

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 6:15 P.M.

In accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Statutes regarding “Open Public Meetings”, notice of public meeting for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (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; Dawn Passante, Member; Robert Finnegan, Alternate Member and Angela Melroy, Alternate Member. Also present were Elizabeth Rogale, Executive Director/CFO; Matt Walker, Assistant Superintendent; Dennis Yoder, Authority Engineer and Charles Fiore, Authority Solicitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ray DiNovi made a motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2022. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Matt Gorman made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of April 25, 2022. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Ray DiNovi moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 052 TO APPROVE THE FINAL CHANGE ORDER FOR REHABILITATION OF SERVICE WELLS 5 & 8 WITH A.C. SCHULTES FROM \$224,100.00 TO \$152,161.00.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

The board was updated that they are receiving bids for the MUA office building on June 15, 2022.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Matt Walker requested a closed session to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 053 CERTIFYING REVIEW OF ANNUAL AUDIT.** Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 054 TO AMEND THE 2022-2023 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**. Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 055 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN RFP FOR BANKING SERVICES**. Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 056 TO APPOINT ELIZABETH ROGALE AS FUND COMMISSIONER**. Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Elizabeth Rogale explained that the October 2020 Covid resolutions regarding water shut off and interest payments are coming to an end. The public health emergency was lifted on March 7th, therefore, the provisions are set to expire on June 7th.

Elizabeth Rogale referred to a meeting with the Fire Commission, which discussed cooperation for training and emergency management. They also requested their annual bill be broken up into payments. The Board approved.

She requested a closed session to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Ray DiNovi moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$204,011.89**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Ray DiNovi moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION FOR 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,608.31 AND FOR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,413,851.52**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Ray DiNovi moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,671.29**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Ray DiNovi moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,895.40**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Ray DiNovi moved **BONDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,260.54**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #23-03:

Ray DiNovi moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #23-03**. Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

CLOSED SESSION:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 057 TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

When the meeting reconvened, Dawn Passante moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 058 APPROVING THOMAS MCDONALD TO MOVE FROM UTILITYMAN I TO UTILITYMAN II WITH A SALARY INCREASE FROM \$53,812.50 TO \$56,375.00 EFFECTIVE MAY 30, 2022.** Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 059 APPROVING TIMOTHY MURRAY TO MOVE FROM UTILITYMAN I TO UTILITYMAN II WITH A SALARY INCREASE FROM \$53,812.50 TO \$56,375.00 EFFECTIVE MAY 30, 2022.** Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Ray DiNovi moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 060 TO CREATE AND ADVERTISE A POSITION OF OFFICE MANAGER AS STATED.** Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The board opened the meeting for public participation. No one was present this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Authority at this time, Ray DiNovi 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 Jennifer Rotella