

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

February 16, 2023

Chairwoman Coco-Capri called the regular meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority to order at 7:00 p.m. via in person and videoconference. A sign with the call-in information was posted at the Elbo Lane Water Treatment Plant Facility Meeting Room and posted on the Authority's official website.

Those in attendance were:

Cheryl Coco-Capri	Chair
Elwood Knight	Secretary
John Francescone	Member
Carol Murphy	Member
Jim Kehoe	Member

Also in attendance were:

William Long	Consulting Engineer
George Morris	Solicitor
Pamela Carolan	Executive Director
Russell Trice	Operations Engineer
Diane Ordille	Administrative Assistant
Jonathan Sears	Director of Finance

Chairwoman Capri announced that the notice requirements of the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Annual notice has been transmitted to two newspapers; it has been prominently posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Mount Laurel Township Clerk.

**Closed Session I**

A motion was made by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Knight, voted on and unanimously approved to pass Resolution No. 2023-02-07 to close the meeting to discuss Reorganization, which is exempt from open meetings under the Sunshine Law, at 7:02 p.m.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Reorganization – SEE CLOSED PORTION OF MEETING

The meeting was re-opened 7:10 p.m., following a motion made by Ms. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Knight and with unanimous agreement from Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone, Ms. Murphy and Mr. Kehoe.

**Public Comment - General**

Dick Alaimo was in attendance but did not comment.

Minutes

Following a motion made by Mr. Francescone and seconded by Ms. Capri the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the January 19, 2023, regular meeting, with affirmative votes from Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Ms. Murphy.

Total votes: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, 0 absent

Annual Appointments

Mr. Francescone nominated Ms. Murphy for the position of Chairwoman of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority and Mr. Knight seconded same, with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Ms. Murphy nominated Ms. Coco-Capri for the position of Vice Chairwoman of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority and Mr. Francescone seconded same, with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Mr. Francescone nominated Mr. Knight for the position of Secretary of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority and Mr. Kehoe seconded same, with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Ms. Capri and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-08 Resolution Establishing Regular Meetings of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority, with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-09 Resolution Approving Renewal of Mount Laurel MUA 2023 Water Conservation Guidelines, with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-10 Resolution Designating the Official Newspaper of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Burlington County Times**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-11 Resolution Adopting Cash Management Plan, Including Designation of Depositories and Signatories, with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-12 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Governmental Accountant/Auditor for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Bowman &**

**Company, LLP**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-13 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Financial Advisor for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**GB Associates**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-14 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Bond Counsel for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Parker McCay, PA**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-15 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Solicitor for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Parker McCay, PA**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-16 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Conflict/Auxiliary Legal Counsel for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Capehart Scatchard, PA**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-17 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Labor Counsel for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Capehart Scatchard, PA**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-18 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Special Counsel Services for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority – Water Supply Matters and Agreements (**Fornaro Francioso, LLC**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-19 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Public Hearing Officer for The Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Barker, Gelfand, James & Sarvas**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-20 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Human Resources Trainer for The Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Capehart Scatchard, PA**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-21 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Human Resources Trainer for The Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Parker McCay, PA**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-22 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Safety Trainer for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Certified Health & Safety Services, LLC**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-23 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Safety Trainer for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**NJ Safety Services, LLC**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-24 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Consulting Engineer for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Alaimo Group**), with agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-25 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Conflict Auxiliary Engineer for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Colliers Engineering & Design**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-26 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Conflict Auxiliary Engineer for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Environmental Resolutions, Inc.**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-27 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Conflict Auxiliary Engineer for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Mott MacDonald, LLC**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-28 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Conflict Auxiliary Engineer for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Remington & Vernick Engineers**), with agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-29 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Conflict Auxiliary Engineer for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**CME Associates**), with agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-30 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Engineering Consultant for GIS Technical Support Services for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Colliers Engineering & Design**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-31 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of MEP Engineer for the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (**Mott MacDonald, LLC**), with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

### **Developments/New Connections**

Following a motion made by Mr. Francescone and seconded by Ms. Capri, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-02-32 Resolution Approving Reduction of Performance Bands for the Haddon Point Project, with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

### **Operations**

#### Water System Summary

Ms. Carolan reported that we are in off-peak period, so we are buying from NJAWC.

Ms. Carolan said that Well No. 3 is still offline for rehab.

Ms. Carolan added that we are still recharging our ASR well.

Ms. Carolan reported that there have been 2 watermain breaks since the last meeting.

Ms. Carolan stated that the number of hydrants out of service are 12 public and 6 privates.

