

**Regular Meeting of the Mantua Township MUA
September 27, 2022**

The monthly meeting of the Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Township Building located at 401 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Sheehan. The meeting was advertised in the Courier Post and South Jersey Times as required by New Jersey law regarding “Open Public Meetings”. The schedule of meetings is also posted on the Authority’s website and in the Township Clerk’s office.

The flag salute was followed by roll call.

Present:

Authority Members

Mario Dilisciandro
Dan Hauss
Victor Torino

Professionals

John A. Alice, Solicitor
David Palgutta, Sickels & Associates

Administrative & Managerial Personnel

William Krebs, Executive Director
Paul Pheasant, Superintendent
Susan Novick, Recording Secretary

No one from the public was in attendance. The meeting was not opened to public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of meeting minutes was tabled until the next meeting,

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Mr. Hauss reported the current balance in each bank account. Bills to be approved for payment from the operations account totaled \$301,553.65. Escrow charges to be approved for payment totaled \$1,554.00.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Torino to accept the Treasurer’s Report and approve the payment of \$301,553.65 in bills from the Operations Account and approve the payment of \$1,554.00 in charges from the Escrow Account.

Roll Call Vote: Torino Yes
 Hauss Yes
 Dilisciandro Yes

Motion carried.

LEGAL REPORT:

Mr. Alice advised that the Engineer provided legal description of the proposed easements last week. Now that he has the descriptions, he can move forward with efforts to obtain easements the Authority needs for various improvement projects. He has not been able to connect with Mrs. Ledden to speak with her about her property, but he has researched the issues that might arise if the Authority were tried to return the utility easement to her. He will revisit the subject next month when the full Board is present.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The contractor has installed some by-pass piping for the Royal Oaks sewer station improvements. He is currently working on submittals while waiting for delivery of project materials. The Austin St. pump station project is in a similar position. The contractor may drill some test pits next week. The piping for the project is not expected to arrive until mid-December. The engineers' primary focus has been the Barnsboro sewer project, specifically, the generator installation and start-up, the latest change order, and review of the contractor's requests for partial payments. Mr. Palgutta noted that the contractor, Perna Finnigan, has continued to work with the engineers. As an example, the contractor found credits to help offset some of the increases caused by change order number 3. Mr. Palgutta recommended the Board approve the sixth and seventh partial payments to the contractor, but he indicated the seventh payment, which is also the final payment, should be held until the project is complete. He also recommended payment of an invoice from NB Controls for the installation and programming of the various electrical controls for the new pump station.

SUPERINTEDENTS' REPORT:

Mr. Pheasant advised that water samples for lead and copper testing were collected from locations across the Township; the results are not available yet. He recently observed a demonstration of camera unit, and he has scheduled a second demonstration for next week. The camera is much larger than the one the Authority has now. Mr. Pheasant indicated that buying the camera would be less expensive than hiring an outside company to video infrastructure when needed, and particularly during the improvement project planned for Center City. Replacement of the water main on Bergen Ave. was started with the installation of a stub that will be out of the way when the Township paves the road. The stub will be useful whether or not the Authority can establish an easement there.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Krebs reported the sewage flow from the hospital over the last month, as well the amounts the Authority billed and collected this month. He also summarized the resolutions and changes to the annual budget. All resolutions were provided to the Board for review in advance of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION by Mr. Torino, second by Mr. Hauss to adopt the following resolutions by consent agenda:

Resolution 2022-36, a “supplemental bond resolution” authorizing the issue and sale of up to \$2,300,000 in Revenue Bonds;

Resolution 202-37, approving a merit raise for Ray Ledrich on the anniversary of his employment with the Authority;

Resolution 2022-38, promoting Paul Leinhauser to the position of Assistant Executive Director;

Resolution 2022-39, approving the annual payment of budget surplus to Mantua Township;

Resolution 2022-40, approving partial payment #6 to Perna Finnigan;

Resolution 2022-41, approving partial payment #7 to Perna Finnigan;

Resolution 2022-42, authorizing the late introduction and late submission of the budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 to the State;

Resolution 2022-43, adopting the operating budgets for fiscal year 2022-2023;

Resolution 2022-44, approving Change Order #3 for the Barnsboro Sewer Project.

Roll Call Vote:	Torino	Yes
	Hauss	Yes
	Dilisciandro	Yes

Motion carried.

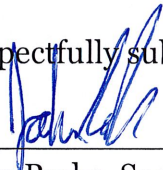
ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No other business was raised.

MOTION by Mr. Dilisciandro, second by Mr. Torino to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

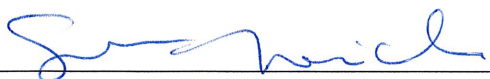
Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:



John Parks, Secretary

ATTEST:



Susan Novick, Recording Secretary

Approved at the meeting held on October 25, 2022