WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

PUBLIC MEETING: March 31, 2025

In accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Statutes regarding "Open Public Meetings", notice of public meetings for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (with time and place of meeting) was legally advertised in the Courier Post and The South Jersey Times.

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Behm at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room located at 216 Fries Mill Road, Turnersville, New Jersey.

Jerry J. Dasti swore in Danielle Bannon as Board Member.

ROLL CALL: Present from the Board were Scott Behm, Chairman; Joseph Mesi, Vice Chairman; Keith Ludwig, Secretary/Treasurer; Dawn Passante, Member; Danielle Bannon, Member; Michael Good, Alternate Member; and Robert Finnegan, Alternate Member. Also present were Elizabeth Rogale, Executive Director/CFO; Matt Walker, Assistant Superintendent; David Skibicki, Authority Engineer and Jerry J. Dasti, Authority Solicitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Keith Ludwig made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2025. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Keith made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of February 24, 2025. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR REMINGTON & VERNICK:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION** #2025 – 022 **AWARDING CONTRACT FOR 2025 LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,422.00 TO RAMBONE CONCRETE, LLC. AS PER THE ENGINEER'S AWARD LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2025.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR ALAIMO GROUP ENGINEERING:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION** #2025 – 023 APPROVING THE FORM B-1 APPLICATION FROM TURNERSVILLE EQUITIES, LLC FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES FOR MIXED USE AT 3900, 3940, 4020, & 4050 ROUTE 42 (BLOCK 112.01, LOTS 12.04, 12, 12.01 & 13), BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S REVIEW LETTER DATED MARCH 27, 2025. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Keith Ludwig moved RESOLUTION #2025 – 024 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2024 – 109 AWARDING CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT OF WHITMAN DRIVE WATER AND SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO ALAIMO GROUP ENGINEERING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 PURSUANT TO THEIR 2025 APPOINTMENT AS THE AUTHORITY'S ENGINEER. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

Keith Ludwig moved RESOLUTION #2025 – 025 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2024 – 107 AWARDING CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT OF AMERICAN BOULEVARD 3MG TANK PAINTING TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO ALAIMO GROUP ENGINEERING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000.00 PURSUANT TO THEIR 2025 APPOINTMENT AS THE AUTHORITY'S ENGINEER. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

Keith Ludwig moved RESOLUTION #2025 – 026 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2024 – 108 AWARDING CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT OF BRYANT ROAD 400,000 GALLON TANK PAINTING TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO ALAIMO GROUP ENGINEERING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 PURSUANT TO THEIR 2025 APPOINTMENT AS THE AUTHORITY'S ENGINEER. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

Keith Ludwig moved RESOLUTION #2025 – 027 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2024 – 145 AWARDING THE 2025 GIS MAPPING SERVICE TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO ALAIMO GROUP ENGINEERING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 PURSUANT TO THEIR 2025 APPOINTMENT AS THE AUTHORITY'S ENGINEER. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION** #2025 – 028 **APPROPRIATING** \$110,000.00 **FOR THE EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR AT HURFFVILLE CROSS KEYS AND EGG HARBOR ROADS.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION** #2025 – 029 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY **REPAIR OF 8" PVC WATER MAIN AT HURFFVILLE CROSS KEYS AND EGG HARBOR ROADS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000.00.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

Mr. Walker requested a closed session to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION** #2025 – 030 **APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF** \$675,972.00 **OF THE UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PER N.J.S.A.** 40A:5A-12.1. Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION** #2025 – 031 **AMENDING THE 2025-2026 AUTHORITY BUDGET.** Dawn Passante seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jack Yerkes congratulated the Board on its beautiful new WTMUA building. He asked if there were plans to promote an open house to tour the facility. The Board discussed a future possibility of hosting a ribbon cutting to celebrate with Washington Township officials.

Jack Yerkes also welcomed Danielle Bannon as the newest member of the Board.

CLOSED SESSION:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION** #2025 – 032 TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED **SESSION** TO **DISCUSS PERSONNEL.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION** #2025 – 033 APPOINTING LOUIS **DESANTO** AS WATER CONSERVATION OFFICER AT A SALARY OF \$16.00 PER HOUR PART-TIME AT A MAXIMUM OF 25 HOURS PER WEEK EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2025. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Keith Ludwig moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION FOR 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$231,444.37.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION FOR 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,970.52 AND FOR 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,176.41. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,962.25.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,709.30.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **BONDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,972.15**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,650.00**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #26-1:

Keith Ludwig moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #26-1.** 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, Keith Ludwig made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Joseph Mesi and then unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Keith Ludwig Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded and prepared by Jennifer Rotella