

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: March 30, 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:

Keith Ludwig made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2026. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Keith Ludwig made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of March 2, 2026. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Bob Schopf, of 73 Berlin Crosskeys Road, requested approval from the WTMUA to connect sewer service to Monroe MUA since there is no service available from the WTMUA to his residence in Washington Township. Even though he has approval from Monroe MUA and GCUA, the WTMUA previously denied his request because others could follow if it is more convenient for them to connect to another town. He asked for reconsideration, explaining his request is not a convenience, it is a matter of him being unable to receive the service from Washington Township MUA. He will forward correspondence he has received from Monroe MUA and GCUA.

Councilman Donald Brown and members of The Washington Township Fire Department were present to discuss future fire hydrant maintenance fees. The Board is in favor of waiving fees, but per Mr. Buckley, state statutes mandate that a fee must be charged. Mr. Brown stated that there was a court case from 1979 that established a formula to calculate fees. Mr. Buckley will check the statute and previous court decisions regarding fees and a decision will be made in the future. The Board discussed adjusting the current fee schedule. The WTFD explained the money saved could help hire and train new firefighters for the township and thanked the WTMUA for its support.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 048 APPROVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO AWARD, UP TO \$1,676,912.00 OF UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROJECT NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, CONSTITUTING A SERIES RESOLUTION UNDER THE UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 23, 1991 AND DETERMINING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND THE AMERICAN BOULEVARD WATER TANK PAINTING PROJECT.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 049 APPROVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO AWARD, UP TO \$941,942.00 OF UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROJECT NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, CONSTITUTING A SERIES RESOLUTION UNDER THE UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 23, 1991 AND DETERMINING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND THE BRYANT ROAD WATER TANK PAINTING PROJECT.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 050 APPROVING THE ODD/EVEN CALENDAR DAY SYSTEM.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 051 AWARDING CONTRACT FOR BRYANT ROAD TANK PAINTING TO ALLIED PAINTING, INC. BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2025.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 052 AWARDING CONTRACT FOR AMERICAN BOULEVARD TANK PAINTING TO BRAVE INDUSTRIAL PAINT, LLC BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S LETTER DATED DECEMBER 30, 2025.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 053 APPROVING THE FORM B APPLICATION FOR NEXUS WATSON DRIVE, LLC FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES AT 301 WATSON DRIVE (BLOCK 115; LOT 7) BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S LETTER DATED MARCH 30, 2026.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Behm asked if the MUA could save money by awarding multiple contracts to the same vendor. Mr. Buckley explained that it could be possible, but that the projects would have to be bid that way.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Buckley informed the Board that a letter was sent to the owner of 73 Berlin Crosskeys Road, as was addressed in the public participation section of tonight's meeting.

He also informed the Board that a letter was sent to the owners at 25 Edgewater Avenue explaining the Board is prepared to reimburse \$7,000.00 of their bill for repairs. If they accept, he will ask for a resolution at the next meeting.

Mr. Buckley has reached out to Mr. Rooney, the Township Solicitor, regarding a shared services agreement, but has not received a response. He will reach out again and to Councilman Jack Yerkes to follow up about this.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 054 ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR THE AIR PERMIT FOR THE GENERATOR AT THE MUA COMPLEX GENERATOR TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS BASED UPON THE PROPOSAL LETTER DATED MARCH 3, 2026.** Keith Ludwig moved to amend the resolution because the amount of \$1,500.00 was not stated originally. Ms. Rogale explained that the language of the resolution lists the amount as \$1,500.00. Mr. Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 055 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 12" WATER MAIN AT 303 EGG HARBOR ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,200.00.** Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Walker informed the Board that a contractor hit an unmarked 2-inch water lateral connected to the Fish Pond pump station while performing work related to a house being built at an adjacent property. The contractor made the repair and sent a bill for compensation of repair costs for approximately \$6,500.00 and for the mobilization of traffic control during the repairs for \$2,613.00. Mr. Walker explained that if the MUA had called its emergency repair contractor to make the repair, the total would have been much higher. He stated that he will request an emergency repair resolution next month to reimburse the contractor for the repair.

The Board discussed adding this lateral to the GIS mapping system. The Board also discussed obtaining an estimate to tie into the main directly in front of the pump station. Mr. Walker requested a closed session to discuss personnel.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Keith Ludwig moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$228,060.49**. 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 \$36,744.86 AND FOR 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,543.73**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,729.51**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$769,006.75**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #27-01:

Keith Ludwig moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #27-01**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

CLOSED SESSION:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 056 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 – 057 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, 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**. 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