# WARREN COUNTY (PEQUEST RIVER) MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

## MINUTES July 17, 2013

Chairman Chamberlain called the regular meeting of the Warren County (Pequest River) Municipal Utilities Authority to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Authority's Administration building located at 199 Foul Rift Road, Belvidere, New Jersey.

#### Roll Call:

Chad Chamberlain, Chairman Morris Scott, Jr., Vice Chairman Robert Piazza, Treasurer Laurel Napolitani, Secretary Sidney Deutsch Donald Niece Everdina O'Connor Philip Rosenberg Drew Kiszonak

Absent

Also, in attendance were:

Stephen Donati, P.E., Authority Engineer; Charles L. Houck, Authority Chief Financial Officer; Brian Tipton, Esq., Authority Legal Counsel; Billy J. Wauhop, Authority Consultant; and Patricia Kaspereen, Administrative Assistant.

Chairman Chamberlain led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and then read the Introductory Statement.

#### **MINUTES**

Mr. Scott moved and Ms. Napolitani seconded to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 regular meeting, as presented. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Scott moved and Ms. O'Connor seconded to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 executive session, as presented. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Napolitani recapped the correspondence:

1. A letter dated June 21, 2013, from Mr. Mikulka, CPM, Senior Project Manager, CP Engineers to Mr. Paull, Chief, Northern Bureau of Water Compliance & Enforcement, NJDEP, regarding the pre-emptive affirmative defense claim for the Oxford WWTF.

- 2. A letter dated June 27, 2013, from Mr. Donati, P.E., VP, CPE to Mr. Patel, Division of Water Quality, Municipal Finance & Construction Element, NJDEP, submitting a Reserve Capacity Analysis for the Oxford WWTP Upgrade.
- 3. A letter dated July 1, 2013, from Mr. Guida, Collection System Operator for the Township of Oxford, submitting the township's monthly collection system report.

#### CFO'S REPORT

Mr. Houck asked the Board if they would like to continue with the past practice of him meeting with the Finance Committee to prepare the next year's budget, prior to presenting a draft to the full Board. The draft will then be circulated to all the commissioners for the October 16, 2013 meeting. By statute, the FY2014 budget must be introduced by the end of October. Adoption of the budget takes place at the December meeting.

Hearing no objections from the Board, Chairman Chamberlain instructed Mr. Houck to proceed as he has in the past in preparing the budget.

Mr. Houck left the meeting.

#### GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Tipton is in the process of reviewing the contract documents for the Oxford WWTF Upgrade. He will be meeting with Mr. Donati within the next couple of weeks to go over any potential legal clarifications and revisions.

Mr. Tipton prepared the professional services contract between the Authority and Billy Wauhop & Associates. As discussed last meeting, the terms are substantially similar to the current agreement, but with a modified rate of \$75,000 a year.

Mr. Piazza made a motion to adopt Resolution #13-30, authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract for professional consulting services to Billy Wauhop & Associates for one year. Mr. Scott seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

Oxford Upgrade Design: The design is complete.

Oxford Upgrade Permitting: We are still waiting for approval from the DEP for the TWA modification, before the Trust grants us approval to go out to bid.

Submissions have also been sent to the State Comptroller's office, which has to review all bid documents before we can go out to bid. We have requested a waiver of their 30-day notification period. Mr. Tipton's office is assisting with this request.

Once the permits are done, the NJEIFP has to issue an Environmental Decision Document before we can request permission to advertise from the Trust.

Mr. Donati is hopeful that we will be able to go out to bid by the end of this month.

The local construction permit applications have been submitted to the DCA, and Mr. Donati will be meeting with them possible this Friday.

Axford Avenue Pump Station: CPE is putting together the necessary bid documents. Mr. Donati met with Mr. Wauhop and Mr. Berger at the site last week to insure everything is included. The bid documents should be done within the next couple of weeks.

At Mr. Piazza's request, Mr. Donati gave a brief synopsis of why the Oxford WWTP Upgrade is needed.

#### **AUTHORITY CONSULTANT**

Mr. Wauhop distributed his report before the meeting. He recapped the list of some of the maintenance items performed in-house within the last month.

Smith Motors fixed the brakes on the Jet Truck.

Last Friday, the sludge thickener rake arm for the FST #2 broke and jammed the skimmer blade. The operators diverted all flow to the #1 tank, drained the #2 tank, and made the necessary repairs.

A water meter was ordered to meter the clear water being recycled at the Oxford plant. Mr. Wauhop displayed and explained charts he created to track, on a daily basis, phosphate, TDS and turbidity in the effluent, as well as the daily flow including what is received from the PCFA. Since starting the process of recycling the clear water into the plant, the plant seems to have settled down. During this period, phosphate and TDS levels were steadier and turbidity improved. These results are preliminary but look good, stressed Mr. Wauhop. Monitoring will continue. The operators will be able to see this information on a daily basis, which will aid them in operating the plant.

