

**PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of a Board of Commissioners Special Meeting  
Monday, December 22, 2014**

**127 Roosevelt Avenue  
Plainfield, New Jersey**

**I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW (STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE)**

Commissioner Mitchell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. by reading the Statement of Compliance

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

**III ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Commissioner Carol Ann Brokaw  
Commissioner Malcolm R. Dunn @4:04 pm  
Commissioner Harold Mitchell  
Commissioner Cecil H. Sanders, Jr.  
Commissioner Charles Tyndale

**Also Present**

Mr. Daniel A. Williamson, Executive Director  
Mr. Duane Young, Chief Financial Officer  
Mrs. Lana Carden, Manager Human Resources  
Ms. Leslie London, Board Attorney  
Mrs. Roslyn Mathis, Board Secretary  
Mr. Jeff Bliss, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins  
Staff and Public

Alt. Commissioner Charles Eke      absent

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Introduction of the Solid Waste Budget**

Mr. Williamson stated that the first item on the agenda is the introduction of the Solid Waste Budget for 2015; he said Mr. Duane Young and Mr. Jeff Bliss are both present if there are any questions regarding this document. Mr. Williamson indicated that there was a substantial meeting with the Authority's staff and the Board's Finance Committee.

Chairman Mitchell inquired if there are any layoffs included in this budget.

Mr. Williamson responded that there is a consideration for three layoffs.

Commissioner Tyndale inquired in what areas.

Mr. Williamson replied in collections and another in inspections.

Chairman Mitchell had some other questions, but he said he would ask them after the budget's introduction.

Mr. Young gave a presentation. He said the budget for the sewer would be \$9,942,961.00, and the Authority was able to balance the revenues and expenses by taking into account the additional money from PARSA. Mr. Young said that at the same time the Authority was able to have a three percent reduction in the rate for the ratepayers.

Mr. Young said that on the solid waste side the budget will be \$12,852,185; he said there would not be a rate increase, he said that the budget will remain stable for the 2015 budget year.

Mr. Young confirmed what Mr. Williamson said earlier that there was a detailed meeting with the Finance Committee; he said that they asked a lot of questions, and they went through the budget, but if there are any additional questions, he would be happy to answer them at this time.

Commissioner Tyndale asked Mr. Young to explain how the three percent reduction was determined and if that is going to be a prolonged reduction; he inquired whether the Authority didn't foresee a future increase.

Mr. Young replied that regarding the sewer, they look at what they have in terms of expenses and what is generated in terms of revenue. He said the largest items regarding the sewer are PARSA, which is \$2.7 million to \$2.8 million and the payment to the City, which is approximately \$1.6 million. He said that those two items represent close to 50 percent of the budget; he said next would be personnel and health benefits. Mr. Young said when they factor in their expenses and what is charged to the residents, they can balance out how much in terms of give backs can be provided to the residents. Mr. Young indicated that the Authority was comfortable that a three percent reduction could be handled without a projection of an increase going forward and hopefully there will be a continued rate stabilization and rate reduction in the sewer.

Commissioner Dunn said that he and others have been encouraging the Authority's administration to go out for an RFP to those firms who are able to do an analysis regarding operations and pricing to determine what the needs would be over the next five or ten years. He indicated that he felt it is owed to the citizens of Plainfield to allow an outside source who is familiar with this type of operation to advise the Authority what they require over the next five or ten year period. Commissioner Dunn said that he needs to see the Authority engaged in putting out that RFP and selecting the proper firm to conduct this analysis. He said that it's about time that they call someone other than Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, who do a fine job, but he wants to know what the Authority's expenses or income needs would be over the next ten years. Commissioner Dunn said that he; Commissioner Brokaw and Commissioner Tyndale have had a discussion regarding this subject.

Mr. Williamson acknowledged the Board has been advocating this analysis and he said that funds have been set aside in the budget to have the study conducted. He said approximately \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00 would be required to conduct the study.

Mr. Williamson said they will need to go out to bid, he said that once they put it together administration will bring it to the Board for approval.

Mr. Williamson indicated that administration doesn't object to an outside source coming in to do an analysis to make sure the Authority's operations are on the right track; he said that doesn't intimidate them because he feels the staff the PMUA has on board, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins as well as the Authority's finance staff have done a fine job and will continue to provide the best administrative services possible.

