# WARREN COUNTY (PEQUEST RIVER) MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

# MINUTES November 18, 2021

Chairwoman Napolitani called the regular meeting of the Warren County (Pequest River) Municipal Utilities Authority to order at 7:29 p.m. The meeting was held at the Authority's Administration Building located at 199 Foul Rift Road, Belvidere, New Jersey.

#### Roll Call:

Laurel Napolitani, Chairwoman
Everdina O'Connor, Vice Chairperson
Chad Chamberlain, Secretary
Angelo Accetturo, Treasurer
Sidney Deutsch
Joseph Kennedy
Donald Niece
Gerald Norton

Joseph Roth - Absent

Also, in attendance: Kim Francisco, Authority CFO; and Susan Wright, Administrative Assistant.

Chairwoman Napolitani led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Introductory Statement.

#### **MINUTES**

Mr. Norton moved and Mr. Chamberlain seconded to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 regular meeting, as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Chamberlain recapped the correspondence listed below:

- 1. Memo dated November 2, 2021, from PERMA Risk Management Services, regarding the 2022 Proposed Budgets for the NJUA JIF.
- Notice of Hearing on Appeal or Application to be conducted on November 18, 2021, from Attorney Alan Lowcher on behalf of the Applicants, Christopher Pozaryscki and Darren Musso who are seeking relief relative to certain conditions affecting the use of property located at 1487 Route 31, Block 34, Lot 24, Township of White, County of Warren.

- 3. Letter dated October 21, 2021 from Kim Francisco, CFO, to the Division of Local Government Services, Bureau of Authority Regulations, enclosing copies of the 2022 Operating and Capital Budget for the WC(PR)MUA.
- 4. Notice of Application to Freshwater Wetlands regarding a Letter of Interpretation submitted by DuBois & Associates, LLC, for property located at West Oxford Mitigation Bank, portion of Block 33, Lot 4, Oxford Township, Warren County, for verification of the location of wetlands and transition areas on the site.

#### **CFO'S REPORT**

Mr. Francisco summarized his monthly financial report.

Mr. Francisco advised the Board that he met with the Finance Committee last week to discuss the rates for the budget hearing next month. He discussed the Metered Wastewater Flow chart which was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. In addition, he provided and summarized the 2022 Billing Worksheet and 2022 White Billing Breakdown.

At next month's Budget Hearing the Board will formally vote on the rates for 2022.

In addition, Mr. Francisco discussed the Calculation of Connection Fees for 2022 report, which was provided to the Board. He explained that this year we could charge \$10,807.00 per customer to hook up to our system. The Finance Committee agreed to keep the connection fee at \$6,642.00.

The Board had a discussion regarding having the Engineer attend meetings on an "as needed" basis and in the future, if he is needed and as an effort to save money, have him present his report after approving the minutes and then dismiss him from the remainder of the meeting.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Donati was not in attendance; however, his report was included in the agenda packets.

Chairwoman Napolitani advised the Board that CP Engineers did not submit their invoices for the month of October as they are implementing a new billing system so we will receive their October and November invoices in December.

Chairwoman Napolitani briefly discussed portions of Mr. Donati's report.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Inscho advised that he met with the Operators to familiarize himself with both plants. He advised that he will meet with the Operators every Monday morning to discuss the week ahead.

Belvidere: The brand new heater in the one generator stopped working. They put a new one in and Operator Berger is working on getting it covered under warranty.

Warren Haven Pump Station #2: A new impeller was installed.

Oxford Avenue Pump Station: Needs a new impeller.

He spoke with the Operators about looking into having one spare pump in one of the locations.

Oxford Force Main: Received prices on the pipe. He advised that with an outside contractor to dig and he and the Operators doing the work themselves, it would be between \$20,000.00 and \$30,000.00 rather than the \$180,000.00 that was originally estimated.

We received a proposal from Bill Hodge for the LED lighting at the Belvidere Plant in the amount of \$3,338.60. Bill Hodge will provide us with a proposal for the camera system as well.

Mr. Inscho advised that the Plans came in for the Summit Project, which he reviewed. We are waiting to hear back from Attorney Tipton as to whether or not anything needs to be done with that project yet.

#### **FINANCE**

Mr. Kennedy moved that Resolution #21-45 be approved to pay all bills from the Operating Funds (Certificate No. OP 423: \$54,336.58). Mr. Norton seconded. All in favor, motion passed

Ms. O'Connor moved that Resolution #21-46 (Certificate No. CI 429: \$35,524.02) be approved to pay all bills from the Capital Improvement Funds, as presented. Mr. Niece seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **AUTHORITY CHAIRWOMAN**

Chairwoman Napolitani advised the Board that she went to Lowe's to get an estimate on installing blinds in the Conference Room. They do have to be custom made because of the size of the windows. She also inquired if the Board would like to have them measure the windows in the front/side office for blinds so that it will be uniform. The Board agreed to have Chairwoman Napolitani have Lowe's come out and measure said windows for new blinds and have the Operators install them.

In connection with the break-in at the Belvidere Plant, Chairwoman Napolitani has been in touch with the State Police to obtain the police report, which is necessary in order to receive our reimbursement from the insurance company. They advised that we will not receive an actual report but rather a form letter. Hopefully she will receive the same by our December meeting.

Ms. Wright will list the RFPs on our website in December for our Attorney, Auditor and Engineer Contracts.

Chairwoman Napolitani advised that the Operators have requested a buy-back for sick time. At the time of retirement, they will be paid for 90 days of sick time accumulated and they have a significant amount built up. There was a discussion among the Board and it was decided that they will not be providing them with the buy-back for sick time.

Chairwoman Napolitani discussed our difficulty in receiving the quarterly payments on time from White Township. She and Ms. Wright discussed revising our form letter to our customers to strongly advise that going forward we will be implementing and enforcing our late fees. The Board agreed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public present.

As there was no more business to come before the Authority, Ms. O'Connor moved for the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Susan Wright
Susan Wright

Administrative Assistant

**RESOLUTION RE:** 

EXPENDITURES FROM THE OPERATING FUND DURING THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2021.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the bills listed on the attached Resolution of November 18, 2021, regarding payment of bills from the Operating Fund were for the operating expenses and were in accordance with the Authority's 2021 budget.

<u>Yaaala / (USULA)</u> Laurel Napolitani, Chairwoman

Chad Chamberlain, Secretary

Certificate No. OP 423

Dated: November 18, 2021

Moved by: <u>Hr. Kennedy</u>

Seconded by: Mr. Norton

Yes S

No Ø

Abstain Ø

Absent 1

## APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE OPERATING FUND

Meeting: November 18, 2021

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the following bills are approved by the Authority for payment from the Operating Fund in accordance with the Authority's Bond Resolution:

Vendor Invoices:	Date:	
Check #20590-20599: Check #20600-20640:	10/26/21 11/15/21	\$17,046.57 \$37,290.01
	Total:	\$54,336.58

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20599	10101	10/26/21	2140	VERIZON WIRELESS	5076	MOBILE PHONES & OCCS	170.00
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**RESOLUTION RE:** 

EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2021.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the bills listed for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS are in accordance with the Authority's budget.

Laurel Napolitani, Chairwoman

Chad Chamberlain, Secretary

Certificate No. CI 429

Dated: November 18, 2021

Moved by: Ms. O'Connor

Seconded by: Mr. Niece

Yes <u></u>

No Ø

Abstain 💋

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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BILLS LIST

Dated: November 18, 2021

BR Welding, Inc. (Belvidere Mechanical Screen)

\$35,524.02

Total

\$35,524.02

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