

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: March 25, 2024

In accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Statutes regarding “Open Public Meetings”, notice of public meetings for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (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, Matt Gorman at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room located at 152 Whitman Drive, Turnersville, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL: Present from the Board were Matt Gorman, Chairman; Dawn Passante, Secretary/Treasurer; Scott Behm, Member; Joseph Mesi, Member; and Robert Finnegan, 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 and Stephen Pakradooni were absent. Robert Finnegan would vote in place of Harry Adams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Scott Behm made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024. Robert Finnegan 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 February 26, 2024. Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 037 APPROVING THE FORM A APPLICATION FOR 2020 ACQUISITIONS, LLC AT 134 COUNTY HOUSE ROAD AND 201, 209 AND 251 DELSEA DRIVE; BLOCK 16, LOTS 1, 1.03, 2 & 4.18 BASED UPON THE ENGINEER’S REVIEW LETTER DATED MARCH 25, 2024.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 038 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 6" ACP WATER MAIN AT 50 KINGS ROW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000.00.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 039 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 6" FORCE MAIN FOR SAWYER'S CREEK PUMP STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,000.00.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 040 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A FIRE HYDRANT AT 139 TUCKAHOE ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,500.00.** Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Walker explained that since the fire hydrant repair was a result of a motor vehicle accident, the MUA should be reimbursed by the driver's insurance company.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 041 APPROVING THE ODD/EVEN CALENDAR DAY SYSTEM FOR SUMMER WATER CONSERVATION.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 042 APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF THE BALANCES OF ACCOUNT #17213-0 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$966.92 AND ACCOUNT #17252-0 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,262.99.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Rogale requested a closed session to discuss personnel.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Dawn Passante moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$174,232.27.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION FOR 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,759.73 AND FOR 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$310,167.16.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,579.07.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,205.80.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE BONDING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$260,787.77**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #25-1:

Matt Gorman moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #25-1**. Robert Finnegan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

CLOSED SESSION:

Matt Gorman moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 043 TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**. Scott Behm seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dawn Passante moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 044 APPROVING MARY BETH EBBINGER TO MOVE FROM ACCOUNT CLERK I TO ACCOUNT CLERK II WITH A SALARY INCREASE FROM \$44,152.52 TO \$55,190.64 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2024**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dawn Passante moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 045 APPROVING ANGELA MASINO TO MOVE FROM ACCOUNT CLERK II TO SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK WITH A SALARY INCREASE FROM \$55,190.64 TO \$59,605.89 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2024**. Joseph Mesi 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, Scott Behm made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Robert Finnegan and then unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Dawn Passante
Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded and prepared by Jennifer Rotella