

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: Monday, July 25, 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 June 27, 2022. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board, with the exception of Matt Gorman who abstained.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Ray DiNovi made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of June 27, 2022. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board, with the exception of Matt Gorman who abstained.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Ray DiNovi moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 068 TO APPROVE THE FORM A & B-1 APPLICATIONS FOR OMEGA SELF STORAGE AT GREENTREE ROAD AND NO NAME STREET BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S REVIEW LETTER DATED JULY 19, 2022.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Yoder requested a closed session for bid/contract negotiations.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 069 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 4' SEWER LATERAL AT 55 COUNTRY CLUB RD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,200.00.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

The board was updated that the water meter at the hospital has been changed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

ONGOING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Ray DiNovi moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182,491.68**. 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 \$8,004.44 AND FOR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$268,219.72**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Ray DiNovi moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,551.25**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Ray DiNovi moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,027.99**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Ray DiNovi moved **BONDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,595.16**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #23-05:

Dawn Passante moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #23-05**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

CLOSED SESSION:

Ray DiNovi moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 070 TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND BID/CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

When the meeting reconvened, Harry Adams moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 071 APPROPRIATING \$650,000.00 OF UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FOR THE MUA OFFICE COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION**. Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Harry Adams moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 072 AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MUA OFFICE COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION TO ARTHUR J. OGDEN, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$6,370,881.00 BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION LETTER DATED JULY 25, 2022**. Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Harry Adams moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 073 TO HIRE JODI DEERY AS OFFICE MANAGER AT A SALARY OF 65,000 PER YEAR WITH A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**. Dawn Passante 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