

Highlights from Northampton MUD Board Regular Meeting  
1/21/2008

(Note: These are unofficial notes drafted by Alisa Moore and edited by Director E.C.Thomas intended for speedy dissemination of significant items discussed and acted upon by the Board. Official minutes will be posted once drafted, reviewed and approved by the Board.)

All board members were present. Also present were the District's Attorney, John Wallace of Bacon & Wallace, Jordan Thomas of Hays Utilities, Esther Flores of Tax Tech, Inc., Cindy Schmidt the District's Bookkeeper, Erich Peterson, Joshua Lee, and Ed Shackelford of Jones & Carter, Inc, District Manager Jim Sheffield, and Webmaster Lisa Moore. Additionally, Mr. Gonzalo Velaochaga of Peramco, Inc. was present.

We approved minutes of the Dec 17, 2007 and Jan 7, 2008 meetings. Additionally Esther Flores of Tax Tech, Inc. presented the Tax Assessor's report which we approved.

Jordan Thomas of Hays Utilities presented the Operator's Report. We discussed the list of delinquent and cut off accounts. The district has been pursuing the option to allow residents to pay their bill by credit and debit cards. Jordan informed the board the process to set up this type of payment is proceeding and will be finalized shortly.

With regard to a resident's water meter on Bayonne meter, Mr. Thomas investigated the problem and decided to proceed with replacing the customer's existing box with a concrete meter box. We approved the operators report.

Ms. Cindy Schmidt presented the bookkeeper's report. We approved the investment report and payment of the District's bills. Due to the large amount of time involved in preparing the Arbitrage Report, it may not be ready by February meeting, but will be ready in the time frame required.

Mr. Erich Peterson discussed the Section 4 street repair project. Presently the contractor is working on removal and replacement of pavement, though the weather may slow them down. He also distributed tracking sheet for project. The contractor requested a change order for the project which we approved.

He informed us that we are waiting for copy of draft from permit from the TCEQ for the water discharge permit.

Concerning the M-102 drainage project, Jones & Carter received a report from the engineer of the adjacent property that will re-direct the storm water runoff on that property, thus reducing the volume of runoff in the M-102 drainage area. If approved by the Harris County Flood Control District, this will result in a substantial savings for the District by reducing the scope of the project. This change will necessitate the project to be re-bid.

We approved First Amendment to Management Agreement of Oakmont Park and Recreational Facilities.

Gonzalo Velaochaga of Peramco, Inc informed the board they anticipate construction of the new water plant for Oakmont PUD will be completed in May. This reflects a slight delay from original projection of March.

Mr. Velaochaga also announced that Auburn Lakes subdivision was rated 38th in the top 40 home sellers for Imperial Homes and Village Builders. Customer satisfaction for the new homes has been excellent.

Mr. John Wallace informed the board he is working with Doug Eibsen of Peramco on the lift station site acquisition agreement and it should be ready next week.

Mr. Sheffield informed the board the In-Pipe project has had a substantial impact on our waste water management system. He brought to our attention that a significant inflow into the waste water treatment plant comes from Oakmont PUD (as much as 30 percent) which is not currently using the In-Pipe technology, thus we are not seeing the full potential of the technology. Adding In-Pipe to the Oakmont system could further reduce the cost and demand on the waste water treatment plant. The board suggested discussing with Oakmont PUD directors the possibility of their adding this system to their waste water system.

Mr. Sheffield stated that he has tried to repair the marquee sign at the front of the building, but it is beyond repair. The board agreed Mr. Sheffield should proceed replacing the sign with an electronic marquee.

We adjourned at 9:15 pm.