

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: February 2, 2026

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.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Executive Director/CFO, Elizabeth Rogale, at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room located at 216 Fries Mill Road, Turnersville, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL: Present from the Board were Scott Behm, Chairman; Joseph Mesi, Vice Chairman; Keith Ludwig, Secretary/Treasurer; Danielle Bannon, Member; Jeffrey Jankowiak, Alternate Member; and Robert Finnegan, Alternate Member. Also present were Elizabeth Rogale, Executive Director/CFO; Matt Walker, Assistant Superintendent; David Skibicki, Authority Engineer and Joseph F. Mackolin, Authority Solicitor. Michael Good was absent. Jeffrey Jankowiak would vote in place of Michael Good.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman:

Ms. Rogale requested nominations for the office of Chairman. Keith Ludwig nominated Scott Behm. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm who abstained. The motion passed for Mr. Behm as Chairman.

Vice Chairman:

Ms. Rogale opened nominations for Vice Chairman. Scott Behm nominated Joseph Mesi. Keith Ludwig seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Joseph Mesi who abstained. The motion passed for Mr. Mesi as Vice Chairman.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Ms. Rogale opened nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Danielle Bannon nominated Keith Ludwig. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Keith Ludwig who abstained. The motion passed for Mr. Ludwig as Secretary/Treasurer.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Councilman Jack Yerkes inquired if there has been an increase in water main breaks or other damages due to the cold weather. Matt Walker explained there has not been an unusual increase in damages/repairs because of the weather conditions.

Michelle Young from Bohler Engineering was present in regards to the existing Chase Bank Form C application and was available for any questions if needed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEWER AND WATER RATE AND CONNECTION FEE INCREASES:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 001 AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE SEWER AND WATER RATES AND CONNECTION FEES PER ATTACHED SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2026**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Behm opened nominations for the following:

BOND COUNSEL APPOINTMENT: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 002 TO APPOINT ARCHER AND GREINER AS AUTHORITY BOND COUNSEL**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

ENGINEER APPOINTMENT: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION # 2026 – 003 TO APPOINT ALAIMO GROUP AS AUTHORITY ENGINEER**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

CONFLICT ENGINEER: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION # 2026 – 004 TO APPOINT ROBERTS ENGINEERING GROUP LLC AS AUTHORITY CONFLICT ENGINEER**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR APPOINTMENT: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 005 TO APPOINT PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC AS AUTHORITY FINANCIAL ADVISOR**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed reissuing the RFP for Licensed Operator to include the possibility of Matt Walker serving as the Backup Operator and to address what will happen once Matt Walker obtains his license. Mr. Mackolin will research the issue and advise on the issuance of a revised RFP. The Board discussed extending the contract of the current Licensed Operator for 90 days.

RISK MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENT: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 006 TO APPOINT THE BARCLAY GROUP AS RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 007 TO APPOINT DASTI AND ASSOCIATES (DASTI, MCGUCKIN, MCNICHOLS, CONNORS, ANTHONY & BUCKLEY) AS AUTHORITY SOLICITOR**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

CONFLICT SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 008 TO APPOINT HOLSTON LAW AS CONFLICT SOLICITOR.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

TRUST BANK APPOINTMENT: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION # 2026 – 009 TO CONTINUE WITH TD BANK AS THE APPOINTED AUTHORITY TRUST BANK.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 010 TO APPROVE THE 2026-2027 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