Ms. London presented **resolution #120-2014, Authority's 2015 Solid Waste Budget Introduction from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015**. Commissioner Sanders moved, seconded by Commissioner Brokaw, approval of the resolution. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

**RECORDED VOTE Resolution #120-2014 – 2015 Solid Waste Budget Introduction**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PRESENT NOT VOTING	NOT PRESENT
Carol Ann Brokaw	X				
Malcolm R. Dunn	X				
Harold Mitchell	X				
Cecil H. Sanders, Jr.	X				
Charles Tyndale	X				
<b><u>Alternate</u></b> Charles Eke					X

**B. Introduction of the Sewer Department Budget**

Ms. London presented **resolution #121-2014, Authority's 2015 Sewer Department Budget Introduction from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015**. Commissioner Brokaw moved, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, approval of the resolution. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

**RECORDED VOTE****Resolution #121-2014 – 2015 Sewer Department Budget  
Introduction**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>PRESENT NOT VOTING</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>
Carol Ann Brokaw	<b>X</b>				
Malcolm R. Dunn	<b>X</b>				
Harold Mitchell	<b>X</b>				
Cecil H. Sanders, Jr.	<b>X</b>				
Charles Tyndale	<b>X</b>				
<b><u>Alternate</u></b> Charles Eke					<b>X</b>

**C. Adoption of PMUA Policy Modifications:**

- **PTO Conversion**
- **Annual Fitness Duty Reviews**
- **Random Drug Testing Reasonable Suspicion**

Mr. Williamson said that the Authority is currently dealing with the paid time off system. He said this process has been in place for some time; he said that administration has reviewed this system and they are recommending that the Authority convert to the more traditional time off system and dividing it between vacation, sick, and personal days and giving administration a more accurate idea of how the time is used, and he said that would be more beneficial to the Authority and the employee. Mr. Williamson indicated that staff did meet with the Personnel Committee and provided them with a packet, but everyone on the Board should have received this information.

Mr. Williamson indicated that it is proposed that those employees who presently have PTO time on the books until the end of the year will be given the ability to split that time between sick and vacation days; he said 70/30 vacation versus sick or 50/50 split because some employees believe sick time is just as valuable as vacation time. He said that option would be up to the employee.

Mr. Williamson said that administration is asking the Board to approve this, but it wouldn't take effect until April 1<sup>st</sup>, which would give the employees 90 days to resolve any personal issues they might have how to divide their time.

Mr. Williamson indicated that if the Board had any questions, Lana Carden, from Human Resources, is present to answer them.

Mr. Williamson said that the resolution is designed to address all of the policy modifications on the list.

After continued discussion regarding the PTO conversion, Mr. Williamson addressed the next item, the annual fitness for duty reviews. He said administration is asking to require employees to have an annual fitness for duty examination, especially the employees at the Transfer Station. He said this would help with the injuries and to maintain the appropriate staff for the job here at the PMUA, and he said that administration is asking the Board to approve this policy. Mr. Williamson said that Human Resources prepared a report regarding the cost and that has been provided to the Personnel Committee, and administration feels it would be beneficial to the Authority.

Commissioner Tyndale inquired if this just involved the drivers.

Mr. Williamson explained that wasn't the policy he was referring to at this time; he said that the drug testing policy is a separate issue, he said that's the policy administration would like to have applied across the board, not just CDL employees, but everyone employed at the PMUA. He said it is mandated by law that everyone who has a CDL license must submit to a random drug test, but administration would like to have this policy to apply to all employees.

Commissioner Dunn inquired what happens if something is found.

Mr. Williamson replied that Reno Wilkins is present and he will explain the process.

Mr. Wilkins said that if it is determined that an employee is not functioning or able to meet the capacity of the job, the Authority would have a fitness for duty examination to see if the employee can do the job. He said that if the employee is not fit for the position, he said that's grounds to terminate the employee.

Commissioner Dunn inquired if the employee would be given a warning.

Mr. Wilkins replied if it's a fitness for duty and they can't perform the job, or if it's an injury and they can't perform their task, he said there's no reason for a warning.

Commissioner Tyndale inquired if that would be inviting the possibility for lawsuits by doing that, could that be considered discrimination.

