

**Regular Meeting of the Mantua Township MUA
December 15, 2020**

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.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Chairman Tim Sheehan, Vice-Chairman Mario Dilisciandro, Secretary John Parks, Treasurer Dan Hauss, Engineering Coordinator Vince Voltaggio, Alternate Howard Bruner

Absent: Alternate Victor Torino

Also Present: John A. Alice, Solicitor
David Palgutta, Engineer
William Krebs, Executive Director, attended via phone
Jeff Baker, Superintendent
Susan Novick, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC PORTION

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to open the meeting to public comment.

Motion carried.

Two residents had questions about the Barnsboro sewer extension project, and the Authority engineer was able to answer them.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to close the meeting to public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 17, 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 \$12,386.87. Escrow charges to be approved for payment totaled \$1,228.25.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to accept the Treasurer’s Report and approve the payment of bills from the Operations Account totaling \$12,388.87, and from the Escrow Account totaling \$1,228.25.

Roll Call Vote:	Voltaggio	Yes
	Hauss	Yes
	Parks	Yes
	Dilisciandro	Yes
	Sheehan	Yes

Motion carried.

LEGAL REPORT – John A. Alice, Esq.:

The solicitor prepared two resolutions for the Board’s consideration. The first is Resolution 2020-40, which memorializes the decision made by the Board in November, to release the performance bond for the Cloud 10 Car Wash.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to adopt Resolution 2020-40, authorizing the release of the Performance Bond, for potable water, in the amount of \$6,160.00, for the construction of the Cloud10 Car Wash.

Roll Call Vote:	Voltaggio	Yes
	Hauss	Yes
	Parks	Yes
	Dilisciandro	Yes
	Sheehan	Yes

Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to adopt Resolution 2020-43, authorizing a closed session for the purpose of discussing anticipated litigation.

Roll Call Vote:	Voltaggio	Yes
	Hauss	Yes
	Parks	Yes
	Dilisciandro	Yes
	Sheehan	Yes

Motion carried.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Dave Palgutta:

Firestone Store – the application was reviewed. There are outstanding items the applicant needs to resolve before the engineer will request Board approval.

Country Gardens – As-builts were received and they are under review by the engineer. The engineer is also working with the Superintendent to develop a punch list.

Rowan Fossil Park – No new information has been received. However, the DEP has deemed the related application for a master water permit administratively complete.

Barnsboro Sewer Extension – The project is still moving along well. Directional drilling is mostly complete. Testing is needed. The contractor will soon be moving on to the site of the pump station. Delivery of the pump station itself is expected in February.

Royal Oaks Pump Station - the engineer met with DEP to discuss two comments DEP made on the recent technical submissions. The engineer anticipates submitting a response to the comments by the end of the week.

Austin St. Pump Station – Mr. Palgutta noted that he submitted a proposal for a topographical survey needed for this project. He is available to answer questions and will be requesting approval of the proposal.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Jeff Baker:

The crew fixed three sewer issues this month, and replaced 9 meters, including four 2” meters. The 3” meter at Delaware Valley Floral will be replaced this month. All the services on Mercer Ave. are complete. Replacement of the old water main on Elm Ave. has started. The new hydrant the Board approved will replace on that was damaged in a car accident. Mr. Baker expected the Authority will be reimbursed by the driver’s insurance.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

On behalf of Mr. Krebs, the solicitor requested three motions.

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

Motion carried.

Prior to the meeting, three quotes for a fire hydrant to replace one on Heritage Road that was damaged in a car accident were submitted to the Board for review.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to approve the quote of and authorize the purchase of a fire hydrant from Core & Main at cost of \$2,925.00.

Roll Call Vote:	Voltaggio	Yes
	Hauss	Yes
	Parks	Yes
	Dilisciandro	Yes
	Sheehan	Yes

Motion carried.

Over the past twelve months, the Authority employees had a perfect safety record, with no work-related injuries or illnesses, despite working through the pandemic.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio authorizing the Authority to issue a one-hundred-dollar safety bonus to each employee.

Roll Call Vote:	Voltaggio	Yes
	Hauss	Yes
	Parks	Yes
	Dilisciandro	Yes
	Sheehan	Yes

Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to go into closed session.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:40 the Board held a brief closed session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Voltaggio announced that he enjoyed serving on the Authority's Board, but he was stepping down because he and his family recently moved out of town. Mr. Voltaggio thanked the Board and the Authority's professionals. He expressed special appreciation for Mr. Bruner, who was the Chairman when Mr. Voltaggio joined the Board.

Mr. Bruner and Mr. Alice expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Mr. Voltaggio's work on the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was raised.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

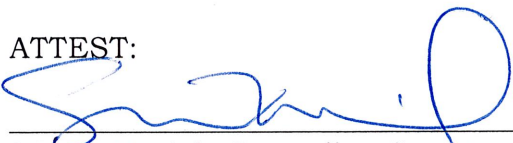
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



John Parks, Secretary

ATTEST:



Susan Novick, Recording Secretary

Recorded by Susan Novick

Approved at the meeting held on January 19, 2020