

**LOWER BUCKS COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2010**

The Board Directors of Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority held a special meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at the Authority's Administration office located at 7811 New Falls Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania, 19055.

Call to Order

Mr. Chase, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Mr. Verduci, Assistant Secretary, took roll call as follows:

Board Members Present: Edmund Armstrong
James Chase
Anthony Verduci
John Monahan

Absent: Susan DeRosier
Edward Czyzyk
James A. Downey III, Esquire
Pat Koszarek, Finance Director

Also Present: Vijay Rajput, Managing Director
Nancy Burnell, Supervisor, Meter Department

Public Participation

At this time there was no one in the public who wished to address the Board.

Consideration to Pass the Resolution Initiating Amending of the Authority's Article of Incorporation

Mr. Chase explained that Mr. Downey prepared a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority, Bucks County Pennsylvania, initiating the amending of its Articles of Incorporation to increase the term of the Authority for a period of twenty five (25) years from the date of the approval of the Amendment.

Motion

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, to approve the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority, Bucks County Pennsylvania, initiating the amending of its Articles of Incorporation to increase the term of the Authority for a term of twenty five (25) years from the date of the approval of the Amendment.

Roll Call on the Motion

Mr. Monahan	Aye
Mr. Armstrong	Aye
Mr. Chase	Aye
Mr. Verduci	Aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Armstrong asked Mr. Monahan if Bristol Township acted on this or not yet. Mr. Monahan answered no. Mr. Armstrong then said that Tullytown is all squared away on this. Mr. Monahan then stated that we can bring it up again based on this. Mr. Chase stated that his only question is Mrs. DeRosier informed him that Bristol Township was talking about an ordinance. Mr. Chase stated that he did not believe they have to pass an ordinance; they only have to approve it. Dr. Rajput stated that he believes that the township does have to adopt an ordinance. Mr. Armstrong added that he believes that it is by ordinance that they initially formed the Authority so I believe that is the way that they have to change the charter also.

Old Business

Compressed Natural Gas

Mr. Armstrong stated that we have been talking about Compressed Natural Gas vehicles. Mr. Armstrong further stated while he was sitting down at the Philadelphia Airport he noticed they have a complete fueling station. In actuality the Authority would rent it for a \$1.00 for fifty (50) years from Bensalem who is the original owner of it. Mr. Armstrong met with the contractor today who could install it. If we were to provide the pad, power and gas lines out to the area that is located behind McDonald's they would expect that it would cost approximately \$23,500 for everything that they would have to do in order to get it up and running. One of the problems with CNG vehicles is the lack of places to get fuel. Even if the Authority does not have vehicles yet we could be a supplier of CNG. People could come in, swipe their card and we could be billing them for the gas for their vehicles.

Mr. Armstrong further stated that Mr. Downey reported back that there would not be any liability issues. Mr. Chase inquired about permitting through the township. Mr. Armstrong replied that he has not looked at that issue yet. Mr. Verduci asked why we would be renting the fueling station from Bensalem. Mr. Armstrong replied that this was originally something that they were doing down there and it was suppose to be leased from Bensalem to Quakertown. Quakertown decided not to go through with it so it has been sitting in storage for five (5) years at the airport.

New Business

Philadelphia Area Stand Down

Mr. Armstrong stated that a lot of people don't realize that there are 200,000 homeless veterans down the street right now and it is getting worse. September 10th to September 12th there is going to be a Philadelphia Area Stand Down on the Thiokol property at Five Points. A tent city will be set up where our homeless veterans, as well as any other veteran, to receive medical care, meet with councilors, and to receive information to what programs they are entitled to. Mr. Armstrong informed the Board that he is working with the veterans groups and that the Township of Falls Authority is going to let us dump the water from showers and kitchens into their interceptor on Queen Anne Creek. They have asked if they could tap into our two (2) hydrants.

Questions/Comments

Dr. Rajput informed the Board that he has been contacted by the organization and he had the hydrants flushed.

Nancy Burnell, Supervisor, questioned if this organization is permitted to tap into the Authority's fire hydrants, will they be coming to the Authority to obtain the hydrant meters, just for the safety factor. Mr. Armstrong assured Mrs. Burnell that would be done. Mr. Chase added that we want a meter reading for accounting purposes.

Motion

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, to provide free water service for the Philadelphia Stand Down at the Thiokol property located on New Falls Road, Levittown, on September 10th to September 12th.

Roll call on the motion

Mr. Monahan Aye
Mr. Armstrong Aye
Mr. Chase Aye
Mr. Verduci Aye
Motion passed with 4 Aye votes.

Easements

The Board had a discussion on what the most effective way would be to ensure that there is nothing blocking the Authority's access to easements that are located on resident's properties. Dr. Rajput stated that the biggest problem seems to be tree roots. We have started a Tree Removal Program where we are in the process of marking any tree that is over and/or obstructing the Authority's sewer lines. The customer is notified of what tree(s) will need to be removed. This seems to be working quite well.

Mrs. Burnell asked if the easements that run through properties is the Authority's responsibility or the responsibility of the property owner. Mr. Chase replied that the Authority has the right of way. Mrs. Marterella asked when the Authority receives a permit fee is that because there is a shed, fence, etc., on the Authority's easement. Mr. Armstrong replied that the fee is to cover the Authority's cost for the research to ensure that nothing is obstructing the access to the easement.

Bond Closing

Dr. Rajput informed the Board that the Bond closing is August 12th. We will need signatures from both the Secretary and Chair of the Board.

Adjournment of Board Meeting

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, to adjourn the Board meeting at 5:20 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan DeRosier, Secretary