# WARREN COUNTY (PEQUEST RIVER) MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

# MINUTES January 17, 2023

Chairwoman Napolitani called the regular meeting of the Warren County (Pequest River) Municipal Utilities Authority to order at 7:00 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 Chad Chamberlain, Secretary Angelo Accetturo, Treasurer Donald Niece Gerald Norton Joseph Roth Everdina O'Connor, Vice Chairperson - Absent William Godfrey - Absent

Also, in attendance: Kim Francisco, Authority CFO; Brian Tipton, Esq., Authority Legal Counsel; and Susan Wright, Administrative Assistant.

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

#### MINUTES

Mr. Roth moved, and Mr. Niece seconded to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 Annual Public Rate Hearing, as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Norton moved, and Mr. Niece seconded to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 regular meeting, as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

THOUGHT ! .

Mr. Chamberlain recapped the correspondence listed below:

- 1. Memo dated December 6, 2022, from NJUA JIF to all Member Authorities attaching the approved 2023 budget of the NJUA JIF.
- 2. Memo dated December 19, 2022, from Alex Lazorisak, Warren County Administrator, to various department heads, boards, commissions and committees, advising of the County Commissioners Meeting Agenda Cut-Off Dates for 2023.
- 3. Notice of Public Hearing to be conducted January 3, 2023, from the Town of Belvidere Planning Board Secretary to determine whether the area consisting of Block 38, Lots 17

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and 18; Block 42, Lots 2 and 3; Block 45, Lots 5,7 and 8; Block 46, Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5; Block 47, Lot 10; Block 47, Lots 7 and 8; portions of the Sixth Street, Seventh Street, Hardwick Street, Knowlton Street, and Independence Street rights-of-way, meets the criteria for a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment area in accordance with NJ local redevelopment and housing law.

- 4. Letter dated January 3, 2023, from Karen A. Read, Senior Account Manager, NJUA JIF advising of the Reorganization meeting to be held on January 25, 2023.
- 5. Memorandum dated January 3, 2023, from Alex Lazorisak, Warren County Administrator, to various department heads, boards, commissions and committees, enclosing reorganization meeting resolutions.

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

Mr. Madison was not in attendance; however, his report was included in the agenda packets and reviewed. Chairwoman Napolitani asked Mr. Inscho whether the Engineer's have our capital improvement plan, to which he advised that they do. She also inquired about the thickener project, are the Engineer's listing that as a priority. Mr. Inscho advised that the Engineer's are working on that first.

There was also a brief discussion regarding grants.

#### CFO'S REPORT

Mr. Francisco advised the Board that the County's VPN financial program is still down, which means that Ms. Wright is still having to go to the County Administration Office to enter all of her vouchers. They have no word as to when this issue will be rectified.

Mr. Francisco summarized his monthly financial report.

#### GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Tipton had nothing to report.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

TETOTE ATT A . .

Axford Avenue force main line has been installed and completed.

Belvidere Mechanical Screen: There was an issue with the screen for a couple of days last week. BR Welding came out and with the assistance of our operators, they were able to fix the problem and it is working fine now.

Mr. Inscho advised that there is once again, an issue with the jail flushing sheets, t-shirts and other clothing items, which is causing problems. He spoke with the County Administrator, who has reached out to the warden to discuss the issue.

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Mr. Inscho and the Engineers are working on getting final numbers for the interceptor line in Oxford, as well as getting prices for meters.

Mr. Inscho has been working with JCP&L representatives to obtain the grant for the led lights at both plants.

Mr. Inscho advised the Board that we are having an issue with Cintas, the vendor who provides the operators with their work clothing, as well as cleaning services for the clothes. He informed them that the operators would like to receive a clothing allowance to purchase their work uniform and clean them themselves. Chairwoman Napolitani asked Ms. Wright to cancel Cintas services and to provide a number for the clothing that all of the operators will need.

The operators inquired whether the Board is willing to change the holiday schedule to be the same as the County employees and eliminate the two floating holidays that they get every year.

Mr. Accetturo moved to approve the change in the holiday schedule. Mr. Roth seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Inscho advised that during the interview/meeting with the two new operators, M. Berger and B. Snyder, it was agreed that after 20 years of employment, they will receive their medical benefits upon retirement.

Mr. Inscho requested a motion to approve the Risk Management Agreement for 2023, which was included in the agenda packets. Mr. Roth so moved to approve said Agreement, Mr. Accetturo seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **FINANCE**

TECONORIES . .

Mr. Accetturo moved that Resolution #23-01 be approved to pay all bills from the Operating Funds (Certificate No. OP 437: \$93,980.38). Mr. Norton seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Accetturo moved that Resolution #23-02 (Certificate No. CI 443: \$183,129.99) be approved to pay all bills from the Capital Improvement Funds, as presented. Mr. Roth6 seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **AUTHORITY CHAIRWOMAN**

Chairwoman Napolitani advised that she spoke with Mr. Inscho to look into the lightning protection at the Belvidere plant.

Chairwoman Napolitani asked Mr. Inscho to reach out to White Township regarding rescheduling the Authority's attendance at their monthly meeting to discuss the Becrett Development project. She reminded him that Mr. Godfrey will be away through February; however, she, Mr. Accetturo and Mr. Inscho will still attend in February.

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### **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, Mr. Niece moved for the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Susan Wright
Susan Wright

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Administrative Assistant

#### **RESOLUTION RE:**

EXPENDITURES FROM THE OPERATING FUND DURING THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, 2022 & JANUARY, 2023

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the bills listed on the attached Resolution of January 17, 2023, regarding payment of bills from the Operating Fund were for the operating expenses and were in accordance with the Authority's 2023 budget.

Chad Chamberlain, Secretary

Certificate No. OP 437

Dated: January 17, 2023

Moved by: Mr. Accetturo

Seconded by: Mr. Norton

Yes 6

No 0

Abstain 0

Absent 2

# APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE OPERATING FUND

Meeting: January 17, 2023

**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 #21334-21341:
 12/22/22
 \$1,105.84

 Check #21342-21380:
 01/16/23
 \$92,874.54

*Total:* \$93,980.38

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### **RESOLUTION RE:**

# EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2022

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

Chad Chamberlain, Secretary	Laurel Napo
Certificate No. CI 443	
Dated: January 17, 2023	
Moved by: Mr. Accetturo	
Seconded by: Mr. Roth	
Yes 6	
No <u>0</u>	
Abstain 0	
Absent 2	

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BILLS LIST

Dated: January 17, 2023

Colliers Engineering – Clarifier Rehab:	\$	5,734.74
Colliers Engineering – Oxford Sludge Tank:	\$	1,982.50
Alpine Painting & Sandblasting – Clarifier Rehab:	<u>\$</u>	<u>175,412.75</u>

Total \$ 183,129.99

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