

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY**

**PUBLIC MEETING: March 2, 2026**

In accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Statutes regarding “Open Public Meetings”, notice of public meetings for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (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, Scott Behm 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; Michael Good, 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 Martin J. Buckley, Authority Solicitor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Joseph Mesi made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2026. Danielle Bannon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:**

Joseph Mesi made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of February 2, 2026. Danielle Bannon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 038 APPROVING THE FORM A APPLICATION FOR TAKE 5 OIL CHANGE FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES AT 5500 ROUTE 42 (BLOCK 196.01; LOT 2.02) BASED UPON THE ENGINEER’S REVIEW LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2026.** Danielle Bannon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Mr. Buckley informed the Board that contract negotiations with the union are ongoing and another meeting is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>.

He also informed the Board that if they would like to reimburse the owners of 25 Edgewater Avenue for their lead service line replacement there should be a formal agreement and a reimbursement threshold should be set.

Mr. Buckley also mentioned that he has drafted a letter to Mr. Schopf of 73 Berlin Cross Keys Road regarding his request to connect to Monroe Township MUA's sanitary sewer system. Once completed, it will be sent out.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 039 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 8” WATER MAIN AT 100 TRENT ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 040 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 8” WATER MAIN AT 812 CANAL STREET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,000.00.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 041 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 6” WATER MAIN AT 12 VEGA COURT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000.00.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Walker requested a closed session to discuss personnel.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 042 APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF \$708,622.00 OF THE UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PER N.J.S.A 40A:5A-12.1.** Danielle Bannon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 043 AMENDING THE 2026-2027 AUTHORITY BUDGET.** Danielle Bannon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

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

**ONGOING BUSINESS:**

Mr. Skibicki informed the Board that both bidders for both the American Boulevard. and Bryant Road tank painting projects agreed to extend the dates of their original bids and letters were forwarded to DEP for approval. He is expecting authorization to award both projects in the next two weeks.

Ms. Rogale stated that there is a resolution that needs to be drafted by Bond Counsel and passed by the Board before the contracts are awarded. She will reach out to them again requesting the resolution.

Mr. Buckley will discuss Licensed Operator RFP with his associates and report back to the Board.

Mr. Buckley stated that he will reach out to the Township's Solicitor to discuss amending the Shared Services Agreement to allow the WTMUA to provide support to the Township for future snow removal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Keith Ludwig moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION FOR 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,783.64 AND FOR 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,063.34.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION FOR 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,188,717.33 AND FOR 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$592,209.79.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,635.30.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$588,028.60.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,898.00.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

**RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #26-12:**

Keith Ludwig moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #26-12.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 044 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 – 045 APPROVING THE HIRING OF NICHOLAS DEMORE AS METER READER/LABORER WITH A STARTING SALARY OF \$45,808.23 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE DATE TBD.** Danielle Bannon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 046 APPROVING THE HIRING OF CATHRYN BEHM AS METERREADER/LABORER WITH A STARTING SALARY OF \$45,808.23 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE DATE TBD.** Danielle Bannon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm who abstained.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 047 APPROVING THE HIRING OF PAIGE POLLOCK AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WITH A YEARLY SALARY OF \$66,560.00 EFFECTIVE DATE TBD PENDING THE EXECUTION OF A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO BY THE UNION.** Danielle Bannon 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, 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