

Commission Chamber, City Hall
Millville, New Jersey
May 11, 2009 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in an agenda session with Mayor Quinn presiding. Members present: Quinn, Shannon, Parent Derella and Vanaman. Absent: None.

A moment of silent prayer was observed followed by the salute to the flag.

Mayor Quinn made the statement required by the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

"This meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975", was advertised, posted and made available to the public as required by Statute. The Municipal Clerk is directed to include a statement in the minutes of this meeting.

The City Clerk/Administrator noted the special business on the agenda is the authorization of an application for 2009 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Economic Recovery Program funding now available from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (NJEIFP) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and other related items for the purpose of Upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Preparation of a Proposed Bond Ordinance for \$8,843,000 with the principal forgiveness in the amount of \$4,422,000 and the total principal obligation in the amount of \$4,421,000 and the designation of a timetable and submission to the Local Finance Board. The submission to the Local Finance Board includes a proposed Bond Ordinance setting forth the criteria previously read in a statement to be presented to the governing body at a future Commission Meeting for introduction and public hearing.

Commissioner Parent called upon Floyd Burt, Sewer Superintendent:

"Well, some of our problems actually started in 2001 when we had a permit renewal every 5 years... we had to throw a 5 year cycle with the DEP for our limits to discharge in the river and they imposed a very strict chlorine limit and they're trying to phase out chlorine to the environment in general. So, we decided to go with ultra violet disinfection, it's the latest technology available to eliminate chlorine and it really hasn't worked that well and M&E was called in, Metcalf and Eddy, the Engineering Firm, was called in back in around 2002 to evaluate some of the process operations that we were struggling with. So, it's been going on for the last 8 years of planning, developing, trying to get the root of the problem and the type of treatment we have is contact stabilization that was popular back in the 40's, before they passed all the Clean Water Acts and it's really not that great now. Then we've been struggling with disinfection problems down there, however they appear to be minor. So, by rearranging the aeration tanks, which are the heart of the process in general, we'll be able to grow a lot better culture bacteria to adhere and remove the unwanted bacteria to the waste process. So, it should produce a lot better nutrient removal and add to and enhance the UV

disinfection that we're currently using. Right now we're having to run both channels on a 100% power and we're going through 4 sets of bulbs a year at \$12,000.00 a set, so we're like \$25,000.00 a year in bulbs, \$35,000.00 in electricity. Magnesium chemicals were poured on to aid in the disinfection process for clarity going to the river, \$150,000.00 a year in just Magnesium Hydroxide alone. This upgrade should reduce the cost for these expensive things we're using at this point and time and it would make for a lot cleaner effluent going into the river."

Commissioner Parent: "Thanks Floyd. I know over the years the work that you've done as the superintendent down there and we really appreciate the effort. I know it's been something that we've worked through our Engineering Department to get the applications and keeping DEP off of our backs, which is extremely important, so we don't get fined. I know that this is a major, major investment within our wastewater treatment plant. First I want to thank you and the people involved, so thank you."

Commissioner Derella: "from the Revenue standpoint I give thanks to the efforts of Floyd, as well as John Knoop working through the permitting process. This 8 million, 8 point million dollar loan, half of this is a forgivable loan, so 4.4 million dollars is forgivable to the City of Millville. Our responsibility is going to be on the other half, a one quarter of the market rate interest of that particular year. So, again we are leveraging as minimal as possible from the City of Millville in gaining the most from other outside sources and that is critical. We've received criticism, you know for several things, the pedestrian bridge, leveraging local monies to gain millions to make projects happen and here's another great example of the staff identifying the issues, staying on top of it, as Commissioner Parent noted and coming up with what we think is a tremendous, tremendous solution for the City of Millville and the residents here. Minimal payback by the resident themselves in gaining state funds and stimulus money to help our 50 year old wastewater treatment plant that's located and discharges into the Wild and Scenic River. Mr. Burt has done a tremendous job cooperating with the DEP and keeping us just ahead of where we need to be over the last several years. But, as you saw some of the numbers that he put out there in regards to the chemicals, the parts, the things that need to be changed year after year. This is actually going to create a better environment for the City in regards to cost savings, as well as, if I'm not mistaken, the fit that's going to happen now will allow for retrofits in years to come, should more improvements come online. So, this is a system that's going to put us on the A1 list as far as technology, but still allow us as future years come on to be able to add things as science develops new technology. So, all the way around from what Commissioner Parent said, taking care of our plant, which is a very, very valuable infrastructure for the City as well from a financial standpoint, this seems to be a great win across the board."

Commissioner Vanaman: "Yes, Mr. Mayor. Just one brief comment. I commend Floyd and the rest of his department along with engineering who got this all put together. I think it's important too for a lot of people to understand or to know that my understanding is that a lot of this work was done, by our own engineer John Knoop without any outside consultants. It was a

massive package and it was able to be put together from our Engineering Department. Good job."