However, there is a limit to how much water can be added because we do not want to lose the bugs. The bugs remove ammonia. Discussion ensued about this recycling process and the upgraded plant.

Mr. Niece spoke briefly about PCFA's pretreatment plant and their leachate and its effect on the MUA's facility. He said coordination between the two plants is important and that Mr. Wauhop is doing a good job in the matter.

Under general business, Mr. Wauhop and two of the operators visited the sewer plant for the town of Milford to observe how they backwash their sand-filter. It is similar to ours. Afterward,

Mr. Wauhop realized that our filter is set up with the wrong settings for backwashing and changes will be made to our operating procedure.

Mr. Donati asked Mr. Wauhop if flows from the Augustinian Recollects Center have remained consistent. Mr. Wauhop will furnish him with the flow information. Ms. Napolitani asked Mr. Wauhop if she could have the CFO for White Township contact him for assistance regarding billing and meter readings. He agreed to her request.

As of July1, staffing at the Oxford facility is back to normal.

#### **FINANCE (TREASURER)**

Mr. Piazza announced that revenue from Covanta and PCFA was higher than anticipated, and expenses are in line with the budget.

Mr. Piazza moved that Resolution #13-28 (Certificate No. 332: \$34,404.64) be approved to pay all bills from the Capital Improvements Fund. Mr. Scott seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Piazza moved that Resolution #13-29 (Certificate No. 324: \$57,187.09) be approved to pay all bills from the Operating Fund. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public present.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

As there was no more business to come before the Authority, Mr. Piazza moved and Mr. Scott seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Patricia Kaspereen

Administrative Assistant

**RESOLUTION RE:** 

EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2013.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the bills listed for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS are in accordance with the Authority's July 2013 budget.

Chad Chamberlain, Chairperson

Laurel Napolitani, Secretary

Certificate No. CI 332

Dated: July 17, 2013

Moved by: Mr. Piazza

Seconded by: Mr. Scott

Yes <u>8</u>

No 0

Abstain \_0\_

Absent 1

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BILLS LIST July 17, 2013 Meeting

1. CP Engineers, LLC

Period: June 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013

**Engineering Services** 

Value Engineering Study Phase 2 Implementation

Oxford WWTP Upgrade

....\$20,256.14

2. CP Engineers, LLC

Period: June 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013

Engineering Services Vertical Screen Design Oxford WWTP Upgrade

.....14,148.50

Total

....\$34,404.64

#### **RESOLUTION RE:**

## EXPENDITURES FROM THE OPERATING FUND DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2013.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the bills listed on the attached Resolution of July 17, 2013, regarding payment of bills from the Operating Fund were for the operating expenses and were in accordance with the Authority's 2013 budget.

Chad Chamberlain, Chairperson

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Inurel Napolitani, Secretary

Certificate No. OF 324

Dated: July 17, 2013

Moved by: Mr. Piazza

Seconded by: Ms. O'Connor

Yes <u>8</u>

No \_\_\_0

Abstain \_\_0\_

Absent \_\_1\_

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

Meeting: July 17, 2013

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 # 15659-15668

6/26-7/10/13

\$13,964.38

Due 7/17/13

43,222,71

Total

\$57,187.09

PENTAMATION DATE: 06/26/2013 TIME: 10:52:14

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TOTAL REPORT

### RESOLUTION #13-30: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES, FOR 2013 - 2014

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional consulting services relative to engineering and management of the business and supervision of the Warren County (Pequest River) Municipal Utilities Authority (Authority), as set forth in detail in the attached Agreement between this Authority and Billy Wauhop & Associates, L.L.C. (Contractor); and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to contract for services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, the terms of this Agreement reflect approved monthly fees for a defined scope of services, and based thereon the Authority has determined that the annual cost for the services is \$75,000, which value will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is from August 16, 2013 to August 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the County of Warren, New Jersey, in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Contractor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for this Contract.

#### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Warren County (Pequest River) Municipal Utilities Authority authorizes its Chairman and Secretary to enter into a contract with Billy Wauhop & Associates, L.L.C. as described herein.
- 2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" because professional engineering services are exempt from bidding under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1(6)(a).
- 3. A Notice of this resolution shall be published in the official newspapers as required by law within ten days of its passage.
- 4. One copy of this Resolution, and the contract itself, shall be made available at the Authority offices for public inspection.
- 5. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this resolution.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Laurel Napolitani, Secretary of the Warren County (Pequest River) Municipal Utilities Authority, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Authority at a meeting held on July 17, 2013.

BY: Laurel Napolitani, Secretary

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Chad Chamberlain, Chairman of the Authority, do this date certify that the contract mentioned herein exceeds, or is reasonably likely to exceed the sum of \$17,500.00 during its term.

BY:

Chad Chamberlain, Chairman

Dated: July 17, 2013