Berkeley Township
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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A Public Meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Thursday, **October 22, 2026** at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721. Presided by Chairman Elliott-present, Mr. McGrath-present, Ms. Pellecchia-present, Mr. Bekiarian-present, Mr. Papa-absent, Mr. Burris-present, Mr. Guadagno-absent.

Mr. Elliott stated Commissioner Burris will be seated as a voting member for tonight's meeting.

Also present: Mr. Budesa-Attorney, Mr. Chiaravallo-Engineer, Ms. Binder-Engineer, Mr. Waldron-Accountant and Mr. Grosse-Executive Director.

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

Motion to approve the Public Meeting minutes and the following reports from the meeting on September 24, 2026: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. 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 (09/26/26-10/23/26) the payroll expenses totaled $74,493.80 and the operational expenses totaled $127,638.31.

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

Executive Director's Report:

Appoint The Canning Group, LLC as contracted QPA professional appointment:

Mr. Grosse requested of the Board authorization to appoint The Canning Group, LLC as contracted QPA professionals.

Motion to authorize the appointment of The Canning Group, LLC as contracted QPA professionals for the rest of 2026 until the February 2026 Re-Org meeting and add the monthly payment of $500.00 to The Canning Group, LLC on this resolution: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. Motion Carried. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Burris-yes, Mr. Elliott-no. Motion Carried.

Authorize Donelle Bright as part-time CMFO:

Mr. Grosse requested of the Board authorization to appoint Donelle Bright as part-time CMFO. She will work remotely, but will be available to work in person as needed.

Motion to authorize the hire of Donelle Bright as part-time CMFO prorated for the rest of 2026 until the February 2026 Re-Org meeting with no benefits: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. Motion Carried. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Burris-yes, Mr. Elliott-no. Motion Carried.

Authorize Donelle Bright as money flow representative, TD Bank:

Mr. Grosse requested of the Board authorization to appoint Donelle Bright as the money flow representative to TD Bank.

Motion to authorize Donelle Bright as the money flow representative to TD Bank: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. Motion Carried. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Burris-yes, Mr. Elliott-no. Motion Carried.

Authorize Donelle Bright as money flow representative, Ocean First Bank:

Mr. Grosse requested of the Board authorization to appoint Donelle Bright as the money flow representative to Ocean First Bank.

Motion to authorize Donelle Bright as the money flow representative to Ocean First Bank: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. Motion Carried. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Burris-yes, Mr. Elliott-no. Motion Carried.

Authorize Thomas Grosse as money flow representative, Ocean First Bank:

Mr. Grosse requested of the Board to authorize himself, as Executive Director, to be the money flow representative to Ocean First Bank.

Motion to authorize Thomas Grosse as the money flow representative to Ocean First Bank: Ms. Pellecchia, second, Mr. McGrath. Motion Carried. All in favor. Roll Call. Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Pellecchia-yes, Mr. Bekiarian-yes, Mr. Burris-yes, Mr. Elliott-no. Motion Carried.

Engineer's Report:

Phase VII Water System Improvements:

Ms. Binder stated P & A Construction completed the water main and water service installation. For the restoration the contractor will pave at the end of November. Artheon will coordinate with the Authority to prepare punch list items to close out the project.

Station Road Water Treatment Plant Generator:

Ms. Binder stated the gas company has installed the new service to the generator. The contractor can now complete connection of the gas service to the generator, and coordinate testing and start-up.

Accountant's Report:

Mr. Waldron provided the Board an overview of the 2025 audit. Mr. Waldron 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 with general accounting principles and government auditing standards.

Mr. Waldron read into record the September Cash Position Report:

Cash Position Report for September:

Total All Cash Fund Balance:	$7,327,191.67
Total Restricted Balances:	$3,611,550.31
Total Fund Available for Disbursement:	$3,715,641.36

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Budesa stated Dish Network has filed Chapter 11, Bankruptcy. Mr. Budesa stated an offer of 57% from what is owed to the Authority was received from Randy Fish of CRG Financial. Mr. Budesa advised the Board not to take the offer and wait until the matter is settled in Chapter 11.

Committee Report:

Old Business:

No Report.

New Business:

No Report.

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

Chairman Elliott stated for the record there is one member of the general public in attendance who had no comments.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra J Walker
Office Clerk

The next meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 7 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority located at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721.