

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: Monday, August 29, 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; 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. Harry Adams was absent. Robert Finnegan would vote in place of Harry Adams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Matt Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2022. Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Ray DiNovi made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of July 25, 2022. Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 074 TO APPROVE THE FORM A APPLICATION FOR MARTINO CARTIER AT 122 AND 124 SALINA ROAD BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S REVIEW LETTER DATED AUGUST 16, 2022.** Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Ray DiNovi moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 075 TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER TO REPLACE A PUMP AT VALLEY GREEN PUMP STATION WITH PIONEER PIPE FROM \$270,512.50 TO \$309,237.87.** Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

The Board discussed authorizing additional paving upon completion of the Valley Green Pump Station project. Mr. Yoder also provided an update on the grinder installation at the Altair Drive Pump Station.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Fiore requested a closed session to discuss litigation.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 076 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF THE TREATMENT PLANT ROOF AT 109 AMERICAN BLVD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 077 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A 3/4” WATER SERVICE AT 244 SALINA RD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 078 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A 12” WATER MAIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF SALINA RD AND EMERSON LN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000.00.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Walker requested a closed session to discuss personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Ray DiNovi moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 079 TO REVISE RESOLUTION NO 2022-019 ADOPTING THE 2022 SALARY RANGES FOR POSITIONS IN THE WTMUA EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2022.** Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Mr. Silvesti indicated that Garden State Outdoor is close to constructing the next billboard.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Dawn Passante moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,294.51.** Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,313,197.46.** Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,018.75.** Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,051.26.** Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE BONDING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,091.25.** Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #23-06:

Ray DiNovi moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #23-06**. 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.

CLOSED SESSION:

Ray DiNovi moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 080 TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL MATTERS**. Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

When the meeting reconvened, Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 081 TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 2022-072 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR MUA OFFICE COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION TO ARTHUR J. OGREN, INC. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE AUTHORITY ENGINEER TO PROCEED WITH A NOTICE TO RE-BID**. Ray DiNovi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 082 APPROVING GREGG JANNETTI TO MOVE FROM UTILITYMAN III TO UTILITYMAN III-LEVEL 1 WITH A SALARY INCREASE FROM \$58,937.50 TO \$63,037.50 EFFECTIVE AUGUST 29, 2022**. Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **RESOLUTION #2022 – 083 APPROVING SCOTT BARRON TO MOVE TO THE POSITION OF FOREMAN WITH A SALARY OF \$74,000.00 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**. Matt Gorman 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, Matt Gorman made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ray DiNovi and then unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Gorman
Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded and Prepared by Elizabeth Rogale