



Berkeley Township MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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A Special Working Meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, **April 17, 2023** at 11:30 am at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721. Presided by Vice-Chairman Jerome Bollettieri-present, Richard Elliott-present, Samuel Cammarato-present, William McGrath-present.

Also present: Michael McClelland-Engineer, Keith Chiaravallo-Engineer, Mackenzie Binder-Engineer, Brian Blair-Chief of Operations and Michele Nugent-Executive Director.

After the salute to the flag, Ms. Walker read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Committee Reports:

Old Business:

Alternate Energy options:

The Board wishes to investigate alternate energy and held a working meeting to discuss options.

The Authority bid out a solar power purchase agreement in October, 2022 and received no response. The non-responsive bidders provided feedback that the small property size and the canopy structure costs associated with the project hinder the cost effectiveness of bidding the project.

The Board called for this special working meeting to discuss options which may enhance the project. The general purpose was to stimulate a better bid response in order to attain solar project realization.

The Board agreed the structure size should remain at approximately 100' x 200' to provide the largest allowable solar field. The Board stated investment into a building would provide a vehicle garage; additional equipment storage space; as well as solar panel placement area. The Board agreed the structure should not be located on the well field area. The Board agreed the location of the structure could be in front of the treatment plant or behind the building outside of the well field area. The advantages and disadvantages of the available areas were debated.

The Board provided guidance to the engineer to investigate costs, finance opportunities and bidding sources for a building or canopy structure of this size. Bidding sources should include the county schedule C; available co-ops and traditional bidding procedures.

The Board requests this information to see if it is advantageous to outlay money to construct a building or canopy structure to support a solar panel system. The 2021 and 2022 electrical expenses for the treatment plant were \$57,300 and \$64,500.00 respectively. The solar power purchase agreement is estimated to save 10-15% of electrical costs. The Board's intent is to make an investment now in energy saving programs to offset future energy cost increases.

New Business: No Report.

Motion to open the public portion: Samuel Cammarato, second, William McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

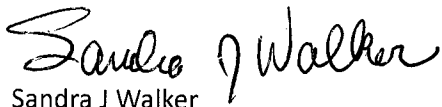
There were no members of the general public in attendance.

Motion to close the public portion: Samuel Cammarato, second, William McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn: Richard Elliott, second, Samuel Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra J Walker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandra J Walker
Office Clerk

The next meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority located at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721.