

# Berkeley Township MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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A Public Meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 22, 2024</u> at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721. Presided by Chairman Michael Hale-present, Jerome Bollettieri-absent, Richard Elliott-present, Samuel Cammarato-present via tele-communication, Denise Pellecchia-absent, William McGrath-present, Frederick Bekiarian-present.

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

Also present: Mr. Budesa-Attorney, Ms. Binder-Engineer, Mr. Jensen-Accountant and Mrs. Nugent-Executive Director.

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

Motion to approve the Public Meeting Minutes and the following reports from the meeting on January 25, 2024: Mr. Elliott, second, Mr. Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

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

## Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Bekiarian stated for the four week period from 01/27/24-02/23/24 the payroll expenses totaled \$51,944.32 and the operational expenses totaled \$55,770.89.

Mr. Bekiarian and Mr. Hale reviewed the four weeks.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Mr. McGrath, second, Mr. Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

## **Executive Director's Report:**

The Board formally recognized the Township's re-appointment of William McGrath.

## Final Approval Jerman Freemont Avenue:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board final approval for the Jerman Fremont Ave. project. This project consists of extending the water main 452 ft. to connect a single family home to the public water system.

Motion for final approval of the Jerman Freemont Avenue project: Mr. McGrath, second, Mr. Bekiarian. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Elliott-abstained, Mr. Cammarato-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

## Award Water System Emergency Repair Services to Crest Construction Group, LLC:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board approval to enter into an agreement with Crest Construction Group for the 2024 water system emergency repair services.

Motion to award the 2024 water systems emergency repair services to Crest Construction Group, LLC: Mr. Cammarato, second, Mr. McGrath. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Elliott-abstained, Mr. Cammarato-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

## Transfer of 2023 budget line items:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization to transfer 2023 budget line items.

Motion to authorize transfer of 2023 budget line items: Mr. Cammarato, second, Mr. Elliott. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Elliott-yes, Mr. Cammarato-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

## Authorize execution of Metro Northern Blvd. Lease Agreement Amendment:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization to execute the Northern Blvd. Metro Lease Agreement Amendment.

Motion to authorize the execution of the Metro Northern Blvd. Lease Agreement Amendment: Mr. McGrath, second, Mr. Bekiarian. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Elliott-yes, Mr. Cammarato-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

## Adoption of the Cash Management Plan:

Motion to authorize the 2024 Cash Management Plan: Mr. Bekiarian, second, Mr. McGrath. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Elliott-yes, Mr. Cammarato-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

## Designation of TD Bank, Ocean First Bank and Lakeland Bank as Official Depositories:

Motion to authorize the designation of TD Bank, Ocean First Bank and Lakeland Bank as the 2024 official depositories for the Authority: Mr. McGrath, second, Mr. Bekiarian. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Elliottyes, Mr. Cammarato-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

## <u>Designation of Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger & Berkeley Times as official newspapers:</u>

Motion to authorize the designation of the Asbury Park Press, the Star Ledger and the Berkeley Times as the 2024 official newspapers for the Authority: Mr. Bekiarian, second, Mr. McGrath. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Elliott-yes, Mr. Cammarato-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

## Transfer \$20,000.00 from BTMUA General Revenue Account to Renewal & Replacement Account:

Motion to authorize the transfer of \$20,000.00 from the TD Bank General Revenue account into the TD Bank Renewal & Replacement account. This is an annual budgeted item required by the bond documents:

Mr. Elliott, second, Mr. Cammarato. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Elliott-yes, Mr. Cammarato-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Nugent stated the following resolutions will be presented as a consent agenda. The 2024 appointments were read into record:

## Appointment of Authority Attorney:

The appointment of Authority Attorney to the law firm of Berry, Sahradnik, Kotzas, & Benson with the named professional being Mr. John Sahradnik. Mr. Bob Budesa is the direct representative to the Authority.

## Appointment of Authority Auditor:

The appointment of Authority Auditor to the firm of Holman, Frenia & Allison P.C. with the named professional being Mr. Brian Waldron. Mr. Evan Jensen is the direct representative to the Authority.

## Appointment of Authority Bond Counsel:

The appointment of Authority Bond Counsel to the firm of Dilworth Paxson, LLC with the named professional being Mr. Michael Gluck.

## Appointment of Employee Health Benefits Insurance Broker and Consultant:

The appointment of Authority Employee Health Benefits Insurance Broker and Consultant to the firm of Conner Strong & Buckelew, Inc. with the named professional being Mr. Scott Davenport.

## Appointment of Authority Engineer:

The appointment of Authority Engineer to CME Associates with the named professional being Mr. Michael McClelland. Mr. Keith Chiaravallo is the direct representative to the Authority.

#### Appointment of Authority Labor Attorney:

The appointment of Authority Labor Attorney to the law firm of Dasti, Murphy, and McGuckin P.C. with the named professional being Mr. Jerry Dasti.

#### Appointment of Authority Risk Manager:

The appointment of Authority Risk Manager to the firm of the John Hill Agency with the named professional being Mr. J. Michael Hill.

#### Appointment of Authority Conflict Attorney:

The appointment of Authority Conflict Attorney to the law firm of Dasti, Murphy, and McGuckin P.C. with the named professional being Mr. Jerry Dasti.

#### Appointment of Authority Conflict Engineer:

The appointment of Authority Conflict Engineer to the Alaimo Group with the named professional being Mr. Kevin Snowden.

## Appointment of Alternate Engineer:

The appointment of Alternate Engineer to the firm of Colliers Engineering & Design.

## Appointment of Alternate Engineer:

The appointment of Alternate Engineer to the firm of Morgan Engineering, LLC.

## Appointment of Alternate Engineer:

The appointment of Alternate Engineer to the firm of Van Cleef Engineering.

Motion to appoint the above listed Authority Professionals for 2024: Mr. Cammarato, second, Mr. McGrath. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Elliott-yes, Mr. Cammarato-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

#### **Engineer's Report:**

## Phase VII Water System Improvements:

Ms. Binder stated CME is coordinating with the DEP for authorization to advertise the Phase VII project.

## Northern Boulevard Tank Rehabilitation:

Ms. Binder stated the contractor has completed installation of the scaffold around the exterior of the water tank. Sand blasting will be completed by the last week of February. The interior portion of the tank will then be primed.

## Station Road Water Treatment Plant Generator:

Ms. Binder stated the scope of work for the design of the installation of the new generator is in preparation. A meeting with the Engineering Committee will be scheduled to review the proposed scope of work.

## Accountant's Report:

Mr. Jensen read into record the January Cash Position Report:

## Cash Position Report for January:

Total All Cash Fund Balance:	\$6,553,172.79
Total Restricted Balances:	\$3,767,799.72
Total Fund Available for Disbursement:	\$2,785,373.07

## Attorney's Report:

No Report.

#### **Committee Report:**

#### Old Business:

No Report.

## New Business:

No Report.

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

Mr. Hale stated there are no members of the general public in attendance.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra J Walker Office Clerk

The next meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority located at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721.