DEPOSITORY BANK APPOINTMENT: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION # 2026– 011 TO APPOINT FULTON BANK/TD BANK AS THE AUTHORITY DEPOSITORY BANKS.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION: Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION # 2026 – 012 TO APPOINT THE COURIER POST AND THE SOUTH JERSEY TIMES AS THE OFFICIAL AUTHORITY NEWSPAPERS.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 013 APPOINTING SCOTT BEHM, KEITH LUDWIG, ELIZABETH ROGALE AND MATT WALKER AS AUTHORIZED SIGNERS OF THE AUTHORITY'S DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS AT FULTON BANK.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 014 APPOINTING ELIZABETH ROGALE TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (PACO) FOR 2026-2027.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 015 APPOINTING ELIZABETH ROGALE TO SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE MUA FOR 2026-2027.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Keith Ludwig made a motion to approve the minutes of December 22, 2025. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Keith Ludwig made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of December 22, 2025. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Danielle Bannon who abstained.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 016 APPROVING THE FORM C APPLICATION FOR CHASE BANK A/K/A SUP II MILL POND VILLAGE, LLC FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES AT 382 EGG HARBOR ROAD (BLOCK 194.12; LOT 7) BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S REVIEW LETTER DATED JANUARY 19, 2026.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 017 APPROVING THE FORM C APPLICATION FOR FETCH PET RESORT FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES AT 284 DELSEA DRIVE (BLOCK 32; LOT 1.02) BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S REVIEW LETTER DATED JANUARY 16, 2026.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Skibicki suggested the Board may want to look into extending the May 15th deadline for the water tank paintings on American Boulevard and Bryant Road. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 018 RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-105 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 6" WATER MAIN AT 6 ALTAIR COURT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000.00.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 019 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 6" WATER MAIN AT 6 ALTAIR COURT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 020 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF FIRE HYDRANT AT 279 PITMAN DOWNER ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000.00.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 021 APPROPRIATING \$56,000.00 OF UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 10"**

SEWER FORCE MAIN AT 120 GOLFVIEW DRIVE. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 022 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 10” SEWER FORCE MAIN AT 120 GOLFVIEW DRIVE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,000.00.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 023 AWARDDING 2026 SUPPLY OF WATER METERS TO RIO SUPPLY NOT TO EXCEED \$375,000.00.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 024 AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR 2026 ELECTRICAL MOTORS AND PUMP REPAIRS TO LONGO ELECTRICAL-MECHANICAL BASED ON THE LOWEST HOURLY RATE.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 025 AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR 2026 ELECTRICAL SERVICES TO MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE BASED ON THE LOWEST HOURLY RATE.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 026 AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR 2026 EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO PIONEER PIPE CONTRACTORS INC BASED ON THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE TOTAL BID.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 027 AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR 2026 LAB ANALYSIS TO YORK/ALS USA BASED ON THE LOWEST TOTAL BID.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 028 AWARDDING 2026 SUPPLY OF CALCIUM HYPOCHLORITE TO COYNE CHEMICAL CO. FOR \$209.32 PER PAIL.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 029 AWARDDING 2026 SUPPLY OF SEQUESTERING AGENT TO KENZOID, INC. FOR \$12.88 PER GALLON.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 030 APPROVING THE 2026 WELL 9 MAINTENANCE TO AC SCHULTES BASED ON LOWEST RESPONSIVE TOTAL BID.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 031 ADOPTING THE 2026-2027 BUDGET**. Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 032 APPROVING THE LATE FILING OF THE 2026-2027 AUTHORITY BUDGET**. Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 033 APPROVING FREEZING THE CONNECTION FEES OF \$2,950.00 FOR WATER AND \$1,750.00 FOR SEWER FOR A SIX MONTH PERIOD UP TO AUGUST 1, 2026 FOR ANY APPLICANT WITH FORMS A, B, B-1, C OR C-2 APPROVAL PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1, 2026**. Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 034 APPROVING THE METLIFE DENTAL RENEWAL FOR 2026-2027**. Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Walker notified the Board that a resident eligible for lead pipe replacement had to pay out of pocket to replace his service line due to an emergency. The Board discussed the possibility of reimbursement to the resident, but needs more time to research future liability and the language of the resolution if one will be passed. Mr. Mackolin will follow up at the next meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the possibility of sharing services with the Township so MUA employees could assist with snow plowing. Mr. Mackolin mentioned that there could be a union issue. He will review the current fuel shared services agreement and reach out to the Township.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Keith Ludwig moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,022.09**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$545,086.52**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,137.95**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,222.11**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #26-11:

Keith Ludwig moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #26-11**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Councilman Jack Yerkes suggested reimbursing the resident with the lead service line emergency for the total it would have cost the MUA to replace the pipes under normal circumstances. He also thanked the Board for its hard work and for arranging the cpower washing of the WTHS water tank last year.

CLOSED SESSION:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 035 TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 036 TO EXTEND THE LICENSED OPERATOR APPOINTMENT OF WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BY 90 DAYS**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 037 APPROVING A 4 PERCENT SALARY INCREASE FOR THE NON-UNION AND SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2026 AND TO ADOPT THE 2026 SALARY RANGES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**. 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