

**Regular Meeting of the Mantua Township MUA
January 19, 2021**

In accordance with New Jersey law regarding “Open Public Meetings”, notice of the meetings for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was published in the Courier Post and The South Jersey Times.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Tim Sheehan in the meeting room of Mantua Township Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua, NJ.
The Chairman asked everyone to rise for the flag salute.

OATH OF OFFICE Victor Torino was sworn in by Susan M. Purvin, Esquire. Mr. Torino will serve the remainder of Vince Voltaggio’s term.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Chairman Tim Sheehan, Vice-Chairman Mario Dilisciandro, Secretary John Parks, Treasurer Dan Hauss, Victor Torino

Absent: Alternate Howard Bruner

Also Present: Susan M. Purvin, Esq.
David Palgutta, Engineer
William Krebs, Executive Director
Susan Novick, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC PORTION

No one from the public was in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Parks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 15, 2020.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no discussion of correspondence.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Dan Hauss:

Mr. Hauss provided the current balance in each bank account. Bills to be approved for payment from the operations account totaled \$60,104.32. Escrow charges to be approved for payment totaled \$1,560.25.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Park to accept the Treasurer’s Report and approve the payment of bills from the Operations Account totaling \$60,104.32, and from the Escrow Account totaling \$1,560.25.

Roll Call Vote: Torino Yes
Hauss Yes
Parks Yes

Dilisciandro	Yes
Sheehan	Yes

Motion carried.

LEGAL REPORT – Susan M. Purvin, Esq.:

Due to the holiday on Monday, and the closure of the courts, the solicitor had a schedule conflict with the Board meeting. Ms. Purvin appeared on his behalf. She advised that Mr. Alice is working his way through a list of legal concerns that he and the Executive Director prepared a month or so ago; he will be in touch with the Executive Director soon.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Dave Palgutta:

Firestone Store – the applicant purchased the water meter, which the Authority will inspect after installation. The project is essentially complete and may be removed from the agenda.

Rowan Fossil Park – The applicant has not submitted or requested anything since the last meeting. The engineer did receive comments back from the DEP on the water allocation permit, which is related to the fossil park; he is preparing a response to the comments.

Country Gardens – There was nothing new to report

Barnsboro Sewer Extension – The contractor finished directional drilling and installed the structure for the pump station. The next phase will be the installation of the gravity sewer, starting at the pump station and working outwards. The contractor is in the process of preparing a request for payment; that should be ready for consideration at the next Board meeting. The engineers meet with a few residents each week and will continue to do so. So far, the residents seem pleased with the management and progress of the project. In response to questions from the Chairman, Mr. Palgutta advised that none of the driveways in the area has been obstructed. Access may become an issue during trenching and installation of the sewer in front of the homes, but no one will be cut off from his driveway without plenty of notice. Mr. Palgutta also noted that he met with Mr. Mote, a resident who attended a prior meeting, and they reviewed the various plans and proposals for the project together. Mr. Mote seemed satisfied as to how the Authority chose the end point of the sewer extension.

Mr. Sheehan stated that he would like accommodate Mr. Mote and the other resident who live just past the end of the extension. He recognizes it may not be financially prudent to extend the sewer any further.

Mr. Palgutta commented that there are few different considerations. Sooner or later, a more comprehensive plan, with hard limits, should be conceived. Otherwise, people who have installed sewer pumps for the current extension might get stuck replacing those pumps due to further extension. No one wants to see that happen. Another consideration is the boundaries of the sewer service area.

Mr. Dilisciandro asked if the engineers could look at logical extensions, or endpoints, for the current project, and to analyze the benefits and drawbacks of each potential extension.

Royal Oaks Pump Station – a response to DEP comments was submitted, and is currently under review by DEP.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT- William Krebs:

Over the past month or so the crew installed 280 linear feet of water main on Elm Avenue. They have roughly 100 to 150 feet left to install. Water meters are being read this week, in preparation for the bills to be issued in February. Well 8 stopped working over the weekend. As always, the crew made adaptations at the other wells in order to maintain the water supply for the Township.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – William Krebs:

Mr. Krebs notes that Superintendent Jeffrey Baker resigned, effective January 8. His letter of resignation was included in the correspondence sent to the Board prior to the meeting. A motion to continue waiving late fees and penalties was requested.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Parks authorizing the Executive Director to waive late fees and penalties until the next Board meeting.
Motion carried.

Mr. Krebs reminded the Board the reorganization meeting would be held on February 2, 2021, followed immediately by the regular meeting. Sewer flow from Inspira Hospital is down 1.3 million gallons. Revenue is down \$42,000 from this time last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS:


No old business was raised.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Parks, to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Tim Sheehan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Susan Novick, Recording Secretary

Approved at the meeting held on February 2, 2021