

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 11, 2015 10:00 AM

The Township Committee met on this date at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building, One Miller Lane, Bedminster, N.J. Members present: Mayor Steve Parker, Cm Bernie Pane, Cm Larry Jacobs and Cw Staci Santucci. Others in attendance: Administrator Judy Sullivan and Special Counsel William Mosca. Kevin Watsey, Government Affairs Manager and Michael Roberti, Senior Project Manager from NJAW were also present.

Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and instructed Mrs. Sullivan to read the Open Public Meetings Act as required by law.

Adequate notice of this special meeting of the Township Committee was sent to the Bernardsville News, Bernardsville and to all subscribers and posted at the Township Municipal Building on May 5, 2015.

Mayor Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Parker welcomed the representatives from NJAW.

Public Comments

Kevin Watsey, Government Affairs Manager for NJAW reviewed the status of the purchase of EDC. He introduced Michael Roberti, Senior Project Manager, who would be overseeing the EDC facility.

Township Committee Comments

Mayor Parker invited members of the Township Committee to ask questions.

Cm Pane stated that EDC rates have been a “hot topic” in the Hills neighborhoods for many, many years. He saw the purchase as positive.

Cm Jacobs questioned NJAW’s experience with sewer utilities. Mr. Roberti indicated that NJAW currently operates 19 sewer operations in NJ. He reviewed some of the cost efficiencies that were being implemented at those facilities such as bulk purchases for both chemicals and energy that were also planned for EDC. Cm Jacobs questioned if water consumption would be used for sewer billing and NJAW intends to make that change in the future.

Mayor Parker stated that he felt the purchase was a positive move for the town.

With no further public comment and a motion by Cw Santucci, seconded by Cm Pane, the group entered Executive Session at 10:20 am.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action on the closed session of May 11, 2015.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. BPU Docket WM15040492, New Jersey American Water Company – American Water Works Company Inc. and Environmental Disposal Corporation for Approval of a Change in Control of Environmental Disposal Corporation
3. Minutes of said discussion will be made available as soon as it is deemed in the public interest to do so.
4. The Township Committee may take official action on those items discussed in executive session upon completion of the executive session.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The group returned to Open Session at 12:02 pm.

With no further business and a motion by Cw Santucci, seconded by Cm Jacobs and a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. Sullivan
Township Clerk