Mr. Wilkins replied that the fitness for duty examination would be determined by an outside medical firm to see if the employee couldn't do the job.

Mr. Wilkins said that the other thing it helps if there is a situation where an employee cannot function on the job because he or she has an alcohol or drug problem they run the risk that they knew the employee had an issue, but they masked it and an accident happened, the Authority would have all of that liability to deal with.

Commissioner Tyndale inquired if an employee had a drug or alcohol problem does the Authority allow them to go for treatment before they are terminated.

Mr. Wilkins replied that there is an Employee Assistance Program that is available for all employees. He said that if they had an issue, they could go into the Employee Assistance Program and they would keep their job as long as they maintain the criteria of the program, and they would be subject to random testing after that.

Mr. Williamson said that those are the three policy modifications that administration is asking the Board to approve.

Mr. Wilkins had one more comment; he said that since 2009 the PMUA has spent over \$300,000.00 in Workers Compensation and if there is a situation where an employee cannot do the job because they have an injury, the Authority is going to be stuck with that claim and it's a revolving door. He said if the employee cannot pass the functional capacity or duty fitness, he said they could be transferred to something else or if nothing is available, they could be terminated.

Ms. London presented **resolution #122-2013 to approve modifications to certain employment policies**. Commissioner Dunn moved, seconded by Commissioner Brokaw, approval of the resolution. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

**RECORDED VOTE**

**Resolution #122-2014 Modifications to Certain Employment Policies**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>PRESENT NOT VOTING</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>
Carol Ann Brokaw	<b>X</b>				
Malcolm R. Dunn	<b>X</b>				
Harold Mitchell	<b>X</b>				
Cecil H. Sanders, Jr.	<b>X</b>				
Charles Tyndale	<b>X</b>				
<b><u>Alternate</u></b> Charles Eke					<b>X</b>

Mr. Williamson said that there are two other items, temporary budgets for both sewer and solid waste.

Mr. Young said that January 1, 2015 the Authority will need temporary budgets in order to operate. He said that they take roughly one-quarter of the annual budget just to say the Authority has dollars approved by the Board to operate with beginning January 1.

Commissioner Brokaw clarified by saying the Authority has to wait for the final budget to be approved by the State and that will conclude some time in January.

Mr. Williamson confirmed that is correct and he said that it takes 30 days for the State to review it and the time they will have been in receipt of the Authority’s proposed budget should end by the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, so he opined it should be reviewed, approved, and returned to the Authority by January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Williamson said there will be a special meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> to adopt the budget.

Commissioner Dunn said he won’t be here.

Ms. London presented **resolution #123-2014 approving a 2015 temporary budget for the Solid Waste System.** Commissioner Brokaw moved, seconded by Commissioner Tyndale, approval of the resolution. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

**RECORDED VOTE Resolution #123-2014 Temporary 2015 Solid Waste Budget**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>PRESENT NOT VOTING</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>
Carol Ann Brokaw	<b>X</b>				
Malcolm R. Dunn	<b>X</b>				
Harold Mitchell	<b>X</b>				
Cecil H. Sanders, Jr.	<b>X</b>				
Charles Tyndale	<b>X</b>				
<b><u>Alternate</u></b> Charles Eke					<b>X</b>

Ms. London presented **resolution #124-2014 approving a 2015 temporary budget for the Sewer System.** Commissioner Sanders moved, seconded by Commissioner Brokaw, approval of the resolution. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

**RECORDED VOTE****Resolution #124-2014 Temporary 2015 Solid Waste Budget**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>PRESENT NOT VOTING</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>
Carol Ann Brokaw	<b>X</b>				
Malcolm R. Dunn	<b>X</b>				
Harold Mitchell	<b>X</b>				
Cecil H. Sanders, Jr.	<b>X</b>				
Charles Tyndale	<b>X</b>				
<b><u>Alternate</u></b> Charles Eke					<b>X</b>

After discussion on various topics, Chairman Mitchell said they have come to the portion of the meeting where the public is allowed to speak. He said if anyone wishes to do so, please stand and give their name and address, and they will be allowed three minutes; however if it is necessary, an extension could be requested.

