

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY**

PUBLIC MEETING: August 31, 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; Robert Finnegan, Alternate Member. Also present were Elizabeth Rogale, Executive Director/CFO; Matt Walker, Deputy Executive Director/Superintendent; David Skibicki, Authority Engineer and Martin J. Buckley, Authority Solicitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Danielle Bannon made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2026. Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm and Joseph Mesi who abstained.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Keith Ludwig made a motion to approve the closed session minutes of July 27, 2026. Danielle Bannon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board, with the exception of Scott Behm and Joseph Mesi who abstained.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Michael Lario, representing D.R. Horton, Inc. of the Cedar Run project, came to discuss the changes to relocate the Delsea Drive connection from Enterprise Court to Evans Lane. Ryan Havey, project manager with Taylor Wiseman & Taylor, explained that the requested changes to infrastructure would incur a cost of approximately \$522,400.00, including an estimated 880 linear feet of additional 12-inch water main, additional hydrants, valves, and appurtenances, substantial trench and roadway restoration, and approximately \$200,000 associated with directional drilling. They do not believe that these changes are necessary for the Cedar Run project itself, but will benefit other development in the future. Since they are willing to comply with these changes and go above and beyond to perform, they are requesting a recapture agreement so that if a residential developer ties into these lines in the future, D.R. Horton can recover a portion of their costs.

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Chief Cindy Grudzinski of the Washington Township Ambulance and Rescue Association came to discuss an issue with a sewer line that the MUA has been asked to check because of a backup in the line. The WTMUA investigated the issue and concluded the problem is likely coming from an area of pipe under the slab of the building.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 102 APPROVING THE FORM D APPLICATION FOR CHASE BANK 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 AUGUST 27, 2026.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 103 APPROVING THE FORM B APPLICATION FOR TOWNSHIP WALK FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES AT 208 FRIES MILL ROAD (BLOCK 115; LOT 6) BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S REVIEW LETTER DATED AUGUST 12, 2026.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 104 APPROVING THE FORM C APPLICATION FOR TOWNSHIP WALK FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES AT 208 FRIES MILL ROAD (BLOCK 115; LOT 6) BASED UPON THE ENGINEER'S REVIEW LETTER DATED AUGUST 26, 2026.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 105 APPROVING ALAIMO'S PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT DATED JULY 31, 2026.** Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Buckley advised the Board that he has a scheduled meeting on September 1, 2026 with Frank Altamuro, Director of Public Works and Matt Rooney, Township Solicitor to discuss the draft of the shared services agreement.

Mr. Buckley also advised the Board that he is still working on the agreement regarding the fire hydrant maintenance fees. He explained that the original draft included a waiver of the outstanding 2025 maintenance fees. Jeff will remove this component of the agreement and include that the department will need to pay the outstanding balance as part of the agreement.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 106 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A 4" SEWER LATERAL AT 111 CHADDS FORD COURT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 107 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A 1" WATER SERVICE AT 219 STAGECOACH ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,500.00**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 108 APPROVING FINAL BILL REDUCTION CHANGE ORDER FOR THE WELLS 9 & 19 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH AC SCHULTES FROM \$206,500.00 TO \$183,806.00 (-22,694.00)**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Walker requested a closed session to discuss personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 109 APPROVING RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE NJ UTILITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 110 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ACTION DATA SERVICES, INC. FOR PAYROLL AND PAYROLL ACCOUNTING SERVICES PER N.J.A.C. 5:30-17.4**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Rogale requested a closed session to discuss lease negotiations and potential litigation.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Keith Ludwig moved **THE PAYROLL FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245,615.93**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION THE AMOUNT OF \$1,434,555.09**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE ESCROW FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,877.08**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,390.00**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,093.00**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS: #27-06:

Keith Ludwig moved the **RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE MONTHLY BUDGET STATEMENTS #27-06**. Joseph Mesi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION:

Joseph Mesi moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 111 TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LEASE NEGOTIATIONS, POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL**. Keith Ludwig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Keith Ludwig moved **RESOLUTION #2026 – 112 APPROVING ROBERT BUONPASTORE TO MOVE FROM REPAIRMAN II TO REPAIRMAN III WITH A SALARY INCREASE FROM \$55,576.98 TO \$57,917.06 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE DATE AUGUST 31, 2026**. Joseph Mesi 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

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LOCATION:

Tonight's Closed Session Meeting was held at the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority, 216 Fries Mill Road, Turnersville, New Jersey.

TIME ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION:

6:58 PM

The Board entered into a closed session to discuss lease negotiations, potential litigation and personnel.

TIME CLOSED SESSION ENDED:

7:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Keith Ludwig
Secretary/Treasurer

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