

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: October 28, 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; Harry Adams, Vice-Chairman; Dawn Passante, Secretary; Scott Behm, Member; Joseph Mesi, Member; 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. Stephen Pakradooni was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Harry Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of September 30, 2024. Dawn Passante 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 September 30, 2024. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 106 APPROPRIATING \$305,000 OF UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING FOR THE AMERICAN BOULEVARD TANK PAINTING, THE BRYANT ROAD TANK PAINTING AND THE WHITMAN DRIVE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND SEWER REHABILITATION.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 107 AWARDING CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT OF AMERICAN BOULEVARD 3MG TANK PAINTING TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000.00 AS NOTED IN THEIR OCTOBER 22, 2024 PROPOSAL LETTER.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 108 AWARDING CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT OF BRYANT ROAD 400,000**

GALLON TANK PAINTING TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 AS NOTED IN THEIR OCTOBER 22, 2024 PROPOSAL LETTER. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 109 AWARDED CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT OF WHITMAN DRIVE WATER AND SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 AS NOTED IN THEIR OCTOBER 22, 2024 PROPOSAL LETTER.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 110 RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO 2024-080 AWARDED CONTRACT TO MOBILE DREDGING FOR SEWER MAIN JOINT REPAIRS EMERGENCY FROM BENTLEY DRIVE TO GOLFVIEW DRIVE THROUGH WEDGWOOD GOLF COURSE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00 AS PER THE ENGINEER'S LETTER DATED JULY 29, 2024.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 111 APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$53,000 OF UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FOR THE WEDGWOOD COUNTRY CLUB SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 112 AWARDED CONTRACT TO MOBILE DREDGING FOR SEWER MAIN JOINT REPAIRS EMERGENCY FROM BENTLEY DRIVE TO GOLFVIEW DRIVE THROUGH WEDGWOOD GOLF COURSE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$122,770.85 AS PER THE ENGINEER'S LETTER DATED OCTOBER 22, 2024.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 113 APPROPRIATING \$100,000 OF UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FOR THE ROUTE 42 WATER MAIN VALVE REPLACEMENT EMERGENCY WORK.** Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 114 AWARDED CONTRACT TO EARLE CONSTRUCTION FOR ROUTE 42 WATER MAIN VALVE REPLACEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 AS PER THE ENGINEER'S LETTER DATED OCTOBER 22, 2024.** Matt Gorman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 115 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE WTMUA COMPLEX PUMP STATION INCREASING THE**

PUMP STATION VOLUME AND DEPTH WITH FINAL CHANGE ORDER FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1,196.00 AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$14,085.25 INCREASING THE PROJECT COST FROM \$32,790.00 TO \$33,986.00 BASED ON REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEER'S LETTER DATED OCTOBER 22, 2024. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Rogale questioned if the MUA could be reimbursed for the excessive amount of overtime incurred due to the DOT Black Horse Pike project. Mr. Yoder replied that he would discuss the issue within the appropriate channels.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 116 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A 4" SEWER LATERAL AT 376 ALDEBERAN DRIVE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,900.00.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 117 APPROVING KENNETH DANLEY TO MOVE FROM REPAIRMAN III TO UTILITYMAN I WITH A SALARY INCREASE FROM \$53,306.09 TO \$56,536.76 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE DATE OCTOBER 7, 2024.** Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Rogale requested a closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Dawn Passante moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$183,616.60.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$348,018.02.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,107.83.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,055.33**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Dawn Passante moved **THE BONDING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,732.85**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #25-8:

Matt Gorman moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #25-8**. Harry Adams seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

CLOSED SESSION:

Scott Behm moved **RESOLUTION #2024 – 118 TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**. 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, Harry Adams made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Scott Behm and then unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Dawn Passante
Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded and prepared by Jennifer Rotella