Ms. Carolan also stated that the new watermain installed on Chapel Hill Road is leaking and the contractor is working to find and correct.

Ms. Carolan reported that a NOV was received for non-compliance despite us being in full compliance; DEP will be contacted to correct as it appears that the DEP's computer system is still unable to distinguish us as off-peak, not year round purchasers of surface water, which we believe is the root of the issue.

#### Sewer System Summary

Ms. Carolan reported that there are 3 pump stations working outside of normal parameters.

Ms. Carolan added that Atrium and Hooton pump stations are still on the temporary controls for construction projects.

Ms. Carolan said the Turnpike pump station is almost completely demolished.

Ms. Carolan stated that there have been no force main breaks since the last meeting.

Ms. Carolan mentioned that all the road repairs associated with the Lukoil leak, have been completed and now waiting on materials so H&M can do the replacement connection.

Mr. Francescone questioned Lukoil's position on paying for the leak. Ms. Carolan answered that we sent them the tort claim notice, but they have not returned it.

Ms. Carolan stated that we have had 4 sewer spills since the last meeting.

Ms. Carolan said one of the spills was at 3718 Church Road, Laurel Brook Rehab. Ms. Carolan add that we are working with the DEP and it may be necessary to issue fines if issues continue. This customer also has a large unpaid balance of approximately \$65,000.

Ms. Carolan stated that Cell 2 at the plant is still offline for the orbal aerator project.

Mr. Carolan said that the polymer mixing equipment for sludge dewatering is down this week; a new mixer has been ordered and can be reused with the rehabilitation project.

#### Miscellaneous

Ms. Carolan reported that we have a demand side management contract with PSE&G for some of our larger electric using facilities. On Christmas Eve, they asked that we take the sewage treatment plant offline because of issues that they were having with the electric grid; so we did, and we are paid for this service.

Ms. Carolan stated that several employees in the sewer department have tested positive for COVID over the past few weeks.

#### **Presentation of Engineer's Status Report**

Mr. Long presented the report.

#### Active Projects in Construction

##### Atrium & Hooton Pump Station Upgrades, M-180-347-001

This project includes electrical and control system replacement and upgrades at both the Atrium and the Hooton Road stations. The Atrium station work also includes pump replacement and replacement of the emergency generator with which also connects to the adjacent Horizon Way Water Booster Station. Financing will be via a NJIB loan. On December 16, 2021, a contract in the amount of \$1,177,150.00 was awarded to Eagle Construction Services. Atrium startup is scheduled for the VFDs and the controllers. Hooton has the controllers installed but no startup date. Construction is 75% complete.

##### Devonshire Pump Station Upgrade, M-180-353-001

No change in status. This project included a major rehabilitation of the Devonshire Pump Station. A contract in the amount of \$759,000 was awarded to B & H Contracting, Inc. at the December 2020 meeting. Construction started on April 6, 2021. Project is substantially complete with contractor addressing punch list items, close out documentation to be submitted. Still issue with one alarm, some modifications needed.

##### Hartford Road WPCF Orbal Aerator Repairs, M-180-360

This project is for the repair of broken discs and hoods on some of the aerators located on the orbal tank. When the aerators are repaired, the Orbal cell channel 2 will also be cleaned. This project will be financed via NJIB loan. Contract # 2018-03 awarded to Eagle Construction Services in the amount of \$752,514.00 on August 18, 2022. Tentative schedule to put Cell 2 back in service is next week.

##### Union Mill Farms Force Main Replacement, M-180-376-001

This project included installation of a new force main that redirects the pump station discharge out of the primary force main in Union Mill Road and into the gravity sewer collection system for Holiday Village East Pump Station. Financing will be via an NJIB loan. Contract No. 2019-02 was awarded to Earle Asphalt Company in the amount of \$409,713.13 during the October 21, 2021, meeting. During construction, a line stop failed on June 30, 2022, which caused a sewage spill. We are preparing the proposed change order for reimbursement to the Authority for costs related to the June 22 incident.

Construction is now complete. Garrison (Earle's subcontractor) has agreed to the damages for the line stop valve failure.

Well No. 3 Redevelopment M-180-391

This project will include removal and rehabilitation of the existing pump and well piping, redevelopment of the well and installation of Authority supplied pump and well piping. Contract awarded to A.C. Schultes in the amount of \$128,500.00 during the October 20, 2022, meeting. Construction is 75% complete.

Active Projects in Design

Replacement of Part of Library Force Main and Millstream Force Main Connection, M-180-322-002

The project includes replacing a section of the existing PVC library force main with 10" HDPE (via directional drill), beginning at the pump station, through the adjacent wooded area to Route 295. The project includes cleaning and televising the force main crossing under Route 295/NJTP. The project also includes replacement of the connection of the Millstream force main to the primary force main in Union Mill Rd. Project will be financed via an NJIB loan. Received approval to modified schedule; waiting for authorization from DEP to advertise.