Bill Kruse, 1009 Hillside Ave., Plainfield. Mr. Kruse addressed Mr. Williamson and said that in the past, prior to public commentary, there was a wonderful demonstration of the budget, where Mr. Bliss gave some details, the other consultants, T & M came up and gave a complete explanation, but before it became a feta compli and they voted on the budget, they had an opportunity to speak, and while there was slim to no chance anything could be changed by the public commentary, nevertheless they were permitted to do it, he asked Mr. Williamson if it's his understanding the budget has passed.

Mr. Williamson replied no, it hasn't passed, it was only introduced; he said that hopefully on January 27<sup>th</sup> it will be approved.

Mr. Kruse asked Mr. Williamson if it was correct that Mr. Bliss is with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, and they are financial consultants.

Mr. Williamson replied yes.

Mr. Kruse said that he made a futile effort to obtain an analysis wherein the amount of fees collected for solid waste from the households and the amount of mandatory payments from the shared service fees was displayed and up to this moment he said he has been unable to obtain that so he said that he's going to ask some questions of Mr. Bliss, if he is permitted to ask him.

Chairman Mitchell advised Mr. Kruse to direct the question to him and he would ask Mr. Bliss.

Mr. Kruse inquired how much they anticipate collecting from the shared services fee from the individual households and business owners and how much they intend to collect as a consequence of the mandatory payments of the shared service fee.

Mr. Young said that he would address that question. Mr. Young said to Mr. Kruse that the first thing he said was normally they do a presentation; Mr. Young said that when there's no change in rate, as it is in solid waste, it's not necessary to go through that whole presentation and this being the case with solid waste, there's no change in rate. He said that when the Authority has the rate hearing in January, the rate hearing will be specific to sewer where the PMUA is reducing the rate by three percent, and there will be a change in the connection fee. Mr. Young said that the whole slide show, and the questions and answers are not required when there is no change in rate. He said where there is a reduction in the sewer, there will be information regarding that at the rate hearing.

Mr. Kruse said he couldn't accept that on the face of it because there are new people who have come who have not heard the presentation, he said there could be internal changes in the budget that are not self evident just because the totals are the same. He opined that they owe it to the public for an annual review period.

Mr. Young said that a presentation will be done that is required by law and how they have to do it. He said that if it's not required, they don't have to go through the whole itemized presentation. Mr. Young said the Authority's General Counsel will make sure they are in compliance with the MUA law.

Mr. Kruse said that he would like to see that provision; he has read the Charter; he said that he has read the Interlocal Agreement and he has people who understand it better than him, but he has no recollection of that. He said he looks forward to Ms. London showing him where it says they don't have to give detailed figures to the public for review.

Ms. London said the MUA law requires that if there is a change in rate, the presenters explain the change in rates, whether it is up or down. She opined that is what Mr. Young was referring to.

Mr. Kruse said they have a moral obligation to show it to the public if for no other reason than there may be people here that weren't present before; he asked Mr. Bliss what amount of revenue was expected to be collected from shared services.

Chairman Mitchell directed the question to Mr. Young.

Mr. Young said that he didn't have those dollar amounts for shared services with him this evening; he said this is merely an introduction of the budget, it's not a rate hearing, not an adoption of the budget, and he didn't have that information with him.

Mr. Kruse said to Mr. Young, in determining the total budget is the same this year as last year, the two figures are very close, \$24 million give or take, he asked if they took into account in order to achieve that they are required by law to bill the public an amount that they anticipated to spend, he said they have to raise the funds to operate this operation, and he asked if that is correct.

Mr. Young replied correct.

Mr. Kruse asked Mr. Young if in that analysis is it unfair for him to note, there may be no change, but isn't he obligated to tell him how much he expects to raise from shared services and solid waste collections.

Mr. Young replied that maybe Mr. Kruse misunderstood him; he said that he didn't have that information with him, he wasn't prepared to have that information because there was no change in rates, he didn't say the budget was the same as last year, that's what Mr. Kruse said. Mr. Young reiterated, this is not a rate hearing, he said this is not the adoption of the budget, and he didn't come with numbers for him to critique or analyze.

Mr. Kruse inquired when they could see the specific numbers.

Mr. Young said Mr. Williamson sent the budget to the City and it's on the Authority's website.

