## WARREN COUNTY (PEQUEST RIVER) MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

#### MINUTES September 19, 2017

Vice Chairman Scott called the regular meeting of the Warren County (Pequest River) Municipal Utilities Authority to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Authority's Oxford Wastewater Treatment Plant (Service Building) located at 148 Pequest Road, Oxford, New Jersey.

#### Roll Call:

Morris Scott, Jr., Vice Chairman

Robert Piazza, Treasurer

Sidney Deutsch

Drew Kiszonak

Everdina O'Connor

Philip Rosenberg

Chad Chamberlain

Absent

Laurel Napolitani

Absent

Donald Niece Absent (entered at 6:57 pm)

Also, in attendance were:

Stephen Donati, Authority Engineer; Katharine Fina, Esq., Authority Legal Counsel; Daniel Olshefski, Authority CFO; Kim Francisco, Authority Fiscal Officer; Billy J. Wauhop, Authority Consultant; and Patricia Kaspereen, Administrative Assistant.

Herbert J. Sipes, from Billy Wauhop & Associates, was also present, as well as Operator Wasser and Operator Berger from the Oxford WWTP.

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

<u>TOUR:</u> At approximately 6:04 pm, Ms. O'Connor moved and Mr. Kiszonak seconded to tour the upgraded facility. All in favor, motion carried. The tour concluded at 6:45 pm and the meeting continued.

#### **MINUTES**

Ms. O'Connor moved and Mr. Piazza seconded to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 regular meeting, as presented. The motion passed. Roll call was as follows:

Mr. Deutsch	Yes	Mr. Piazza	Yes
Mr. Kiszonak	Yes	Mr. Rosenberg	Abstain
Ms. Napolitani	Absent	Vice Chairman Scott	Abstain

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Mr. Niece Absent Chairman Chamberlain Absent

Ms. O'Connor Yes

Mr. Piazza moved and Mr. Deutsch seconded to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 executive session, as presented. The motion passed. Roll call was as follows:

Mr. Deutsch Yes Yes Mr. Piazza Yes Mr. Rosenberg Abstain Mr. Kiszonak Ms. Napolitani Absent Vice Chairman Scott Abstain Mr. Niece Chairman Chamberlain Absent Absent

Ms. O'Connor Yes

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Vice Chairman Scott asked if anyone had any questions or wished to discuss the correspondence listed below (none heard):

- 1) A letter dated August 14, 2017, from the NJEIT to the Authority enclosing a CD with closing documents for participation in the Trust 2014A Financing Program.
- 2) A letter dated August 18, 2017, from Cathleen Kiernan, Executive Director, PERMA Risk Management Services to Patricia Kaspereen, Fund Commissioner, regarding renewal of membership in the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund.
- 3) A letter dated August 21, 2017, from Sean Sauder, Project Manager, CP Engineers to Mr. Zeppenfeld, P.E., P.P., Municipal Finance & Construction Element, NJDEP, regarding Contract No. 12-01: Oxford WWTF Upgrade Project.
- 4) A letter dated September 5, 2017, from Sean Sauder, Project Manager, CP Engineers to Billy Wauhop, Authority Consultant, enclosing Progress Payment Application No. 7, submitted by Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co. for Contract No. 15-03: Warren Haven Pump Station 1 and 2 Replacement.
- 5) A General Permit Renewal Notification from the NJDEP for the Authority's emergency generator located at the Belvidere STP.
- A letter dated September 12, 2017, from William Machotka, P.E., Section Chief, Construction Section, Bureau of Construction, Payments & Administration, Municipal Finance & Construction Element, NJDEP to Billy Wauhop, Authority Consultant, approving Change Order No. 2 for Contract No. 16-01: Oxford WWTF Upgrade, Phase 2 Site Improvements.
- 7) A letter dated September 13, 2017, from Eugene Chebra, P.E., Assistant Director, Municipal Finance & Construction Element, Division of Water Quality, NJDEP, to John Wasser, Operator in Charge, recommending approval in the amount of \$77,578 for

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reimbursement from the NJEIFP for Payment Requisition Package #33 for the Oxford WWTF Upgrade Project.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 6:47 p.m., Mr. Kiszonak moved and Ms. O'Connor seconded to adopt Resolution #17-41, to enter into an executive session to discuss contract and personnel matters. All in favor, motion carried. (HJ Sipes, R. Berger and J. Wasser were not present during executive session. At some point during the executive session, Mr. Donati and Ms. Fina were asked to step out briefly, and then reentered the executive session. Mr. Niece entered at 6:57 pm.)