Pump Station Monitoring System, M-180-365

This project includes updating of the alarm system at 29 of the Authority's 41 sewage pumping stations. In addition, condition monitoring will be included with the system. The Authority authorized start of design work with a construction completion of March 2021, which was not met. Financing for this project was originally planned for NJIB bundle #1. Pump stations finalized (Amberfield added), design is 90% complete. Plans submitted to the Authority for review, the specs will be submitted in the future.

Air Release Manhole Improvements Union Mill Road M-180-390

This project includes the replacement of a force main air relief valve at the intersection of Union Mill Road and the entrance to Signature Place. The project schedule is to coincide with the Township project to improve Union Mill Road. Priority and construction schedule will be done when UMR is closed for improvements which are now scheduled to begin in spring of 2024. Design has started.

Air Release Manhole Improvements 101 Hartford Road & Isolation Valve Removal Pike Road

The project includes the replacement of the air relief valve at 101 Hartford Road. The project also includes the removal of the valve and fittings for the Pike Road isolation valve. Design completed and sent to the Authority for review and advertised this week with March award.

Water Main on Hainesport-Mount Laurel Road County Bridge #B4.71

The Authority's 12" water main which is strapped to the side of the County's bridge has a small leak. Originally a repair was planned but due to configuration a replacement is necessary. Revising design based on Authority comments and applied for approval from County. Plans are 90% complete.

Automatic Transfer Switch Installation-81 Elbo Lane

This project is to install an Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) at the Authority's Engineering Office Located at 81 Elbo Lane. Design started.

Mr. Trice reported on the following projects as they are being designed by firms other than Alaimo Associates:

East Saint Andrews Drive Water Main Replacement (Engineer: ERI)

This project was to replace approximately 900 LF of 10" water main on E. St. Andrews Dr. and an upgrade of approximately 400 LF of 4" water main to 6" on Pebblebrook Lane. Contract awarded July 13, 2021, to Earle Asphalt Company in the amount of \$400,213.13. As-built drawings were received, reviewed and sent back for some corrections, so this project should be closed out at the March meeting.

Sanitary Sewer System Modeling, Capacity Assessment and Master Planning (Engineer: Mott MacDonald)

The hydraulic model has been completed and calibrated. Mott MacDonald is currently using the model to develop and analyze alternatives for alleviating operational problems experienced in the system and to evaluate alternatives identified by the Authority in the initial SOW. On January 27<sup>th</sup> Mott MacDonald submitted the hydraulic modeling results report and the design memorandum which identifies the system deficiencies and provides recommendations for capacity relief projects and project cost estimates. The reports are under review.

Elbo Lane WTP HVAC Replacement (Engineer: Mott MacDonald)

No change in status. This project includes the replacement and rehabilitation of the HVAC system at the Elbo WTP. Mott MacDonald's revised schedule indicates that the 90% complete bid documents will be submitted to the Authority for review in late April 2023.

Ramblewood Pump Station Generator Replacement (Engineer: Remington & Vernick)

This project is to replace the existing standby generator at the Ramblewood Pump Station. A contract was awarded to Lee-Way Electrical in the amount of \$173,400.00 at the February 17, 2022, meeting. Anticipate the generator being delivered August 2023. A no cost change order is presented for approval tonight for contract extension due to the material delivery delays.

HRWPCF Sludge Dewatering Equipment Replacement (Engineer: Colliers)

No change in status. This project includes the replacement of the sludge handling and dewatering equipment in the sludge building which was originally constructed in 1996. Colliers Engineering and Design has been actively working on the Planning Document submission required by the IBank and on design and bid documents. Colliers anticipates having draft (80%) bid documents completed within a couple of weeks. We are waiting on a revised schedule to be submitted.

Chapel Hill Road and Trefoil Terrace Water Main Replacement (Engineer: ERI)

This project includes the replacement of approximately 1,020 feet of 6" and 8" water main and 45 services on Chapel Hill Road and Trefoil Terrace. Contract No. 2022-07-84 was awarded to CTX Infrastructure in the amount of \$430,673.50 in July 2022. The contractor has completed the water main and service installation work on Trefoil Terrace. The new water main has been installed on Chapel Hill, however there is a leak in the line and it won't hold pressure. The contractor brought in a leak detection company twice, but they were not able to locate the leak. When trying to locate the leak, the leak detection company found there was a lot of background noise interference, so the next step is to shut down the existing water main that's still in service and the nearby sewage pump station because the pump station force main is also in the road and either could be causing the interference. Before doing this, the residents will have to be notified ahead of time that they will be without water for a short time period and that they should try to avoid flushing anything down the sewer, however we should be able to truck anything that flows into the station pretty easily.