Commissioner Derella: "one more affect, this will create 80 construction jobs through this process, which is another big plus is what the stimulus package is all about in trying to create employment and keep the economy moving forward. So, again it's 80 construction jobs estimated to be created once this project starts, not 80 jobs in the City of Millville, but 80 construction for people within the City."

A motion was passed to approve the authorization of an application for 2009 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Economic Recovery Program funding now available from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (NJEIFP) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and other related items for the purpose of Upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Preparation of a Proposed Bond Ordinance for \$8,843,000 with the principal forgiveness in the amount of \$4,422,000 and the total principal obligation in the amount of \$4,421,000 and the designation of a timetable and submission to the Local Finance Board. The submission to the Local Finance Board includes a proposed Bond Ordinance setting forth the criteria previously read in a statement to be presented to the governing body at a future Commission Meeting for introduction and public hearing, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

The City Clerk/Administrator made the following comments:

"The next matter I have on the agenda is a Resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to agreement between the City of Millville and the FMBA Local 63 regarding approved amendment to an agreement received from them on May the 8th and executed by them on May the 7th providing for the designation of an officer in charge in the event of the absence of a Captain from duty with the following additional sections and this provides that an employee assigned to act in the position of a next higher rank shall be paid at the position's base rate hour for the total time in that position provided that a minimum of 30 minutes is worked in the acting position. I want to note that I had subsequent conversations from the execution of the agreement on Thursday evening and received on Friday with Commissioner Vanaman and Mr. Pepper, because there was a comment regarding the payment of this, which would take place on a monthly basis rather than on a weekly basis and Mr. Pepper executed that portion with the resolution, however the FMBA did not have it in theirs, for the record, I just wanted to state that."

A motion was made to receive and file the correspondence received from Larry Pepper, Esq., dated May 8, 2009 outlining amendment to Article 8 to include payment of such acting pay shall be made monthly, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Resolution No. A- 6480 authorizing the execution of an amendment to agreement between the City of Millville and the FMBA Local 63 regarding approved amendment to agreement received from FMBA on May 7, 2009 which provides for the designation of an officer in charge in the event of the absence of a Captain from duty adding the following additional section to Article Eight: Section 8. In the event the paid Captain scheduled to

work is absent from duty, the Fire Chief may designate and assign one of the remaining firefighters scheduled to work on the shift, to assume the duties of the higher rank. An employee assigned to act in the position of next higher rank shall be paid at that position's base rate hour for the total time in that position provided that a minimum of 30 minutes is worked in the acting position. Payment of such acting pay shall be made monthly.

Director Vanaman: *"I just want to point out that this was several months long and coming, something is very much needed ever since we created the position of Captain within the Fire Department, which now gave the City of Millville 24 hour 7 day a week coverage, so that there is always a responsible party in charge. Part of the result of that has been as I've stated over the last several months a tremendous savings in the amount of fuel, wear and tear, maintenance, etc. on the equipment, because more than half of the monthly fire alarm calls are now handled as a station call, which puts just one truck on the road and eliminates the need for all of the volunteers coming in from their homes, their businesses, their employment and has greatly improved the Fire Department. The Captains themselves have a sincere desire to do a good job and as a result, since there was no designation of an acting person at the time, what happened was that the, because all the Captains, just like any of the other career firefighters, they're entitled to vacation time, sick time and personal time off and as a result of them being off with their dedication they have been covering each other on days that the regular duty Captain was not available and it's been a, had been a very costly item for the City. This act today by appointing in all probability the senior man on the shift is going to now result in drastic savings in dollars. They're looking forward to it, I'm looking forward to it."*

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was adopted, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

There being no further business Mayor Quinn asked if there were any further comments, by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Vanaman: *"Yes, I would just like to touch a little bit on the very tragic event that occurred Friday evening at the river Buck Park. It's unfortunate that the young man had to lose his life. I think what the people in the City of Millville should truly understand is how well all of the various public safety entities performed. The Millville Police Department, Millville Rescue Squad, the Fire Department, Chief Higbee from Downe Township, everybody put forth their best effort and it was commendable that they all were able to act*

professionally and work well together, it's just very, very unfortunate that the outcome had such a tragic ending..."

Mayor Quinn: *"it certainly is."*

Commissioner Vanaman: *"one final comment. To quote Tom Hanks in the movie Apollo 13, "Gentlemen it's been a pleasure flying with you."*

Mayor Quinn: *"Thank you, David, and of course Jim won't even be trying to fly with us anymore, so Jim this is truly your last meeting and thank you."*

Commissioner Parent: *"Good luck guys, good luck tomorrow for your election. I wish you well, I wish everybody well. Make sure you get out and vote folks."*

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair, by the following vote. Yeas: Shannon, Parent, Derella, Vanaman and Quinn.

Approved: May 19, 2009

James F. Quinn
Mayor

Joseph J. Derella, Jr.

W. James Parent

James T. Shannon

David W. Vanaman
Commissioners

Attest:

Lewis N. Thompson
City Clerk/Administrator