

**Independence Municipal  
Utilities Authority**

The regular monthly meeting of the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, **May 28, 2014**, at 8:00 PM, in the Municipal Building, 286-B Route 46, Great Meadows, New Jersey. Chairman Jay Woodruff presided. Also present were Kim Best, Angelo Bolcato and Neil Stern.

Absent: None.

William Selders, Senior Water Engineer, H2M Associates, was also in attendance.

Dan Esser, Water Operator, was not in attendance.

**Minutes approval:**

**April 23, 2014:** Motion by Kim Best, seconded by Angelo Bolcato, to approve the minutes of April 23, 2014.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

**Executive Session Minutes approval:**

**April 23, 2014:** Motion by Kim Best, seconded by Angelo Bolcato, to approve the minutes of April 23, 2014.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

**Old Business:**

Autumn Lane Well Project: A discussion was held between the board and William Selders regarding CFM Construction and the project completion date of May 15, 2014. Since the project is still not complete, the IMUA Attorney, Judith Kopen, notified CFM that it may be held in default of the contract and also be responsible for liquidated damages of \$400 per day. Mr. Selders stated there are a number of items that need to be done that were not anticipated; painting of the building, grouting, etc.

Jay also stated to Mr. Selders that after looking through H2M invoices dating from August, 2013, through February, 2014, that the cost has well exceeded the authorized amount to H2M Associates of \$29,700. Jay stated hours on the billing invoices included calls "chasing the contractor when they weren't working." Mr. Selders responded that he was here at the meeting at no cost and would not be expecting the payment held last month and this month.

William Selders left the meeting once the discussion concluded.

**Corr:**

We received The New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan closing papers from Michelle Loucopolos of Hawkins, Delafield & Wood. The closing is scheduled for June 5, 2014.

**Bills:**

Motion by Neil Stern, seconded by Kim Best, to approve the bills for May 28, 2014 in the amount of \$4,078.66 as attached; holding check #1697 to H2M Associates.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

**Water Operator's Report:**

None.

**New Business:**

Jay stated he was called by Ed O'Melia, IMUA Meter Reader, the previous evening (May 27) with problems at the Highlands of Independence well on Springdale Road. He stated the well pump was off-line. The breaker was off and when Ed re-set it, it tripped again. Agra Environmental Services, Water Operators for IMUA, were called out and after checking the system, the recommendation is the pump needs to be replaced along with the pipe. The estimated cost could be between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

**Executive Session:**

Motion by Angelo Bolcato, seconded by Kim Best, to enter executive session at 8:13 PM to the exclusion of all others to discuss Business Operations regarding the IMUA Water Systems.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Angelo Bolcato, seconded by Neil Stern, to return to regular session at 8:16 PM.

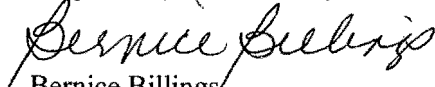
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Kim Best, seconded by Angelo Bolcato, to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Bernice Billings

Secretary

