

**Regular Meeting of the Mantua Township MUA  
July 21, 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  
Absent: Alternate Howard Bruner  
Also Present: John A. Alice, Authority Solicitor  
David Palgutta, Engineer  
William Krebs, Executive Director  
Jeff Baker, Superintendent  
Susan Novick, Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC PORTION**

No one from the public attended the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Hauss, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 30, 2020.  
Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The correspondence was not discussed.

**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 \$151,472.55. Escrow charges to be approved for payment totaled \$555.25.

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 \$151,472.55, and from the Escrow Account totaling \$555.25.

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

Motion carried.

**LEGAL REPORT – John A. Alice, Esq.:**

Mr. Alice suggested a closed session would be appropriate for discussion of the Industrial Valley matter.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to adopt Resolution #2020-25, authorizing a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing litigation between the Authority and Industrial Valley.

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

Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to re-open the meeting following closed session.

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

Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to settle the legal dispute between the Authority and Industrial Valley on the following terms: each party will dismiss his claim without any payment changing hands, each party will pay his own costs for legal representation, a Stipulation of Dismissal and a Mutual Release will be executed by both parties and filed with the court.

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

Motion carried.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT – Dave Palgutta:**

Country Gardens – water samples were received and reviewed with the Superintendent. He was satisfied; the new water main and services for the latest phase of the development have been put into service. The engineer will continue to develop and then finalize a punch list for the project.

Auto Zone – A pre-construction meeting was held with the Township. Construction will likely begin next week.

Barnsboro Sewer Extension – Mr. Palgutta provided a detailed update on the status of the project. He recommended awarding Contract A and Contract B-1 to Perna Finnigan, Inc. If the Board were to follow that recommendation, the engineers would immediately submit everything to DEP for review. The contracts have already been prepared. Discussions with the various vendors will start while DEP approval is pending. Mr. Palgutta did advise DEP of the Board meeting

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was raised.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

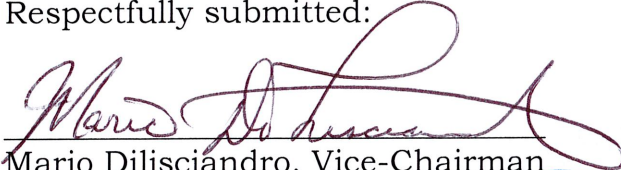
There was no discussion of old business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Mario Dilisciandro, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Susan Novick, Recording Secretary

Recorded by Susan Novick

Approved at the meeting held on August 18, 2020

as well as his expectation that a contract would be awarded tonight. The DEP staff is on furlough, but indicated they will review any submissions as soon as possible.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Voltaggio to adopt Resolution #2020-26, awarding Contract A and Contract B-1 for construction of a gravity-fed sanitary sewer collection system, pumping station and force main on Barnsboro Road and Breakneck Road, to Perna Finnigan, Inc., subject to approval by NJDEP.

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

Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Jeff Baker:**

Over the past month, the lighting at wells 6, 7, and 8 was replaced. The recycle pump at the plant failed and was replaced. The crew started work on the water main replacement on Mercer Avenue. And a one hundred foot water service was replaced at the Sewell School. A week or so later, the Superintendent and crew responded when the Sewell School called for assistance; the school basement was flooding due to heavy rain and a failed sump pump.

Ms. Novick added that she spoke to Mr. Bruner earlier in the day, when he called to advise that he wouldn’t be able to attend the Board meeting. Mr. Bruner also commented that he heard about the assistance Mr. Baker provided the Sewell School. His help was very much appreciated, and it was an example of the type of cooperation Mr. Bruner likes to see between public entities

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – William Krebs:**

In May, the last month for which complete records are available, the Authority pumped 3 million gallons more water than at the same time last year. Revenues have kept pace. It is a testament to the residents of Mantua that they have, to a large extent, kept current on their bills even though many are unemployed or under-employed as a result of the pandemic. The Authority starting waiving late fees in April. Mr. Krebs would like to waive late fees for at least another month.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Sheehan authorizing the Authority to waive late fees in August for non-payment and late payment of bills.

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

Motion carried.

Also in May, the sewer flow from Inspira Hospital dropped from 2 million gallons to 1 million gallons.