Tricia Meadows Force Main (Engineer: ERI)

This project is for the replacement of a section of the Tricia Meadows force main from the vicinity of the PS to Moorestown-Mount Laurel Road. Davis Enterprises had no issues with the proposed work. ERI continues to work on the bid documents and wetlands, stream encroachment and TWA applications.

Hartford Road WPCF Headworks Facility (Engineer: Mott MacDonald)

Mott MacDonald has been authorized to perform an evaluation of the existing comminutors and grit removal facilities at the Hartford Road WPCF. Mott MacDonald's scope of work includes the evaluation of new screening and grit removal equipment technologies and the ability to construct a new headworks at both on and off-site locations. The equipment technology evaluation is scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2023 and a draft report completed by the end of May 2023.

**Closed Session II**

A motion was made by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board unanimously approved to pass Resolution 2023-02-33 to close the meeting to discuss Litigation and Potential Litigation which are exempt from open meetings under the Sunshine Law, at 7:49 p.m., with affirmative votes from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Litigation, Potential Litigation and Regulatory Matters – SEE CLOSED PORTION OF MEETING

The meeting was re-opened at 8:20 p.m., following a motion made by Mr. Kehoe and seconded by Ms. Capri with unanimous agreement from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

**Contracts**

Following a motion made by Mr. Francescone and seconded by Mr. Knight, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2023-02-34 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a, with affirmative votes from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Kehoe and seconded by Ms. Capri, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2023-02-35 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1, with no additional cost, for the Ramblewood Pump Station Emergency Generator Replacement Project, MUA Contract No. 2021-08, with affirmative votes from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Ms. Capri and seconded by Mr. Knight, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2023-02-36 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1, with an increase of \$5,681.00, for the Well No. 3 Redevelopment and Pump Repair Project, MUA Contract No. 2022-10, with affirmative votes from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Francescone and seconded by Ms. Capri, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2023-02-37 Resolution Approving Rejection and Readvertisement of Chemical

Contract Bids, MUA Contract No. 2023-01, with affirmative votes from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

**Accounting and Financial**

Following a motion made by Mr. Kehoe and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2023-02-38 Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC's), with affirmative votes from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2023-02-39 Resolution Authorizing a Loan Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank for Hartford Road Water Pollution Control Facility Dewatering Building Upgrade Project, with affirmative votes from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Ms. Capri and seconded by Mr. Francescone the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report for December 2022 and Payment Plan Status Report for February 2023, with affirmative votes from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Kehoe and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board unanimously approved Requisition #640 in the amount of \$1,706,613.40 for the Accounts Payable voucher's list, with affirmative votes from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Mr. Sears noted that the Accounts Payable list is higher than usual because 2 quarters of WMUA bills, 2 months of NJAWC bills and the quarterly payment to CCMUA were all included in this month.

There were no bills from the Acquisition and Construction Bill List

Following a motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Capri the Board unanimously approved Requisition #5791 through #5811, in the amount of \$325,687.42 from the Renewal and Replacement list with affirmative votes from Ms. Murphy, Ms. Capri, Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone and Mr. Kehoe.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

**Comments:**

Mr. Alaimo thanked the Board for allowing him to sit in on the meeting.

Ms. Carolan stated that the EPA has announced funding available for PFAS but because it's for distressed communities, we don't qualify.

Mr. Sears mentioned that we promoted signing up for E-billing but is looking to the Board for ideas on how to get more customers to sign up.

Mr. Sears discussed the auditors' findings on their analysis of our connection fees. The report came in with a potential water increase of \$836 and a sewer increase of \$641 per unit. Mr. Sears added this can be looked at further when a rate increase is discussed.

Mr. Long thanked the board for the reappointment.

Mr. Morris commented that he is super happy to be here.

Mr. Knight congratulated Ms. Murphy on her appointment as Chair and said that in his years on the board, Cheryl Coco-Capri was one of the better Chairs.

Mr. Knight also said that the MUA should stay in touch with the Township because most there don't know much about us.

Mr. Francescone also welcomed Ms. Murphy as the new Chairwoman.

Mr. Kehoe said that he learned a lot during the meeting.

Ms. Murphy echoed Mr. Knight's comments regarding Ms. Capri.

Following a motion made by Mr. Francescone seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and with unanimous agreement from the members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.