

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: September 28, 2021

In accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Statutes regarding “Open Public Meetings”, notice of public meeting for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (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; Ray DiNovi, Member; Frank Cianci, Alternate Member and Dawn Passante, Alternate Member. Also present were Angela Grassia, Executive Director; Matt Walker, Assistant Superintendent; Dennis Yoder, Authority Engineer and Amy Krumenacker, Authority Solicitor. Frank Cianci would vote in place of Jack Yerkes. Jack Yerkes arrived at 6:20 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ray Dinovi made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021. Harry Adams seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Pinnacle Place Phases I and II:

Matt Gorman move **RESOLUTION #2021 – 057 TO APPROVE FORM D APPLICATION FOR PINNACLE PLACE, PHASES I AND II BASED UPON THE ENGINEER’S LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2021.** Ray DiNovi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Jefferson Hospital:

Jefferson Hospital has erected their main sign over the weekend which encroaches on a MUA sewer easement. The board is concerned since they were notified but still went ahead with construction. This will be investigated and the board will have to discuss along with our Solicitor on how to proceed. An agreement is a possible option.

MUA Office Project:

Select Modular has provided an initial concept. The next milestone is Township and County Planning board approvals.

Hurffville Road Water Main Improvements:

The new water main and laterals are installed, tested and approved.

Valley Green Pump Station:

Construction will be late fall or winter.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Matt Walker reported about the main break in the main driveway of the Authority. He stated that all information has been submitted to our insurance carrier.

He also stated that he would need a closed session to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Angela Grassia referred to the resolution on the agenda required by the Local Finance Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2021 – 058 AUTHORIZING GROUP AFFIDAVIT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD.** Ray DiNovi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF BILLS;

Jack Yerkes moved the **PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$163,372.73.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Jack Yerkes moved the **OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$233,526.25.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Jack Yerkes moved the **ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,815.96.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Jack Yerkes moved the **GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,880.44.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Jack Yerkes moved the **BONDING RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,735.14.** Harry Adams seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mark Matthews, founder of the commerce blog 42 Freeway.com was present this evening. He explained that he was interested in information regarding the future MUA plant and office project on Fries Mill Road. He explained that meeting minutes were not adequate enough to inform the public. He said government in general should be more open. The board explained that the MUA's goal has always been about transparency and consulting with legal counsel on all MUA matters.

CLOSED SESSION:

Jack Yerkes moved **RESOLUTION #2021 – 059 TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**. Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

After the meeting reconvened, Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2021 – 060 AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE FOR ANTHONY MAZUCCA FROM \$47,500 TO \$49,500 GOING FROM REPAIRMAN II TO REPAIRMAN III EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2021**. Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was approved by the board, with the exception of Jack Yerkes who recused himself.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Authority at this time, Jack Yerkes made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Matt Gorman and then unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted

Matt Gorman
Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded and Prepared by Angela Grassia