

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: September 25, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Matt Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2023. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Scott Behm made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of August 28, 2023. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 081 AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL WITH ACTION DATA SERVICES FOR PAYROLL AND PAYROLL ACCOUNTING SERVICES PER N.J.A.C. 5:30-17.4.** Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 082 APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 OF UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FOR THE MUA OFFICE COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 083 APPROVING THE FORM A APPLICATION FOR BIRCHWOOD AT WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AT 4390, 4400, AND 4430 ROUTE 42; BLOCK 113, LOTS 23, 24, AND 25 BASED UPON ENGINEER’S REVIEW LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2023.** Scott Behm seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 084 APPROVING THE FORM B-1 APPLICATION FOR RAISING CANE’S RESTAURANT, LLC AT 5241 ROUTE**

42; BLOCK 111.09, LOT 7.01 BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S REVIEW LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2023. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 085 APPROVING THE FORM C APPLICATION FOR RAISING CANE'S RESTAURANT, LLC AT 5241 ROUTE 42; BLOCK 111.09, LOT 7.01 BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S REVIEW LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2023.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 086 APPROVING FINAL REDUCTION CHANGE ORDER FOR WELLS 4 AND 16 REHABILITATION AMENDING CONTRACT PRICE FROM \$224,000.00 TO \$140,269.00 BASED ON REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEER'S LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2023.** Scott Behm seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 087 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR THE MUA OFFICE COMPLEX INCREASING THE PROJECT COST BY \$14,500.00 TO \$6,351,500.00 BASED ON REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEER'S LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2023.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 088 APPROVING THE INCLUSION OF BLOCK 7, LOTS 4, 4.01, 5, 6, 6.01, 6.02, AND 6.04 IN THE TRI-COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AS NOTED IN REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEER'S LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2023.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

In response to the public participation portion from last meeting, Mr. Fiore updated the Board that the residents of Serenity Lane are responsible for infrastructure costs and he has attempted to contact them in regards to this issue.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2023 – 089 APPROVING THE FORM D APPLICATION FOR HOLLYDELL NORTH ICE ARENA WITH RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND.** Scott Behm seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Walker informed the Board that fall flushing would begin on September 25, 2023 from 10:00 PM- 3:00 AM and would continue Monday-Friday for the next five weeks.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Ms. Rogale updated the Board that the meter issues discussed last meeting have been resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Dawn Passante moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$164,221.39**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$279,541.83**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,330.06**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,236.25**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE BONDING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$267,051.56**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #24-7:

Matt Gorman moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #24-7**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to come before the Authority at this time, Scott Behm 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