



Berkeley Township MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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A Public Meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Thursday, **September 26, 2024** at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721. Presided by Chairman Hale-present, Jerome Bollettieri-absent, Richard Elliott-absent, Samuel Cammarato-present, Denise Pellecchia-present, 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. Budesca-Attorney, Mr. Chiaravallo-Engineer, Ms. Binder-Engineer, Mr. Jensen-Accountant and Mrs. Nugent-Executive Director.

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

Motion to approve the Public Meeting Minutes and the following reports from the meeting on August 22, 2024: Mr. Cammarato, second, Ms. Pellecchia. 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. Cammarato stated for the five week period (08/24/24-09/27/24) the payroll expenses totaled \$50,242.15 and the operational expenses totaled \$85,516.49.

Mr. Bekiarian and Mr. Elliott reviewed the first two weeks. Mr. Cammarato and Mr. Elliott reviewed the last three weeks.

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

Executive Director's Report:

Berkeley Terrace bond reduction:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization for bond reduction for the Berkeley Terrace project. The water infrastructure for the 82-condo project was fully installed and is eligible to have an additional reduction in the performance bond (there was one reduction previously). The original posted amount was \$546,150.23 and the revised eligible amount to be reduced to is \$168,774.31. The Authority Engineer has reviewed and recommends this reduction.

Motion to approve the Berkeley Terrace performance bond reduction. Mr. Cammarato, second, Mr. Bekiarian. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Cammarato-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, William McGrath-yes, Frederick Bekiarian-yes, Michael Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

Rate Increase:

Mrs. Nugent provided the Board with an overview of the proposed BTMUA user fee rate increase. Mrs. Nugent stated there has been no rate increase since the BTMUA's inception in 1988. The quarterly charges are based on a two-part billing, consisting of a flat rate and usage fees. A three percent increase to the flat rate portion and the usage fee will be revised to a tiered pricing schedule. The Board directed a rate hearing to be scheduled.

Engineer's Report:

Phase VII Water System Improvements:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated CME presented the revised quote for their services related to Phase VII-Contract 1. The Board discussed the option of progressing the project under the revised modifications. The Board tabled the authorization for a future meeting.

Northern Boulevard Tank Rehabilitation:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated once the scaffolding was removed from the tank it became apparent the finish on the exterior tank was not aesthetically pleasing. The contractor was notified it is unacceptable. Formal notification will be given regarding the concerns with the finish on the tank to resolve the problems.

Station Road Water Treatment Plant Generator:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated CME was on site with the Authority staff and finalized the generator and panel locations with the Authority.

Accountant's Report:

Mr. Jensen stated he met with the Finance Committee to present the 2023 audit in detail. Mr. Jensen provided the Board an overview of the audit. Mr. Jensen stated his office gave the Authority a clean, unmodified opinion. This is the best opinion that can be rendered. The Authority's numbers are in accordance general accounting principles and government auditing standards.

Motion to approve the resolution to accept the 2023 Audit and authorize the signing of the group affidavit: Mr. McGrath, second, Mr. Cammarato. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. Cammarato-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Hale-yes. Motion Carried.

Attorney's Report:

No Report.

Committee Report:

Old Business:

No Report.

New Business:

No Report.

Motion to open public portion: Mr. Cammarato, second, Mr. McGrath. 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. Cammarato, second, Ms. Pellecchia. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no “nay” votes. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no “nay” votes. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra J Walker
Office Clerk

The next meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 7 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority located at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721.