

# Berkeley Township MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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A Public Meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Thursday, <u>March</u> 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721. Presided by Chairman Hale-present, Jerome Bollettieri-present via telecommunications, Richard Elliott-present, Samuel Cammarato-present, Denise Pellecchia-present, William McGrath-present, Frederick Bekiarian-present.

Also present: Mathew Thompson-Attorney, Keith Chiaravallo-Engineer, Mackenzie Binder-Engineer and Michele Nugent-Executive Director.

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

Motion to approve the Public Meeting Minutes, Executive Session Minutes and the following reports from the meeting on February 23, 2023: Richard Elliott, second, Samuel Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried. Denise Pellecchia abstained.

- Executive Director's Report
- Engineer's Report
- Attorney's Report
- Accountant's Report

#### Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Samuel Cammarato stated for the four-week period (2/25/23-3/24/23) the payroll expenses totaled \$46,198.13 and the operational expenses totaled \$135,208.17.

Richard Elliott and Samuel Cammarato reviewed the four weeks.

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

#### **Executive Director's Report:**

The Board formally recognized the Township's appointment of Denise Pellecchia. The Board welcomed Ms. Pellecchia.

# Sarama/Madison Ave. Final Approval 14 sfhs:

Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization for final approval of the Sarama/Madison Ave. project. 900 linear feet will be installed to service four single family homes. The project includes the construction of ten additional homes on streets that already have water main. The Authority Engineer has reviewed this and recommends final approval.

Motion to authorize final approval of the Sarama/Madison Ave. project: Richard Elliott, second, Samuel Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Nugent stated the following authorizations are for professional appointments tabled from the February, 2023 Reorganization Meeting. These will be presented as a consent agenda:

# Appointment of Authority Auditor:

The appointment of Authority Auditor to the firm of HFA P.C.

# Appointment of Conflict Engineer:

The appointment of Conflict Engineer to the firm of Morgan Engineering, LLC.

The appointment of Conflict Engineer to the firm of Collier Engineering and Design.

The appointment of Conflict Engineer to the firm of Van Cleef Engineering Associates.

Motion to approve the above listed Authority Professionals for 2023. Jerome Bollettieri, second, William McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

# **Engineer's Report:**

# Phase VII Water System Improvements:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated the DEP approved the Construction Phase Services Agreement. This is a requirement for the Authorization to Advertise the project.

### Northern Boulevard Tank Rehabilitation:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated CME submitted the Construction Phase Services Agreement to the Authority for review. Once the Authority gives approval, the agreement will be submitted to the DEP. CME will then progress the Authorization to Advertise for the Tank Rehabilitation project.

Mrs. Nugent stated CME presented the Authority the Construction Phase Services Agreement not to exceed the amount of \$175,561.00. Mrs. Nugent requested of the Board authorization for approval of this fee subject to the review and approval by the Engineering Committee. This will allow the authorization to be submitted to the DEP before the next meeting.

Motion to authorize the Construction Phase Services Agreement fee not to exceed the amount of \$175,561.00 subject to the review and approval of the Engineering Committee: Richard Elliott, second, Jerome Bollettieri. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

#### Solar Energy System Feasibility Study:

Mr. Chiaravallo stated an onsite meeting was held with management and the Solar Committee to review solar options. CME will schedule another meeting with the Solar Committee to discuss the findings before bringing it to the Board.

#### **Accountant's Report:**

Mrs. Nugent read into record the unaudited February Cash Position Report:

# Cash Position Report for January:

Total All Cash Fund Balance: \$6,148,972.49
Total Restricted Balances: \$3,717,236.73
Total Fund Available for Disbursement: \$2,431,735.76

#### Attorney's Report:

Mr. Thompson stated there is no report except for the correspondence provided by Mr. Budesa.

# **Committee Reports:**

# Old Business:

Residential Water Service Line Protection Plan:

Mr. Bekiarian reviewed Mr. Budesa's correspondence regarding the proposed water service line protection plan. The Board discussed this matter at length.

Motion to authorize the establishment of a service line protection plan program: Samuel Cammarato, second, Richard Elliott. All in favor. Roll Call. Jerome Bollettieri-abstain, Richard Elliott-yes, Samuel Cammarato-yes, Denise Pellecchia-yes, Michael Hale-abstain. Motion Carried.

## New Business:

## No Report.

Motion to open the public portion: Samuel Cammarato, second, William McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Edward Cammarato of 269 Teakwood Drive, addressed the Board to read into record his resignation letter dated February 22, 2023. Mr. Edward Cammarato stated he was notified the Vice-Chairman had made numerous false statements to several Berkeley Township community members and members of this Board. Mr. Edward Cammarato requested the Board to ask for the Vice-Chairman's resignation and removal from the Board. The BTMUA Chairman sincerely thanked Mr. Edward Cammarato for his service to the Authority. The Chairman stated this issue would have to be addressed by Town Council as the BTMUA Board does not have the authority to remove a Board Member.

Motion to close the public portion: Jerome Bollettieri, second, William McGrath. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn: Richard Elliott, second, Samuel Cammarato. The motion was approved by voice vote. There were no "nay" votes. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra J Walker Office Clerk

The next meeting of the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Berkeley Township Municipal Utilities Authority located at 42 Station Road, Bayville, NJ 08721.