Mr. Kruse inquired if when determining the rates, which is published on the website, did they ever inquire as to the rate for solid waste household collection that is charged by private haulers, does that enter into the Authority's deliberations.

Mr. Young replied the Authority can't be compared to private haulers; the Authority's rate is whatever per quarter compared to other haulers, that can't be done; private haulers don't have the Transfer Station the PMUA operates, and he said when they look at other town's budgets, they don't know how much disposal costs are in that town's budget and how much is being paid to the private haulers; until they get all of the components, then they will be better able to see how much the Authority compares to the regular hauler and that town in particular.

Mr. Kruse said Mr. Young made his point. He asked Mr. Young if he could explain to him why for the last eight years, and perhaps longer, the Authority's household rate has been within a few pennies of the local private haulers; he said the coincidence of that occurring is less than winning the lottery. He asked why the \$30.00 a month, their number, the Authority's number is what it is particularly in light of the explanation Mr. Young just gave him.

Mr. Young replied he is not sure what \$30.00 per month he is talking about and he wasn't sure what Mr. Kruse was comparing that to; he would have to be very specific or put it in the form of an OPRA request.

Chairman Mitchell told Mr. Kruse he has gone over his three minutes and asked him to conclude.

Mr. Kruse said the Authority's residential household collection fee, \$32.00 a month that they pay, \$380.00 a year, is identical to Grant Sanitation and has been for eight years, and he finds that a remarkable coincidence and it's contrived; he said they start with that number and their waste budget pricing is predicated on it; he said that they take the number they need, they take the number of people who participate and pay them their \$360.00 a year, you subtract it and the

balance becomes the shared service. He said they divide the shared service by the number of obligatory people who participate in it and that become whatever amount for the month. He said they back into it, there's no analysis, no diagnosis, no Mr. Bliss's 15 different methods of analyzing those costs, no 5,000 sheets from Ms. London's purported calculations to determine the proportionality between those two costs, he said that's pure fiction, and the whole thing is a travesty. Mr. Kruse thanked them for his extended time.

Tom Crownover, 1112 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. He had a few questions. He asked the Chairman to explain how much is the shared service fee for people who opt out of solid waste with the PMUA and why is it that amount. His understanding is that shared services pick up less than one percent of all of the solid waste tonnage each year than the total, yet it represents a very significant portion of the cost of solid waste to Plainfield residents; maybe 40 percent of the cost for shared services yet it's only one percent of the tonnage.

Mr. Crownover said there's been a lot of pressure on the Authority to reduce the rates over the last several years, so he was surprised at the City Council meeting to hear that the disabled and senior discount is 15 percent. He inquired if those seniors and disabled qualified in the way of assets and income which might give rise to some reason to give them such a discount or is it just rewarding people who are disabled or seniors.

His third question, charging for water usage for swimming pools, sprinklers, and irrigation, wouldn't it be most reasonable to charge rates based on water usage from September to May rather than including the summer months.

He opined that his perspective of the PMUA is greatly influenced by what they saw in Union Township and the City of New Brunswick, who seem to do the same job the PMUA does, for a larger population, for approximately the same geographic size for substantially less money, he said about 8 million or 9 million a year less than the PMUA. He said that his perspective was confirmed when he saw Edison Township with 100,000 people and 32 square miles of geography doing the same thing as the PMUA for \$27 million. Mr. Crownover said the PMUA must see they're spending way more money than comparable agencies and for some time nothing seems to be heading in a better direction.

Mr. Young responded to Mr. Crownover. He said his comment that the shared services represents less than one percent of the tonnage, Mr. Young said if he's just looking at the debris coming from the municipality, that's the buildings, that may be one percent. Mr. Young said that shared services includes bulky waste throughout the city, shared services is made available to all residents two free bulk's, that is a major part of the shared services, and there are other fees associated with that not just tonnage; man power, labor, administrative costs, and there are various other allocations associated with this; Mr. Young said to say that's one percent, that's totally inaccurate.

Mr. Crownover inquired how much it is.

Mr. Young replied this is not a rate hearing, so he didn't have that number with him.

Mr. Young said the Authority used to qualify the seniors and disabled the way the City qualified them. He said it was decided rather than putting them through two qualification processes, the Authority decided however the City qualified them for a discount, and the PMUA uses the same list, that's how they would qualify them. He said it makes it easier administratively.