At 7:14 p.m., Mr. Kiszonak moved and Mr. Piazza seconded to return to open session. All in favor, motion carried.

#### CFO'S REPORT

Mr. Olshefski summarized the monthly financial report. There were no surprises. We remain under budget.

FY2018 Budget: Mr. Olshefski distributed handouts of the highlights of the proposed budget for consideration by the Board. Total Appropriations have been reduced by \$84,000 from the 2017 budget. Even with this reduction and keeping the residential service charges at \$2,174,744, we will still have a shortfall of \$150,000. At this point, there is a very minimal amount projected for revenue from PCFA. An 85% reduction in revenue from PCFA is anticipated unless something is done. He and Mr. Francisco met with the Finance Committee and Mr. Wauhop to discuss options to increase revenues. Mr. Olshefski recommended waiting to see what happens with the proposed pilot study with PCFA. He then outlined the Fund Balance.

Mr. Wauhop explained the items listed under the Capital Budget. The estimated cost of \$85,000 for the climbing screen at the Belvidere plant will pay for itself in roughly 4 years he said. The truck at the Oxford plant has a rusted undercarriage and will need to be replaced. Quotes for a new truck and a trade-in value were obtained. Mr. Olshefski will check with the purchasing agent on the rules for trading in vehicles. The paving project was discussed, as well as converting the disinfection system at the Oxford plant.

Mr. Piazza moved and Mr. Rosenberg seconded to authorize Mr. Olshefski to prepare the formal documents for the FY2018 Budget as discussed for approval at the October meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Olshefski and Mr. Francisco left the meeting.

#### GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Ms. Fina had nothing to report.

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

Mr. Donati's report was included in the agenda packets.

Becrett of White Twp. LLC: As discussed at last month's meeting, Mr. Donati informed the developer's engineer that the Authority will not be the permittee on their NJDOT Road Opening Permit. He has not heard back from anyone.

PCFA leachate: CP Engineers assisted Mr. Wauhop with regards to the potential pilot study of obtaining more leachate.

Oxford WWTP Upgrade – Phase 2: This project is complete. The Authority is still holding \$10,940 in retainage. The contractor needs to submit his maintenance bond in order to close out the project and release the retainage. Based on that, the loans with the State can then be closed.

Warren Haven Pump Stations Rehab, Contract #15-03: Warren Haven #2 is in operation. Work on #1 is essentially complete but, as discussed at last month's meeting, a change order is needed to relocate the existing electrical supply. In addition, more grading is needed over the existing force main to insure it does not freeze. The costs for these changes is \$12,717.30. These changes and Work Directive No. 1 will be formalized in a Change Order, to be presented at next month's meeting. Mr. Wauhop discussed fencing.

#### **AUTHORITY CONSULTANT**

Mr. Wauhop distributed his report prior to the meeting.

Belvidere plant: They pressure washed and disinfected the sand filter wet well in the UV building, finished pressure washing and cleaning the outside of the plant and cleaned the main effluent troughs. In addition, the skimmers on the clarifiers, commutators, blowers and FSTs were greased and serviced.

Oxford plant: Mr. Wauhop recapped maintenance items performed during the month. Work was done on the F350 Truck, Jet Truck and Ford Escort. The disk filter screens were cleaned. The high-level alarm at the Axford Avenue Pump Station was replaced. Installed new Confined Space signs on doors as required by our insurance company. A new transducer was installed in the effluent pump station.

Under general business, the Authority continues to work with PCFA on raw leachate opportunities. Mr. Wauhop requested formal approval by the Board to move forward with the process to conduct a pilot study of accepting raw leachate at our Oxford plant.

