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**Resolution #2 (continued)**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT – October 18, 2007**

Village of Loch Arbour (October) .....	541.67
Princeton Hydro, LLC (August) .....	700.00
Village of Loch Arbour (reimbursement-Minutes Book) .....	155.00
Princeton Hydro, LLC (Grant).....	2,532.00

**TOTAL BILLS AND OTHER DISBURSEMENTS.....3,928.67**

**BALANCES AFTER OCTOBER DISBURSEMENTS**

Bank of America Checking Account .....	18,286.48
NJ Cash Management Fund .....	37,992.41

**TOTAL .....\$56,278.89**

**Recorded Vote:**

Ayes: Allenhurst, Asbury Park, Interlaken, Neptune, Ocean  
Nays: None                                      Absent: Deal, Loch Arbour

The Deal representative arrived at 7:15 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Weed Harvesting – tentative arrangements have been made for July 2008 (verbally); awaiting written confirmation in order to encumber funds from 2007 budget for this project and an initial chemical weed control. Dr. Souza will request the written proposal from the contractor within the next several weeks. Mr. Villapiano (Ocean) suggested the Commission initiate a request for a one-time additional assessment this year to supplement the funds available for these projects. Mr. Rokaw reiterated that the appropriate solution for this problem is for the County to purchase a weed harvester for use in all the County’s lakes. There was some further discussion of this matter.
2. Gatehouse Electrification – Mr. Avakian reported that three contractors were asked to submit cost estimates; none has responded to date. He further reported that this project is included in the RSWMP as a priority item, and also contacted the Coastal Engineering Department of the DEP (funded the extension of the Flume) and advised them of the importance of this project. Mr. Avakian suggested that it may be appropriate to request legislative funding for this project, since plans and specifications are completed. Mr. Rogers requested a “ballpark” estimate for this project and how the Commission would pay for this project; Mr. Avakian responded that an approximate cost would be between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Mr. Rogers suggested that the Commission prioritize the projects and stated that in his opinion, electrification of the gates was more important overall than weed control.
3. RSWMP – Milestone 3 meeting was held on October 16, 2007 at the Commission’s insistence after several months of delays. Dr. Souza reported that the feedback from the DEP representatives was positive, and

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RSWMP (continued)

. The plan includes the required elements of flood control, water quality and recharge. The list of projects (one in each watershed area) was presented and discussed with them. The DEP representatives were also receptive to including the electrification project in the Plan as a flood control measure. Dr. Souza stated that he needed a firmer estimate of the cost of the gate electrification project to include in the draft RSWMP report to enable the Commission to be eligible for 319 funding in fiscal 2009 for this project. He further stated that weed harvesting will not be eligible for 319 funding, and must come from the Commission's budget. There was additional discussion of this topic. The next required meeting (Milestone 4) with the DEP will be sometime in December and then the draft report can be filed with the State no later than the end of February 2008. Upon filing with the State, the Commission will be eligible for project funding.

4. Firemen's Pond – Mr. Avakian reported that he and Chairman Everson took the new Manager and Public Works Director of Ocean Township on a tour of key locations and found them receptive to possible township participation in the rehabilitation of the area.
5. Signage – no update at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Lakefront Improvement District – Mr. Villapiano suggested the creation of a Special Lakefront Improvement Zone as a means of raising dedicated funds for lake projects from lakefront residents. Dr. Souza reported that there are none within the State of New Jersey, and is it feasible in this area. The discussion continued for several minutes.
2. Mr. Meyer asked if other funding was easier to obtain than 319 funding. Dr. Souza responded that they are not. ANJEC funding (a 50/50 match required) is generally for planning projects.
3. Dr. Souza asked if the Clerk was aware of the availability of cameras to televise the sewer lines from the Monmouth County Health Department; she responded that she was not. Mr. Avakian also stated that simply having a camera does nothing unless the operators are trained extensively in how to use it.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

UPON MOTION of Interlaken, seconded by Ocean, carried, that the meeting be opened for public comments.

Maria Rice, Interlaken, requested that Dr. Souza supply the weed harvesting cost estimate for the November 1 of the Friends of Deal Lake. She further commented that if Lake Hopatcong lost its funding, how Deal Lake going to be successful in obtaining funding. She asked Dr. Souza to notify her when the letter writing campaign should start; he responded early in the Spring. She supported the suggestion that a one-time additional assessment be requested from the participating municipalities.

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**PUBLIC HEARING** (continued)

There was further discussion among the Commissioner's about the budgetary requirements necessary to support the Commission.

Brian Mullen, Wanamassa, questioned the budget process, and asked for historical budget information from 2000. The Clerk supplied the information requested.

Sol Harrah, Wanamassa, questioned whether the other problems associated with the weed harvesting had been resolved; he was advised that they were. He further stated that the decaying leaves in the lake contribute to the stench that comes from it and supported the use of the aquamog instead of the weed harvester. Dr. Souza responded that the aquamogging would cost at least \$30,000 per acre exclusive of debris removal and tipping costs, which is beyond the ability of the Commission to fund. Mr. Parry stated that there is no money on either the municipal or State level, and stated that there is no immediate relief due to the lack of funds. Mr. Villapiano stated that the County must become involved in funding these projects. Mr. Villapiano stated that he would bring these matters to Freeholder McMorrow's attention. Mr. Harrah further stated that the lake lowering was ineffective.

Mr. Meyer stated that there needs to be a concerted effort from lake communities to obtain funding for necessary lake maintenance projects, and suggested the coordination of efforts among all the lake commissions. Mr. Rokaw suggested a petition be initiated to bring lake issues to the Freeholders' attention.

Mr. Mullen raised some questions about prior projects that were funded. Dr. Souza will research his files for some additional information, and made reference to the need to apply for a General Permit to accomplish the goals of the program. Dr. Souza suggested that Mr. Mullens research details of programs available through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Bob Jaroszewski, Wanamassa, addressed some questions about the need to educate the lake-front residents about their responsibilities to the watershed. Dr. Souza advised that Mr. Zazzarino had attempted to initiate the non-phosphorous fertilizer program with vendors in this area, but the vendors, although receptive to the idea, indicated that there is a problem with suppliers. There was a further discussion about the need to educate the public about being responsible watershed residents.

Mr. Meyer recommended a Rutgers sponsored seminar this Saturday at 9:00 AM called Streamside Living being held at the Ag Building on Kozlowski Road in Freehold.

There were no further comments from the public. UPON MOTION of Interlaken, seconded by Ocean, carried, that the public hearing be closed.

UPON MOTION of Interlaken, seconded by Ocean, carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