Mr. Young said that regarding the water usage, the Authority could have done it that way, but on the advice of their consultants, they chose the method they are using.

Mr. Young indicated that as far as the PMUA handling their operation for the amount of money as other towns, he said that none of those towns runs a Transfer Station as well as looking at a \$12 million budget versus a \$24 million budget. He said Mr. Crownover was comparing apples to oranges, and not apples to apples.

Mr. Crownover said that Waste Management said they could clean it up for \$10 million for solid waste.

Commissioner Tyndale inquired if that includes where they would have to take the garbage.

Mr. Young said that Waste Management is not running a Transfer Station. He said when Waste Management gave him that figure they're not talking about the disposal cost, which is in someone else's budget.

Alan Goldstein, 939 Madison Ave. Mr. Goldstein said that he tried twice earlier in the day to look for a copy of the budget on line. He opined that the public should have an opportunity to take a look at the budget before the Authority takes action even if it's an introduction.

In reading the Authority's minutes from November 13<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Goldstein said that Commissioner Tyndale brought up the question about health care and he wanted to be educated regarding the issue, and Mr. Goldstein indicated that Mr. Young said he would provide a copy of the document prepared by Ms. London. Mr. Goldstein told Commissioner Tyndale that he didn't know if he received it, but he had a copy for him if he needed it, but he suggested Commissioner Tyndale should get independent counsel, and if Commissioner Tyndale gave him his email address he would provide him some information and they could take it step by step.

Mr. Goldstein said, in homage to David Beck, former Commissioner, Councilman Storch on his blog, said he wishes he was a Commissioner over the last few years when the PMUA lost sight of its direction and intended purpose. Mr. Goldstein said that he takes exception with that because he felt they lost their sight and direction back on January 1, 1998 when the City Council President told the public and everybody in attendance that the PMUA was not receiving any money, he said according to the minutes, and all he knew they weren't giving them any money for operations. Mr. Goldstein said in fact, the opposite was true and the City started paying the PMUA \$1.2 million.

Mr. Goldstein said that also in the minutes from the 13<sup>th</sup>, Bernice Paglia inquired about the Transfer Station Mr. Young had just spoken of, and he said that she asked isn't the Transfer Station owned by the City. Mr. Goldstein said, according to the minutes, Mr. Williamson replied that the Transfer Station is owned by the City, but leased to the Authority per the ILSA. Mr. Goldstein wanted Mr. Williamson, or people who voted for this Interlocal Agreement, or who have some background in it or oversight, to talk about this lease and he saw that Commissioner Tyndale had stepped out, but Mr. Goldstein had a portion of the Interlocal Agreement with him to give to Commissioner Tyndale where that lease is discussed. Mr. Goldstein said that Mr. Williamson, along with Jacqueline Drakeford, in the past had written a brief in support of a lawsuit that had been brought by several residents where Mr. Williamson referred to that lease; he said that Ms. London, another person who has left the meeting, and her partner, Mr. Glen Scotland talked about a \$2.3 million lease in front of the public, that never happened; he said the lease disappeared, and the cash flow reversed. Mr. Goldstein said that a month ago Mr. Williamson talked about leasing the Transfer Station and he asked if someone could talk about that lease.

Commissioner Brokaw stated that before anyone answers his question she had something important to say; Commissioner Brokaw said that they could all agree and disagree about certain things, and they want to make sure the public is well served, that's their primary purpose here; however, they should have some more civility when they speak to each other, she said she wouldn't be insulting to them and they shouldn't be insulting to her. Commissioner Brokaw said that there appears to be a little confrontation; she said they can ask difficult questions and they will be answered, but she would like them to have a little more civility when doing so and that's a general statement that applies to everyone sitting in the room.

Mr. Goldstein said that he asks questions, but he doesn't get answers, and he said that if the Attorney is involved they fabricate it. Mr. Goldstein said the question was asked at the City Council about tonnage and they didn't get an answer; he said Mr. Kruse asked about the shared services and he's not getting answers.

