

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY**

**PUBLIC MEETING: March 27, 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 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 were Rich Silvesti, Chairman; Matt Gorman, Secretary/Treasurer; Harry Adams, 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. Dawn Passante was absent. Robert Finnegan would vote in place of Dawn Passante.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Matt Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023. Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Harry Adams who abstained.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:**

Matt Gorman made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of February 27, 2023. Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board, with the exception of Harry Adams who abstained.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 037 APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$122,000.00 FOR THE PLANT MEZZANINE TO ARTHUR J. OGREN, INC. FROM \$6,215,000.00 TO \$6,337,000.00.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 038 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 4" SEWER LATERAL AND 3/4" WATER SERVICE AT 210 CLAIRBORNE WAY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00.** Scott Behm seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 039 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 8" WATER MAIN AT 110 GOLFVIEW DRIVE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00.** Scott Behm seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

A landlord from Fomalhaut Court requested shutting off services to one of his tenant-occupied buildings. Ms. Rogale informed the Board that this request was denied after seeking legal opinion from our Solicitor.

Luna Rossa will be contacted via letter regarding unpaid connection fees.

Ms. Rogale requested a closed session to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:**

Mr. Silvesti discussed a request to build a digital billboard at the pump station by the movie theater.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Matt Gorman moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,093.45.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Matt Gorman moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION FOR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,983.70 AND FOR 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$494,329.78.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Matt Gorman moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,008.85.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Matt Gorman moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,503.75.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Matt Gorman moved **THE BONDING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,433.70.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

**RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #24-1:**

Matt Gorman moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #24-1**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Yerkes informed the Board about a call from a landlord requesting not to be charged for services used and unpaid by his tenant. He was invited to come to the MUA meeting but did not attend.

Jack Yerkes and Frank Cianci were recognized for their years of service on the MUA Board.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 040 TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION**. Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Robert Finnegan moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 041 TO APPROVE JUNETEENTH AS A HOLIDAY FOR 2023**. 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 Robert Finnegan and then unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Gorman  
Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded and prepared by Jennifer Rotella