

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: February 1, 2023

In accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Statutes regarding “Open Public Meetings”, notice of public meetings for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (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 the Executive Director/CFO, Elizabeth Rogale, at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room located at 152 Whitman Drive, Turnersville, New Jersey.

Jack Yerkes swore in Scott Behm as Board Member.

ROLL CALL: Present from the Board were Rich Silvesti, Chairman; Matt Gorman, Secretary/Treasurer; Dawn Passante, Member; Scott Behm, 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 John Carleton, Authority Solicitor. Harry Adams was absent due to illness. Robert Finnegan would vote in place of Harry Adams.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman:

Ms. Rogale requested nominations for the office of Chairman. Robert Finnegan nominated Mr. Silvesti. Matt Gorman seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board. The motion passed for Mr. Silvesti as Chairman.

Vice Chairman:

Mr. Silvesti opened nominations for Vice Chairman. Robert Finnegan nominated Dawn Passante. Rich Silvesti seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board. The motion passed for Ms. Passante as Vice Chairman.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Mr. Silvesti opened nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Robert Finnegan nominated Matt Gorman. Dawn Passante seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board. The motion passed for Mr. Gorman as Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Silvesti opened nominations for the following:

AUDITOR APPOINTMENT: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 001 TO APPOINT BOWMAN & COMPANY AS AUTHORITY AUDITOR.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

BOND COUNSEL APPOINTMENT: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 002 TO APPOINT MALAMUT & ASSOCIATES, LLC AS AUTHORITY BOND COUNSEL.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ENGINEER APPOINTMENT: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 003 TO APPOINT REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS AS AUTHORITY ENGINEER.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR APPOINTMENT: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 004 TO APPOINT ACACIA FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. AS AUTHORITY FINANCIAL ADVISOR.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

LICENSED OPERATOR APPOINTMENT: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 - 005 TO APPOINT WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AS LICENSED OPERATOR.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

RISK MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENT: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 006 TO APPOINT HARDENBERGH INSURANCE GROUP AS RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 007 TO APPOINT MARMERO LAW AS AUTHORITY SOLICITOR.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Rich Silvesti who abstained.

CONFLICT SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 008 TO APPOINT CAPEHART SCATCHARD AS CONFLICT SOLICITOR.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Rich Silvesti who abstained.

TRUST BANK APPOINTMENT: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 009 TO CONTINUE WITH TD BANK AS THE APPOINTED AUTHORITY TRUST BANK.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 010 TO APPROVE THE 2023-2024 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

DEPOSITORY BANK APPOINTMENT: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 011 TO APPOINT FULTON BANK/TD BANK AS THE AUTHORITY**

DEPOSITORY BANKS. Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION: Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 012 TO APPOINT THE COURIER POST AND THE SOUTH JERSEY TIMES AS THE OFFICIAL AUTHORITY NEWSPAPERS.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Robert Finnegan made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023. Matt Gorman 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 January 23, 2023. Dawn Passante seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm who abstained.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Dennis Yoder stated that he had no board approvals this evening. He referred to his Engineer’s Report in the package if anyone had any questions.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

John Carleton stated that he had no new business to discuss this evening.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 013 AWARDED THE 2023 SUPPLY OF WATER METERS TO RIO SUPPLY NOT TO EXCEED \$275,000.00.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm who abstained.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 014 AWARDED CONTRACT FOR 2023 ELECTRICAL MOTORS AND PUMP REPAIRS TO LONGO ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL, INC. BASED ON THE LOWEST HOURLY RATE.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm who abstained.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 015 AWARDED CONTRACT FOR 2023 ELECTRICAL SERVICES TO MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE BASED ON THE LOWEST HOURLY RATE.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm who abstained.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 016 AWARDED CONTRACT FOR 2023 EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO PIONEER PIPE BASED ON THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE TOTAL BID.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm who abstained.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 017 AWARDED CONTRACT FOR 2023 LAB ANALYSIS TO PRECISION ANALYTICAL BASED ON THE LOWEST TOTAL BID.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm who abstained.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 018 AWARDED THE 2023 SUPPLY OF CALCIUM HYPOCHLORITE TO COYNE CHEMICAL CO. FOR \$192.89 PER PAIL.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm who abstained.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 019 AWARDED THE 2023 SUPPLY OF SEQUESTERING AGENT TO KLENZOID, INC. FOR \$13.22 PER GALLON.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm who abstained.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Elizabeth Rogale updated the Board on the new positions that began in the MUA office.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Board opened the meeting for public participation. Jack Yerkes congratulated the elected officers.

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 Scott Behm and then unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Gorman
Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded and prepared by Jennifer Rotella