Mr. Goldstein said that they are told the Transfer Station has costs; he said it should also seem to him to add revenue, and if it only adds to the costs, it's not reasonable to have that cost. He said that at some point they would like to have answers. Mr. Goldstein said he has been asking questions about compensation, Section 203B, he's asked questions about that, and he hasn't received any answers. He said that he knows there is a section in the Interlocal Agreement, it was voted on by the City Council, it was discussed in a certain fashion, he said they were told one thing, he said that something else was the truth; he said they know that the PMUA through audited financial statements made changes along the way to eliminate the solid waste lease, he said then a month ago the Executive Director says they lease it from the City. Mr. Goldstein asked where the lease is.

Chairman Mitchell told Mr. Goldstein his time was up.

Mr. Williamson said that the lease Agreement is part and parcel of the Interlocal Services Agreement itself. He said this is not a separate lease document, lessor, or lessee; he said that the detail of that arrangement is set out in the Interlocal Agreement document; he said that's the answer to that question.

Mr. Williamson said with regard to expenses; he said that yes, there are expenses related to the Transfer Station and there has been substantial revenue that the Authority has been able to generate. Mr. Williamson said that at another meeting he had indicated that approximately \$1.1 million worth of revenue had come over the scale at the Transfer Station. Mr. Williamson said that he also talked about some expenses related to disposal costs of \$86.12 per ton; he said there are nine or ten towns the Authority has been able to partner with and as a result of that approximately a half-million dollars in revenue has been generated in shared services with those towns.

After Mr. Williamson's detailed presentation of the advancement of the PMUA since its inception, he addressed Mr. Kruse regarding not being able to give numbers. He said at the City Council Meeting they attended they were unable to give that information because there was no agenda given to them that would have allowed them to come prepared; they were just asked to show up and talk about the Authority. Mr. Williamson said that they are not trying to be vague about what they do at the Authority, he said they are proud of what they are doing and getting done, and he said they are heading in the right direction for the Authority.

Jan Massey, 1410 Evergreen. Ms. Massey wanted someone to walk her through the website and how she would find the budget.

Erin Donnelly explained that there is a drop-down menu on the home page, she said it would be under company and there is a tab called financials and budget, she said there is a list of all of the budgets for the past several years.

Ms. Massey said she looked earlier and she wasn't able to find it.

Ms. Donnelly said that with this current budget, sometimes when they do their uploads there's an issue with the server; she said it shows internally, but when they have done a test it didn't show it externally. Ms. Donnelly said the budget was put up today; but sometimes when something is uploaded in the morning, it doesn't show up until later in the day. She said that the budget should be there by now.

Ms. Massey went back to the method that is used for sewer usage; she remembers bringing this issue up several times before; she said that she monitors her water usage and 60 percent doesn't go in the pool or her car, it goes into the ground on her property. She said her water usage should be based on 40 percent, and if it was her bill would go down tremendously. Ms. Massey inquired of Mr. Young what were the other four out of the five methods that could have been used, why weren't they chosen, and what is the bottom line monetarily from one method to the other.

Mr. Young replied that if he said five methods, he spoke in error; he said there were several methods; he said he is not an engineer, but he having spoken to the engineers, other towns and other methods are used. Mr. Young said they are aware of other methods, but this is the method chosen by the PMUA.

Ms. Massey inquired what this method used by the PMUA was based on.

Mr. Young replied based on the advice of the Authority's engineers that this is the best method to be used.

Commissioner Tyndale said this is why he agrees with Commissioner Dunn's approach to get someone in to have an analysis done regarding some of the issues. He also would like to have the City Council and the Authority to have a joint meeting and having the issues addressed on a specific agenda.

Ms. Massey said a lot of these issues have been brought up since 2006 and nothing has been addressed.

Bob Chanda, 915 Hillside Ave., Plainfield. He only had one question. Mr. Chanda inquired why there aren't five or ten copies of the budget available and everybody can come and get it. He said several people here at the meeting said they tried to go on the computer and they can't get it. He said they should make a few copies of the budget and put it in City Hall, and they could go there and make their own copies.

Chairman Mitchell responded that the Authority delivered the budget to the City last week; he said they could go to City Hall and get a copy.

Mr. Chanda inquired if that document would reflect what they have been talking about.

Mr. Williamson replied yes.

Ms. Donnelly said that she checked from her cell phone on the home page, and if they click on financials, she said it brings up the budget from 2009 to now.

Commissioner Sanders moved, seconded by Commissioner Brokaw and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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