

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING May 21, 2019**

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, Dr. Racite, Mr. Brown, Mr. Newton, Mr. Pelura

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

Payment of Vouchers:

- On motion by Mr. Newton, second by Mr. Brown, it was moved to approve all properly audited vouchers.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Rullo, Mr. Pelura and Dr. Racite

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Mr. Pelura abstained from the \$80,000 appropriation to Carney's Point Township.

Approval of Minutes:

- On motion by Mr. Pelura, second by Mr. Brown to accept Regular Session minutes from the April 16, 2019 meetings.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo and Mr. Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Old Business – Section 2:

Correspondence – Section 3:

- Email from Marie Stout in regards to upgrading our sound recorder to FTR Gold Recording Suite 6.2. The cost of the machine is \$2,295.00. The Sewerage Authority share will be \$573.00. (Please see attached email from Marie Stout).

On motion by Dr. Racite, second by Mr. Pelura

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

New Business – Section 4:

- Resolution 2019-12: TWA Forms for Tri-State Distribution Center – Mr. Biermann stated this TWA is for all the on-site work that will be their own sewer lines and adjusting the location of our force mains that crosses the property as their building is going right over top of where our force main is. Currently the warehouse on Rte. 40 is slated to have a flow of approximately 30,010 gallons a day. They also sized this for improvement of more than that. This particular TWA is for the 30,010 but they also have an additional of upgrading the pump station to handle another 29,990 gallons per day for the potential of them and others. The question is what do we require for the connection fees and are they required to pay upfront. According to the rules and regulations they are required to pay upfront however this is a provision that allows the Authority to enter into an agreement with the developer where the developer may post half of that and post the remainder when they actually make the connection to the system. Mr. Biermann stated that this is something the Board may wish to consider with this particular development. The connection fees for the 30,010 gallons a day is \$671,195.00. They also have some additional technical issues that have to be addressed before we give them the final go ahead to construct. If the Board approved the TWA's tonight Mr. Biermann request that it be contingent upon meeting the technical requirements per our review and meeting any of the Board procedural requirements such as paying connection fees if that be the Board's desire. Dr. Racite asked if in the past we required the connection fee at the time of the TWA. Mr. Biermann responded our rules and regulations allow them to enter into an agreement for half. Mr. Telsey asked if the agreement would come back to the Board for final approval. Mr. Biermann stated that it would have to and he will recommend that it be a part of the resolution. Mr. Telsey said his only thought on this is putting a date on the connection fee so this doesn't go on into perpetuity. Mr. Biermann replied that the rules and regulations state the agreement would be up to 2 years subject to re-negotiation at that time. Dr. Racite asked is there a way to include who the TWA is for in the title. Mr. Biermann stated we can add the project name to the resolution title.

On motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Newton

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Rullo, Mr. Pelura, Mr. Brown, Mr. Newton and Dr. Racite

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

- Resolution 2019-13: TWA Forms for Game Creek and East End PS Upgrades – Mr. Biermann stated they are upgrading the pump stations to 60,000 gallons a day. They are upgrading the pumps, the pipes and a number of things that they are doing. They have technical parameters they

have to meet. Because there is no flow associated with this and is just an improvement to the stations it does not lock us into the connection fee associated with a development. It will have to have a caveat approved to our review of the technical plans.

On motion by Mr. Newton, second by Mr. Pelura

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Rullo, Mr. Pelura, Mr. Brown, Mr. Newton and Dr. Racite

Nay: None

Abstain:

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

- Resolution 2019-14 Proposal for Professional Services Route 40/Route 48 Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Study Carneys Point Township; Salem County, N.J. S&A Proposal No. 2019-05 – Mr. Biermann stated this is the proposal we had discussed a few months ago. It is for evaluation on how we get sanitary sewer all the way down to Rte. 48 and along the Rte. 40 corridor and the developable areas in the sewer service area. The proposal is to identify if there are any upgrades that are needed on our trunk line and evaluate the flows on the trunk line running thru town. Also evaluate how the improvement would need to be constructed and how that build out would occur. Provide recommendations for any developers that would be coming in so that the Authority would have some firm guidance to be able to provide them as far as what sanitary sewer infrastructure that they would need to construct. The proposal is for \$59,634.00. Per the request of the chairman, Mike Welding took a look at the Authority's budget and noted that the Authority is able to authorize us to proceed with this. It does tie in a little bit with some of the proposed development that is currently being reviewed by the planning board. The developer is looking at the parcels on the Kelly Farm at the township line by Piles Grove. Dr. Racite asked how long it will take to complete the study. Mr. Biermann replied it will take about 5 months or so as there are 3 lines of flow reading and then time to analyze all the data and prepare the report. Dr. Racite asked what the flow monitoring by sub-consultant consists of. Mr. Biermann replied we install flow meters into the sanitary sewer system. This is a live update type program and the sub-consultant we use for this data goes up into the Cloud and we have access to it every day. If there is a rain event we can check to see if the meters are working properly and if we catch something we can call them up and say you need to get out there and make some adjustments to this or you need to give us an extra 2 weeks because something wasn't working. We can actually monitor this on an ongoing basis.

On motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Pelura

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Rullo, Mr. Pelura, Mr. Brown, Mr. Newton and Dr. Racite

Nay: None

Abstain:

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

- Resolution 2019-15 - Carney's Point Sewer Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website – Mr. DeBlock stated this is coming up earlier than expected as our current electricity supplier, Great Eastern Energy, has declared bankruptcy. EMEX LLC has reached out to us and ready to go to bid as soon as this resolution is completed and we'll give them the information tomorrow. This is an on-line process and if you are inclined to observe it we can send you the links so you can see the whole process play out in real time. This has worked for us in the past. This is the 1st time we've had an energy supplier go bankrupt but our QPA is inclined to proceed.

On motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Newton

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Rullo, Mr. Pelura, Mr. Brown, Mr. Newton and Dr. Racite

Nay: None

Abstain:

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Reports:

Solicitor's Report

- Mr. Telsey had nothing to report.

Engineer's Report

- Mr. Biermann stated that we hit the big things thru the resolutions. We are working on the Harding Hwy Feasibility Study for the stretch right here. We will have something to report at the July meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. DeBlock stated that VFD for Pump #1 has been received and installation by authority staff is pending. The PLC for the mechanical bar screen has been received, installed and operating. Flows are still down but up a little bit in May compared to April. In April we were at 1.0683 MGD and we are up to 1.1649 MGD for May to date. That pegs our 12 month rolling average to 1.162 MGD. Capacity Assurance is triggered at 1.235 MGD. Line Street Pump Station Pump 2 was removed for service, repairs have been completed and received with installation pending by Authority staff. There were a number of jetty jobs this month and a couple to bring to the board's attention: we received a report of a backup at 237 Cleveland Ave. Authority staff inspected it, it was not us we did not find any surcharge in our system. Garrison was brought in to make repairs on the Authority portion of the lateral servicing 307 Shell Road. We are responsible from the curb to the main and they completed that work. Frank Environmental cleaned the Line Street and Lake Pump Station. We had a complaint at 32 Miller Ave the blockage was on the homeowner's side of the lateral and no action was needed by the Authority staff other than to advise them to reach out to their plumber. 10 Rosewood was discussed at our last meeting briefly. Andy and Robert were over there at the end of last meeting to take a look at it. When we camera'd the lateral for the homeowner to try to determine who's responsible for the lateral that was blocked it appeared to be on their property. We recommended to them to put a cleanout at the curb line and then we would be able to determine whose responsibility it is. They put in the cleanout and it was on our side of the cleanout and the repairs were made by their plumber (who we have used in the past). Proficiency testing samples for the certified lab were completed and submitted. We don't have the results back yet but Mr. DeBlock is fairly certain they will be good. We had to jet the Lafayette Pump Station discharge line again. The jetting is very gentle so we don't create a problem under the one resident's garage. We are reviewing assigned accounts and Jim has indicated he will have this done for June.