Mr. Rosenberg moved to allow Mr. Wauhop to move forward on the process of conducting a pilot study of accepting raw leachate from PCFA. Mr. Kiszonak seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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Tom Bartha completed the balance of the work on the entrance drive at the Oxford facility, as discussed at last month's meeting

#### **FINANCE**

Mr. Piazza moved that Resolution #17-42 (Certificate No. 382: \$289,478.36) be approved to pay all bills from the Capital Improvements Fund, as presented. Ms. O'Connor seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Piazza moved that Resolution #17-43 (Certificate No. 374: \$74,143.18) be approved to pay all bills from the Operating Fund, as presented. Mr. Rosenberg seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Chairman Scott presented a resolution and agreement for renewal of membership in the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund (NJUA JIF).

Mr. Rosenberg moved to adopt Resolution #17-44, for renewal of membership in the NJUA JIF for a three-year period, beginning January 1, 2018 and ending January 1, 2021 at 12:01 am. Mr. Niece seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Wauhop asked Mr. Sipes about the status of the updated Personal Policy. Within the next week, Mr. Sipes will follow up with Mr. Kinsey at Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

As there was no more business to come before the Authority, Ms. O'Connor moved and Mr. Rosenberg seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Patricia Kaspereen Administrative Assistant

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warren County (Pequest River) Municipal Utilities Authority of the Township of White, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
- 2. The General nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Contract matters Personnel matter

- 3. It is anticipated at this time that the above subject matter will be made public when appropriate.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

WARREN COUNTY (PEQUEST RIVER) MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

aurel Napolitani, Secretary

DATED: September 19, 2017

**RESOLUTION RE:** 

EXPENDITURES FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017.

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

Certificate No. CI 382

Dated: September 19, 2017

Moved by: Mr. Piazza

Seconded by: Ms. O'Connor

Yes 7

No 0

Abstain 0

Absent 2

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BILLS LIST

Dated: September 18, 2017

#### August 15, 2017

1.	Tomar Construction Services, Inc. Payment #23 of 25 Disbursement of T&S lien funds Contract No. 12-01 Oxford WWTP Upgrade	\$173,970.70
	September 18, 2017	
2.	CP Engineers, LLC Period: August 2017 Engineering Services Warren Haven Pump Stations Rehab	\$5,828.97
3.	CP Engineers, LLC Period: August 2017 Engineering Services Doc Prep & NJEIFP App. Oxford WWTP Upgrade	346.37*
4.	CP Engineers, LLC Period: August 2017 Engineering Services Tomar Litigation Assistance Oxford WWTP Upgrade	7,674.79*
5.	Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader Period: August 2017 Legal Services Oxford WWTP Upgrade	8,452.93*
6.	Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. Payment #7 Contract #15-03 Warren Haven Pump Station Replace.	93,204.60
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<sup>\*</sup> Bills to be submitted by CPE at a date TBD, to request reimbursement from the NJEIT Financing Program

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#### **RESOLUTION RE:**

### EXPENDITURES FROM THE OPERATING FUND DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the bills listed on the attached Resolution of September 19, 2017, regarding payment of bills from the Operating Fund were for the operating expenses and were in accordance with the Authority's 2017 budget.

Certificate No. OP 374

Dated: September 19, 2017

Moved by: Mr. Piazza

Seconded by: Mr. Rosenberg

Yes \_ 7

No \_ 0

Abstain \_ 0

Absent \_ 2

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

Meeting: September 19, 2017

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 #18107 - #18115

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\$7,618.00

Due 9/19/17

66,525.18

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\$74,143.18

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# RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW JERSEY UTILITY AUTHORITIES JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Warren County Pequest River Municipal Utilities Authority is a member of the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2017 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Authority and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to renew said membership;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

- 1. The Warren County Pequest River Municipal Utilities Authority agrees to renew its membership in the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
- 2. The Governing Body shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Authority's intention to renew its membership.

This Resolution agreed to this 19th day of September, 2017 by a vote of:

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VICE CHAIRPERSON

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