

**Independence Municipal
Utilities Authority**

The regular monthly meeting of the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, **June 25, 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 and Angelo Bolcato.

Absent: Neil Stern.

Carmine Coscia, Owner & President of CFM Construction, Inc., was also in attendance.

Dan Esser, Water Operator, arrived 8:10 PM.

Minutes approval:

May 28, 2014: Motion by Kim Best, seconded by Angelo Bolcato, to approve the minutes of May 28, 2014.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session Minutes approval:

May 28, 2014: Motion by Kim Best, seconded by Angelo Bolcato, to approve the executive session minutes of May 28, 2014.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment:

Carmine Coscia introduced himself to the board and spoke about the letter he received from the IMUA attorney regarding a penalty being imposed for non-completion of the Autumn Lane well project by the projected date. He distributed a "Summary of Facts" to the board and explained there were a number of set-backs due to the design of the project by the Engineer, problems locating the distribution center, locating the valves, equipment issues, problems getting building permits, waiting for inspections, ice/snow/freezing weather, etc., that were not the fault of CFM. It was his idea to put in the emergency light, it was not suggested by the Engineer. Mr. Coscia explained that everything was done to ensure the customers were provided water. He would like to work this out between CFM and the IMUA without involving attorneys.

Jay Woodruff, Chairman, thanked Mr. Coscia for attending the meeting and said he would get back to him after a discussion with the IMUA board.

Carmine Coscia left the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Water Operators Report:

Dan stated the Autumn Lane project is running well. He felt there were a lot of engineer issues with the project. A brief discussion was held.

Dan stated he stopped to check on the Highlands well before arriving at tonight's meeting. Last month it had stopped operating and the well pump had to be replaced. They also found another well that is operational and will try switching from one to the other every month so there's a backup. We came pretty close to running out of water.

Dan stated they will be doing a Hydrant flushing in July. It usually takes about 2 days. Notices will need to go out by mail or email. It was suggested we purchase a few signs to put on Russling Rd. and the entrance to the Highlands of Independence. Jay will look into.

Dan was asked by Mike Furrey to mention to the board that they heard the Independence MUA was trying to possibly merge with Hackettstown MUA and wanted us to know they (Agra Environmental) deal with United Water who buy smaller water systems and possibly the IMUA might be interested.

Dan left the meeting at 8:30.

Old Business:

Motion by Jay Woodruff, seconded by Kim Best, to accept the annual audit for fiscal year ending 2/28/14 presented by William Colantano, CPA.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Bills:

Motion by Angelo Bolcato, seconded by Kim Best, to approve the bills for June 25, 2014 in the amount of \$32,497.26 as attached.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session:

Motion by Angelo Bolcato, seconded by Kim Best, to enter executive session at 8:31 PM to the exclusion of all others to discuss possible litigation and business operations regarding the IMUA Water Systems.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Angelo Bolcato, seconded by Kim Best, to return to regular session at 8:45 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

Motion by Angelo Bolcato, seconded by Kim Best, to approve Deb Hrebenak as the new IMUA Secretary/Treasurer effective August 1, 2014 or possibly sooner if released by her doctor at the annual salary of \$5,041.44 (\$420.12 per month) keeping Bernice employed until the change can occur.


Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Kim Best, seconded by Jay Woodruff, to adjourn at 8:47 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Bernice Billings
Secretary

