

WESTERN MONMOUTH UTILITIES AUTHORITY

PUBLIC MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Chairman Mendez called the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority's Public meeting to order at 7:00pm. It was announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act and N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to the Asbury Park Press, The Home News and Tribune, Clerks of Manalapan and Marlboro Townships, and is posted in the lobby of the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority ("W.M.U.A.")

Upon roll call:

Present: Messrs. McEnery, Mendez, Rosen and Pernice
Absent: None
Also in Attendance: F. Borin, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP
B. Valentino, C.E.O.
J. Carr, Chief Operating Officer
A. Finnerty, Authority Clerk
G. McEnery

All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mendez asked for any public comment. There was none.

Chairman Mendez asked for any comment regarding the Chief Executive Officers Report.

Brian Valentino stated that he and the Chief Operating Officer, Jim Carr conducted a voluntary self-initiated operations audit with Mike Ruppel; the former Executive Director from South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority and the former President of the State Association of Environmental Authorities. We spent the majority of the day going through our system in detail... This is a quality control check after the retirement of Robert Smith, the same thing was done when Marilyn Seidenberg retired as the C.F.O. just to bring fresh eyes in and make sure we are not missing anything. We will continue to work with Mr. Ruppel. Mr. Valentino stated that on the TV screens in the meeting room are pictures of the reconstruction project of the main influent pump station. The big pipes are the bypass of the pump station that will be necessary in order to replace 3 pumps with 4 pumps. Mr. Valentino continued to explain the photos on the screen. Mr. Valentino stated on the dais is the award given to the Authority from NACWA which was mailed to us from New Mexico. Also, the AEA will recognize us again for the WAVE award for the forward thinking category regarding our Shared Services Agreements. Mr. Valentino stated he contacted Marlboro Township and thanked them. Chairman Mendez asked if Manalapan Township is aware of the Confined Space Shared Services Agreement. Mr. Valentino stated that Manalapan Township has not reached out to us. Mr. Valentino stated that he would like to remind the Commissioners about the emails regarding the Commissioners Strategic Planning Retreat. He would like to

confirm a dated and time. Commissioner Pernice stated that he would rather not to do this on a Friday and requested that this be done in one continuous session. He stated that the weekends are very busy. Commissioner Rosen confirmed this as well. The Commissioners tentatively agreed to Tuesday, March 19th, at 4:00 with the meeting being rescheduled to 4:15pm from 7pm. Mr. Valentino stated that he will have dinner here for the Commissioners. Mr. Valentino stated we will advertise the meeting to begin at 4:15pm.

Chairman Mendez stated that he would like to recognize a very sad occurrence; Jenine Kinsella, Kevin Kinsella, Authority Attorney, his wife passed away from cancer and asked for a moment of silence.

Chairman Mendez stated that he would like to acknowledge two awards; the WAVE Award from the AEA and the NECWA Award, which is the National Association of Clean Water Authorities. Chairman Mendez congratulated the Mr. Valentino and his team.

Chairman Mendez asked if the Commissioners reviewed the Agenda for tonight's meeting. The Commissioners confirmed that they did. Chairman Mendez asked if anyone had any questions on the Resolutions. There were none. Chairman Mendez stated that we will move the Resolutions all together.

Chairman Mendez asked for motions for Resolutions 19-43 through 19-47.

- 19-43 Authorizing Central Jersey Health Insurance Dental Plan
- 19-44 Memorializing the Interest Removal from Customer Account #13534
- 19-45 Hiring Hunter Hart as an Operator effective March 11, 2019
- 19-46 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Marlboro Provide Confined Space Rescue Team Services
- 19-47 Awarding Contract for Force Main Air Release Manhole Replacement to Hutton Construction LLC

Chairman Mendez asked for a motion for Resolution 19-43 through 19-47. Commissioner Rosen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mendez, the vote was as follows:

AYES:	Messrs. McEnery, Mendez, Pernice and Rosen
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

Chairman Mendez asked if there were any comments on the bill list. There was none. Commissioner Pernice moved, seconded by Commissioner Rosen. All present voted aye.

Chairman Mendez proceeded with the meeting and asked if there was other Authority Business.

Commissioner Pernice stated he would like to acknowledge our new hire Hunter Hart. Chairman Mendez asked if Mr. Valentino can tell them about Mr. Hart. Mr. Valentino stated that he comes from the Township of Howell; he was working in the public sector. Mr. Valentino stated that he believes that he has an incredible amount of potential that we are looking to develop. He has the

right mind set and work ethic that will fit in with our culture and the way we conduct business. He thinks he has a bright future in our industry.

Chairman Mendez asked Mr. Carr if he had anything to add regarding the pictures. Mr. Carr pointed out some of the items in the pictures.

Chairman Mendez asked if we finished reconnecting the main influent line from the break on 527. Mr. Carr stated that there is minor punch work left but it is in and functional. They have to fix a curb when the weather breaks. The contractor is substantially complete.

Mr. Carr talked more about the pictures and explained each of them. Chairman Mendez asked if we will be off line during this construction project for an extended period of time. Mr. Carr stated that we wrote the contract and stated that they are not allowed to start the bypass operation until all the other equipment is on site. We had some delays in getting pumps here. Everything is here except for one pump. It is the fourth new pump and spins in the opposite direction due to its size. The contractor has been great. It's been three guys and their work ethic is incredible; our employees have been observing them.

Commissioner Pernice asked about the major accident that occurred on Route 9 and Route 520. He stated that there was a major spill and asked if we were affected by any of this. Mr. Carr stated that it was a gasoline and oil spill. He stated that there is one manhole in the intersection but nothing was able to penetrate our system.

At 7:19PM, Chairman Mendez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Rosen moved, seconded by Commissioner Pernice, all present voted aye.

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