermann stated that the contractor thinks it might be somewhere around \$50,000.00. This estimate is off the top of his head, the contractor will still have to run all the numbers. Mr. Gatanis asked what the Authority's options are. Mr. Biermann responded that we don't have much of an option the Authority has to repair this manhole if Kast connects to it or not, it has to be repaired. The manhole is crumbling and the casting is ready to fall in. Unfortunately it will be more expensive than was anticipated.
- Approval to proceed with the survey of the property around the manhole and do a preliminary design.
- This needs to be put into a motion:  
RECORDED VOTE: Motioned: Mr. Rullo

Seconded: Mr. Gatani  
Aye: Mr. Rullo and Mr. Pelura  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

This concludes the Engineer's report.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. DeBlock reported the following:

- Solicited quotes for replacement for secondary pump #3. In the past two of the vertical turbines have been replaced and now it's time for the third one to be replaced. A circular pump same as the prior two. Quotes came in at \$14,753.00 this includes estimated frame and one day start up. The operators will be doing the installation with some supervision from DeBlock's staff. Andy and Jimmy were present when the other pumps were installed. The domesticator and grinder on the digester requires replacement parts. Mr. Hartman the QPA recommends that the operators can rebuild the unit – estimate is just under \$5,000.00 (for informational purposes).
- The flows are up, last month we did 1.1 MGD as a daily average. This month we're up 1.6 million gallons a day as an average. The operators are going to see if they can narrow it down to specific areas but think it's up due to the rain, sub-pumps and thing of that nature.
- Backflow prevention devices were tested to require replacements and the replacement RPCs were ordered, are at the treatment plant and just waiting to be installed.
- Water analysis report has been included with the report with interest of bill 2779 which allows authorities to modify connection fees when there is a change of use on an existing property. If you recall several years ago there was a property with one toilet and was modified to a laundry mat facility. We tried to bill them for the additional connection fees and then had to reimbursement them for the additional costs that were not under the current law. This assembly bill will enable the authority to charge when there's a change of use with the connection fees.
- Requesting board authorization to charge costs associated with pump #3 replacement from the R&R account in the amount of \$14,753.00.
- This needs board authorization:  
RECORDED VOTE: Motioned: Mr. Rullo  
Seconded: Mr. Gatani  
Aye: Mr. Newton and Mr. Pelura  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

This concludes the Superintendent's report.

### **Business Office Report**

Mrs. O'Neill's report reflects operating revenue and expense results for February 2018 are:

- Operating revenue and expense results for February 2018 are  
Revenue: \$147,541.70    Operating Expenses: \$189,568.03
- We continue to receive a good response from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter delinquency notices and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter consumption bills.

This concludes the Business Office Report.

### **Public Session**

No one from the public wished to be heard.

### **Closed Session**

A closed session was not necessary at this time.

**Other Business**

Mr. Biermann in regards to the shared use of Frank Hartman QPA with the Carney's Point Township. It was evaluated and it would be reasonable at \$600.00 a month plus the standard hourly rate of \$107.00 per hour. Mr. Pelura stated that this needs to be put in writing and sent to the township and that is what the Authority is waiting for. Mr. Biermann stated that they'll do that.

**Adjourn**

On motion by Mr. Rullo, second by Mr. Gatanis, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joseph F. Racite, Authority Secretary