



## Berkeley Township MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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A Public Meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721. Presided by Chairman Hale-absent, Jerome Bollettieri-present, Richard Elliott-present, Samuel Cammarato-absent, Denise Pellecchia-present, William McGrath-present, Frederick Bekiarian-present.

Mr. Elliott stated Commissioners McGrath and Bekiarian will be seated as voting members for tonight's meeting.

Also present: Mr. Budesza-Attorney, Mr. Chiaravallo-Engineer, Ms. Binder-Engineer and Mrs. Nugent-Executive Director.

After the salute to the flag, Mrs. LeFaucheur read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Motion to approve the Public Meeting Minutes, Executive Session Minutes and the following reports from the meeting on July 27, 2023: William McGrath, second, Frederick Bekiarian. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried. Jerome Bollettieri and Denise Pellecchia abstained.

- Executive Director's Report
- Engineer's Report
- Attorney's Report

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

Mr. Elliott opened the floor to the public.

Ralph and Bernadette Amato of 221 Cypress Dr., Bayville introduced themselves to the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Amato requested a waiver for the recent increase of \$6,000.00 for the reconnection fee that was adopted midyear of 2023. They purchased their home in 2021. The connection fee of \$1,100.00 was paid by the previous owner. Mrs. Amato referenced the Authority budget beginning January 2023 and ending December 2023 which showed the revenues satisfied all obligations to meet operating costs. Mrs. Amato stated the narrative portion of the budget states that no deficits exist from prior or proposed budgets. It also states rates will stay the same for existing rate structures including connection fees. Mrs. Amato questioned why this increase took place in May 2023 and requested consideration for a waiver based on the remarks as documented in the 2023 Authority budget. Mrs. Amato wanted it noted that in January 2022 through December 2022 a rate increase to \$2,000.00 was implemented for connection fees. She questioned why the resolution was changed and on what basis. Mr. Amato questioned what the increase entailed since the Authority's utility employees are not physically doing the work. Mrs. Nugent replied the basis of the connection fee reflects a homeowner's contribution to the established water system which includes the water tower, the treatment plant, the water mains and the debt associated with this. Mrs. Nugent stated the property incurred a reconnection fee because the home was physically disconnected from the water system. Mrs. Nugent stated the Authority is mandated to review the connection fee on an annual basis. The fee is

comparable to other local Authorities and is lower than what the State formula allows. Mr. Budesca stated the Board does not grant waivers for connection fees. The Board granted a ten (10) year payment plan for the connection fee.

Motion to close the public portion: Jerome Bollettieri, second, William McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no “nay” votes. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Mr. Bekiarian stated for the four week period (07/29/23-08/25/23) the payroll expenses totaled \$46,093.67 and the operational expenses totaled \$74,161.48.

Frederick Bekiarian and Richard Elliott reviewed the four weeks.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report: William McGrath, second, Denise Pellecchia. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no “nay” votes. Motion Carried.

**Executive Director’s Report:**

Final approval Jerman- Arlington Ave. North 1 sfh:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization for final approval for the Jerman-Arlington Ave. North project. The water main will be extended to service one single family home. The engineer reviewed and recommends final approval.

Motion to approve final approval for the Jerman-Arlington Ave. North project: Denise Pellecchia, second, William McGrath. All in favor. Roll Call. Jerome Bollettieri-abstained, Denise Pellecchia-yes, William McGrath-yes, Frederick Bekiarian-yes, Richard Elliott-abstained. Motion Carried.

Final approval Jerman-Southern Blvd. 6 sfhs:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization for final approval for the Jerman-Southern Blvd. project. The water main will be extended to service six single family homes. The engineer reviewed and recommends final approval.

Motion to approve final approval for the Jerman-Southern Blvd. project: Denise Pellecchia, second, William McGrath. All in favor. Roll Call. Jerome Bollettieri-yes, Denise Pellecchia-yes, William McGrath-yes, Frederick Bekiarian-yes, Richard Elliott-abstained. Motion Carried.

Final approval and acceptance of cash performance bond-Jerman-Baker Ave. 1 sfh:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization for final approval and acceptance of cash performance bond for the Jerman-Baker Ave. project. The water main will be extended to service one single family home. Mrs. Nugent stated the acceptance of the cash performance bond is in the amount of \$33,590.00 to provide sufficient performance guarantees. The engineer reviewed and recommends final approval.

Motion to approve final approval and acceptance of cash performance bond for the Jerman-Baker Ave. project: Denise Pellecchia, second, Jerome Bollettieri. All in favor. Roll Call. Jerome Bollettieri-yes, Denise Pellecchia-yes, William McGrath-yes, Frederick Bekiarian-yes, Richard Elliott-abstained. Motion Carried.

**Engineer's Report:**

Phase VII Water System Improvements:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated the plans and specifications are with the DEP for review. Authorization to Advertise is pending approval.

Northern Boulevard Tank Rehabilitation:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated the tank rehabilitation bids are scheduled to be received on August 29, 2023.

Water Treatment Plant Emergency Generator:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated he met with the Engineering Committee and discussed the different options based on CME's evaluations for the replacement of the generator. The Board gave guidance to investigate the cost of purchasing a new 300 kW generator with a cascading board transfer switch to allow an additional backup to the current 250 kW generator.

**Accountant's Report:**

Mrs. Nugent read into record the July Cash Position Report:

Cash Position Report for July:

Total All Cash Fund Balance:	\$6,420,443.72
Total Restricted Balances:	\$3,604,888.55
Total Fund Available for Disbursement:	\$2,815,555.17

**Attorney's Report:**

No report.

**Committee Report:**

Old Business:

No report.

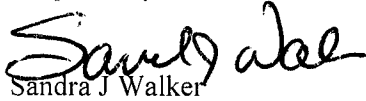
New Business:

No Report.

Motion to adjourn: Denise Pellecchia, second, Jerome Bollettieri. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra J Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" and "W".

Sandra J Walker  
Office Clerk

The next meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority located at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721.