

## **Independence Municipal Utilities Authority**

The regular monthly meeting of the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, **January 28, 2015**, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Building, 286-B Route 46, Great Meadows, New Jersey. Chairman Jay Woodruff presided. Also present were Angelo Bolcato, Kim Best, Deborah Streeter and Deborah Hrebenak. Dan Esser, Water Operator, was in attendance.

No members of the public in attendance for the Public Hearing

Township Insurance Agent Sharon Cooper, of Charter Partners USA, discussed the IMUA Insurance coverage under the Township's policy. Under the Public Official Liability Policy IMUA Board member are covered the same as the Township Committee and other Township Boards. General Liability policy was also discussed.

### **RESOLUTION #15-1 RESOLUTION APPOINTING AUTHORITY ATTORNEY**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the performance of legal services for the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority for the year 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are, or will be made, available for this purpose to be certified by the Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, The Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et. seq.*) authorizes the hiring of an attorney without competitive bidding providing that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding and the contract itself be made available for public inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. Richard P. Cushing, Esq. and Leslie A. Parikh, Esq., of Gebhardt & Kiefer, P.C. is hereby appointed to serve as Attorney for the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority during the year 2015 in order to provide legal services for the Authority.
2. The Chairman shall enter into a mutually agreeable written compensation agreement with said Attorney within thirty (30) days of the date of this Resolution.
3. This Agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

**Minute approval:**

**December 17, 2004:** Motion by Kim Best, seconded by Deborah Streeter, to approve the minutes of December 17, 2014.

Ayes: Bolcato, Best, Woodruff, Streeter

Motion carried with four (4) affirmative votes

**Water Operators Report:**

Dan stated presently no problems, everything running smoothly.

Replacement meters to be verified for accurate reading this is a state requirement, Dan to report back to the Board next month.

**Bills:**

Motion by Kim Best, seconded by Jay Woodruff, to approve the bills for January 28, 2015 in the amount of \$7,587.68 as attached, still holding check #'s 1723, 1724, 1725 & 1726 to H2M Associates, Inc. until an explanation of billing is provided.

Motion carried with four (4) affirmative votes

**H2M**

Motion by Chairman Woodruff, seconded by Angelo Bolcato to have Attorney Leslie Parikh review H2M's contract, billing and payment's IMUA presently made to date, Board members agree not to exceed the original contract agreed upon.

Ayes: Bolcato, Best, Woodruff, Streeter

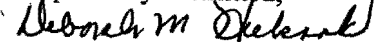
Motion carried with four (4) affirmative votes

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Deborah Streeter, seconded by Kim Best, to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah M Hrebenak

Secretary