Business Office Report:

Mrs. O'Neill's report reflects operating revenue and expense results for April 2019 are:

Revenue: \$306,108.06

Operating Expenses: \$117,603.48

We are receiving good results from the consumption bills and are expecting good results from the delinquency bills which was mailed out last week.

This concludes the Business Office Report.

Public Session:

Closed Session:

On motion by Mr. Rullo to go into closed session, second by Mr. Pelura

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite and Mr. Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Union negotiations update—Dr. Racite asked is there a reason why Mr. Whittaker is reported on the Authority's agenda as an attendee. Mr. Rullo responded that we have asked him to come to the meetings but there is no special reason. Dr. Racite asked if he's official. Mr. Rullo stated that as the foreman he is official and he is part of the union. Mr. Pelura asked if he is being paid to attend the meetings. Mr. Rullo stated no. Mr. Telsey stated that he is being asked to be hear as part of his position and makes it part of more complete minutes but he is not required to be here at every meeting. He's part of the group with Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Biermann and Mr. Telsey. Dr. Racite asked if this continued education that they are traveling to do that we are paying for a part of their contract. Mr. DeBlock doesn't believe it's part of their contract but the Authority believed at the time that they wanted to foster continuing education amongst the operators with the more educated they were the better off they felt the Authority would be. It's been going on since 2004. The specific training they have attended is not mandatory it's not the safety training we do in-house with JIF. This is waste water related for the most part. In full disclosure Mr. DeBlock is the president NJ Water Environment Association for the past year. It is the premier waste water industry association in NJ. Mr. Pelura stated that everyone has the MOU and this is everything we agreed upon at the last meeting There are questions about highlighted area at the bottom. After speaking to Tom Lyons, Mr. Newton and Mr. Telsey the union really wanted the Chapter 78 in the contract and it means absolutely nothing. It is stated right in it that the discussion would be subject to impasse proceeding until expiration. If they come back to us and say something has changed on Chapter 78 and we would like to talk about it we can say no. So instead of holding this up and after consulting with Mr. Telsey we said OK to put it in. Mr. Telsey agreed with Mr. Pleura's explanation. Dr. Racite state that when you start allowing contracts to be open or shut for something that may or may not happen it is a dangerous position to getting in. Mr. Pelura stated if we start to look at this Vac-truck we're at a situation where the sewerage authority may say we are not approved to use it and why are we going to pay for it. Putting the opening in that this is only for negotiation of that one issue and that's the only thing we are going to open it for. Adam felt comfortable that he was protecting us by saying that's it and they can't say by the way we want to open it but we want more money to do this. If we weren't talking about buying the Jetter truck this wouldn't even be an issue. Mr. Newton added that the public workers have CDL drivers but sewerage doesn't have them. It is mandatory for public work employees.

On motion by Dr. Racite to go back into public session, second by Mr. Brown

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

- Carney's Point Sewerage Authority and International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 676 MOU approval.

On motion by Mr. Newton, second by Mr. Pelura

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Rullo and Dr. Racite

Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Brown

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-1

Other Business:

Adjourn:

On motion by Dr. Racite, second by Mr. Brown

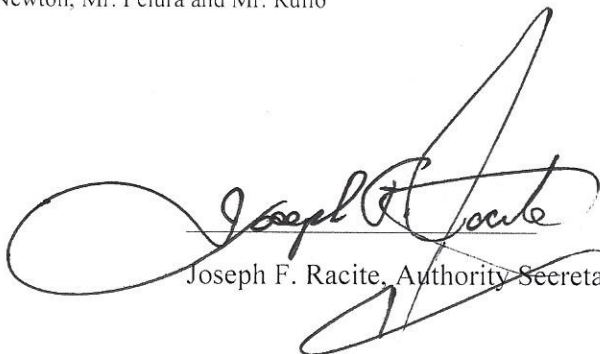
RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Newton, Mr. Pelura and Mr. Rullo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,


Joseph F. Racite, Authority Secretary