

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: June 26, 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; Dawn Passante, Vice-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 Charles Fiore, Authority Solicitor. Harry Adams, Angela Melroy, and Charles Fiore participated via phone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Matt Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes of May 30, 2023. Scott Behm 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 May 30, 2023. Scott Behm seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 063 APPROVING FINAL REDUCTION CHANGE ORDER FOR WELLS 10, 11 & 28 TREATMENT PLANT RESIN REPLACEMENT AMENDING CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$1,260,900.00 TO \$1,235,900.00 BASED ON REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEER’S LETTER DATED JUNE 13, 2023.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 064 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A FIRE HYDRANT AT 914 FORBES STREET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,300.00.** Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 065 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2023-013 AWARDING THE 2023 SUPPLY OF WATER METERS TO RIO SUPPLY FROM AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$275,000 TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$325,000**. Scott Behm seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Walker requested a closed session to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 066 TO ENTER INTO THE COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LAUREN ROSE ALBERT FOUNDATION D/B/A MOTHER’S MATTER**. Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Rogale updated the Board regarding the JIF renewal coming up for 2024.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Dawn Passante moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$161,089.76**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION FOR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245.00 AND FOR 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$405,988.36**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,314.60**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,305,124.55**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE BONDING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$296,857.05**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #24-4:

Matt Gorman moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #24-4**. Scott Behm seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Yerkes questioned how many older meters are in circulation. The Board responded that there are not many still in circulation.

Mr. Yerkes asked about the progress of the water fountain at the billboard site on Route 42. The Board explained they have received the application and all fees were paid in full.

CLOSED SESSION:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 067 TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**. Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 068 APPROVING ROBERT BUONPASTORE TO MOVE FROM METER READER/LABORER TO REPAIRMAN I WITH A SALARY INCREASE FROM \$43,000.94 TO \$47,278.13 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE JULY 3, 2023**. Scott Behm 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 Dawn Passante and then unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Gorman
Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded and prepared by Jennifer Rotella