

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: September 22, 2020

In accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Statutes regarding “Open Public Meetings”, notice of public meeting for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (with time and place of meeting) was legally advertised in the Courier Post and The South Jersey Times.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Rich Silvesti at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room located at 152 Whitman Drive, Turnersville, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL: Present from the Board was Rich Silvesti, Chairman; Harry Adams, Vice Chairman; Matt Gorman, Secretary/Treasurer; Jack Yerkes, Member and Frank Cianci, Alternate Member. Also present were Angela Grassia, Executive Director; Matt Walker, Assistant Superintendent; Dennis Yoder, Authority Engineer and John Carleton, Authority Solicitor. Frank Cianci will vote in place of Ray DiNovi due to his absence. Dawn Passante arrived at 6:18pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Matt Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020. Jack Yerkes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board. Harry Adams abstained due to his absence.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Matt Gorman made a motion to approve the closed session of September 8, 2020. Jack Yerkes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board. Harry Adams abstained due to his absence.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

M.U.A Office Project:

The Fries Mill Road parcel has received subdivision approval from the Planning Board. The approved resolution has been issued.

Blackwood-Barnsboro Road Relocation:

The County has awarded a contract to JPC Contractors to commence construction in May. Construction for 3,000 LF water main extension has been installed. Pressure testing and bacteria testing are completed and the main is on-line. As-builts remain. The Sawyer’s Creek pump station force main relocation is to be scheduled.

Well 18 Media Replacement Contract:

A contract was awarded to Water Remediation Technology, LLC (WRT) for the amount of \$206,580.00. Submittals and contract resolution have been processed. Work is currently scheduled for the week of September 28th.

Hurffville Road Water Main Improvements:

A contract was awarded to Pioneer Pipe Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$280,666.47 based on our award letter dated August 5, 2020. Contracts have been processed and a pre-construction meeting was completed.

555 Water Tank-T-Mobile:

T-Mobile is adding additional antenna mounts. Remington & Vernick Engineers has completed a pre-installation tank climb inspection and will schedule a post-climb inspection when work is completed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

John Carleton asked for a closed session to discuss litigation matters.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2020 – 069 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 14" ACP SEWER MAIN AT 7 HUNTER COURT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,000.00**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2020 – 070 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 4" SEWER LATERAL AND 8" SEWER MAIN AT 211 CLAIBORNE WAY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,000.00**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2020 – 071 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF 10" GATE VALVE AT FISHPOND PUMP STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000.00**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Angela Grassia asked for a closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Jack Yerkes moved **RESOLUTION #2020 – 072 TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE NEW JERSEY UTILITY AUTHORITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

MUA Office Project:

Harry Adams moved **RESOLUTION #2020 – 073 TO PURCHASE THE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ON FRIES MILL ROAD NOT TO EXCEED \$550,000.00 CONTINGENT UPON THE CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS.** Frank Cianci seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Jack Yerkes moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$186,141.06.** Frank Cianci seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Jack Yerkes moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$332,908.59.** Frank Cianci seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Jack Yerkes moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,927.14.** Frank Cianci seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Jack Yerkes moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,207.75.** Frank Cianci seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #21-07:

Jack Yerkes moved **THE RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #21-07.** Frank Cianci seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No one was present tonight.

CLOSED SESSION:

Jack Yerkes moved **RESOLUTION #2020 – 074 TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION MATTERS.** Frank Cianci seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

After the meeting had reconvened, Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2020 – 075 TO AUTHORIZE A WEEKLY STIPEND OF \$175.00 PER WEEK TO EACH DIANA TARASEVICH, MARYBETH EBBINGER AND LINDA BROWN WHILE PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND UNTIL THE POSITION OF PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK**

IS FILLED. STIPEND DOES NOT APPLY ON HOLIDAYS OR WHEN EMPLOYEES ARE OFF USING ANY TYPE OF PAID LEAVE. Jack Yerkes seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Authority at this time, Frank Cianci made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Harry Adams and then unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted

Matt Gorman
Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded and Prepared by Lisa Rotella