

**Regular Meeting of the Mantua Township MUA
November 20, 2018**

As required by New Jersey law regarding “Open Public Meetings”, notice of the public meetings for fiscal year 2018-19, including the time and place of meetings, was advertised in the Courier Post and The South Jersey Times.

CALL TO ORDER : Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Gregg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Tom Gregg, Charles Burkett, Tim Sheehan, Mario Dilisciandro, Vince Voltaggio

Alternate Howard Bruner, John Parks

Also present: Residents Deb Baldassarre, Carol Rhodes, James & Sandra Kirkbride

William Krebs, Executive Director

John A. Alice, Solicitor

Dave Palgutta, Engineer

Jeff Baker, Licensed Operator/Foreman

Susan Novick, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC PORTION:

MOTION was made by Mr. Dilisciandro and seconded by Mr. Voltaggio to open the meeting to the public.

Motion carried.

Mantua residents Deb Baldassarre, Carol Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. Kirkbride had questions about the extension of the sanitary sewer main Barnsboro, Engineer Dave Palgutta addressed their concerns. The plan is to have a single pump station near the basin where Breakneck and Barnsboro Roads meet. It appears the pump station will be within the County right-of-way. It will be necessary to get an easement from the County but this should not delay the project. The pump station will be a concrete structure, about 5 feet in diameter, and it will stand about 1 foot above grade. The pump will be fenced in and there will be some shrubs along the fence. An asphalt driveway will lead from the road to the fence. As far as noise, Mr. Palgutta likened it to the sound of a residential sump pump. For those inquiring about when construction will begin, Mr. Alice explained that the Authority is beholden to the State for financing. Regardless of how quickly the Authority moves and how hard it pushes for funding, it is at the mercy of the

State’s schedule. He suggested that residents call the Authority’s office after Christmas or in January to see if there is a projected start date yet.

[Mr. Voltaggio excused himself from the meeting at about 5:17 p.m.]

MOTION was made by Mr. Burket and seconded by Mr. Dilisciandro to close the meeting to the public.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION was made by Mr. Voltaggio and seconded by Mr. Burkett approving the minutes of the regular meeting held October 16, 2018.

Mr. Dilisciandro abstained from voting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no discussion of correspondence.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mario Dilisciandro:

Balances in each bank account were reported. Bills to be approved for payment from the Operations Checking Account totaled \$438,399.61; bills to be approved for payment from the Escrow Account totaled \$3,906.75.

MOTION was made by Mr. Burkett and seconded by Mr. Sheehan to accept the Treasurer’s report and approve the payment of bills from the Operations Account totaling \$438,399.61 and to approve payment of bills from the Escrow Account totaling \$3,906.75.

Roll Call Vote:	Voltaggio	Yes
	Dilisciandro	Yes
	Sheehan	Yes
	Burkett	Yes
	Gregg	Yes

Motion carried.

LEGAL REPORT – John A. Alice, Esquire:

Craig Gargano, Esq. prepared a resolution regarding bonds and Mr. Alice prepared a resolution authorizing a payment for work on Well 2A; both will be addressed later in the evening. Mr. Alice also prepared and submitted a statement for the upcoming arbitration with Clyde N. Lattimer & Son. The arbitration will be at the Authority’s office on November 28. Mr. Krebs and Mr. Palgutta will be on hand for assistance during the arbitration.

ENGINEERING REPORT – Dave Palgutta:

Country Gardens: Construction has started on the sanitary sewer in section 4A. T-Mobile: At this point, T-Mobile may not start work until the spring, due to weather conditions.

Verizon Wireless: The contractor has not responded to the Engineer's requests for post-construction documentation. He will take his requests higher up the chain of command.

Mantua Car Wash: The Engineer's bond estimate was submitted. The applicant has not indicated when they'll move forward with construction.

Center City Improvements: This project will be revisited; it is on a back burner for the time being.

Barnsboro Sewer Extension: All the information needed from the residents has been obtained. The location of the pump station was recently finalized; now the Engineers can move forward with the permitting process. As far as funding, new information from the State indicates there may not be enough funding to go around. The Authority is looking to package work on the Royal Oaks and Austin St. sewer stations with the Barnsboro project for a better ranking – meaning a higher priority – and a better chance of getting funding. Estimates on the sewer stations were recently completed; the Engineer will meet with the Executive Director to review the scope of work. Mr. Palgutta is hoping to have a telephone conference with DEP before Christmas, but that may not be possible, as DEP is doing phone conferences only once a week now. Until that conference happens, Mr. Palgutta cannot pinpoint or even estimate when funding will be available and construction can begin.

Well 2A: The Engineers met with DEP on November 8 regarding Well 2 and the standpipe project. Level-1 has requested a partial payment, which Mr. Palgutta recommended.

FOREMAN'S REPORT – William Krebs:

The semi-annual flushing of all the hydrants in town was completed and, fortunately, there were no water main breaks. This is the second time in a row that there haven't been any flushing-related water main breaks. Two hydrants were recently replaced: one on Woodbury-Glassboro Rd. and another at Main St. and Tylers Mill Rd. Pioneer Pipe finished the sewer repair in the Carriage Hill neighborhood. The cost was about \$15,000. A water service on High St. was replaced by the crew. This job was a little more involved than might be expected; it was a long line with failures in multiple locations. Meter reading is ongoing now, for the next billing cycle.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – William Krebs:

One of the Authority’s insurers, New Jersey JIF, issued a dividend of about \$5,000. It will be credited to the next annual bill. The auditors were in recently for the annual entrance meeting. They will begin work on the audit in the near future. Mr. Krebs advised that he has been working on closing up the fiscal year and assisting the tech xxx at Edmunds. They are working on payroll now, and having some trouble converting from our current software to Edmunds. Mr. Krebs also noted that the standpipe and well projects did add about \$150,000 per year to the Authority’s debt obligations. However, this isn’t a problem because a debt of about \$400,000 was retired a couple years ago.

MOTION was made by Mr. Burkett and seconded by Mr. Sheehan adopting Resolution 2018-64, authorizing a partial payment to Level-1 Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$28,123.14 for progress work on Well 2A.

Roll Call Vote:	Parks	Yes (voting in place of Mr. Voltaggio)
	Dilsciandro	Yes
	Sheehan	Yes
	Burkett	Yes
	Gregg	Yes

Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. Dilisciandro adopting Resolution 2018-65, authorizing the issuance and sale of revenue bonds to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey.

Roll Call Vote:	Parks	Yes (voting in place of Mr. Voltaggio)
	Dilsciandro	Yes
	Sheehan	Yes
	Burkett	Yes
	Gregg	Yes

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

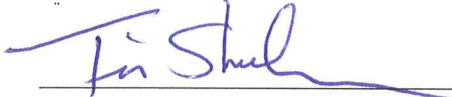
OLD BUSINESS:

There was no discussion of old business.

ADJOURNMENT:

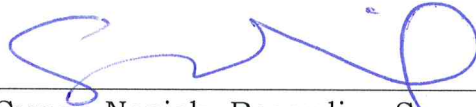
MOTION was made by Mr. Burkett and seconded by Mr. Parks to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Tim Sheehan, Secretary

ATTEST:



Susan Novick, Recording Secretary

Recorded and prepared by Susan Novick

Approved at the meeting held on December 18, 2018