

WESTERN MONMOUTH UTILITIES AUTHORITY

PUBLIC MEETING

March 27TH, 2018

Chairman Pernice 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:	Chairman Pernice
On the phone:	Commissioners McEnergy and Rosen
Absent:	Commissioner Mendez
Also in Attendance:	F. Borin, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP B. Valentino, Executive Director J. Carr, Manager of Engineering Services K. Leatherman, General Manager A. Finnerty, Authority Clerk M. Musich, Manalapan Township Liaison

All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Pernice stated for the record that Commissioner McEnergy and Commissioner Rosen are on the phone and with Chairman Pernice present we have a quorum.

Chairman Pernice asked if there was public comment, there was none.

Chairman Pernice proceeded with discussion/Resolutions.

- Chairman Pernice asked if there were any comments the Hiring of the New Employee, Rachel Brandt as the Confidential Assistant/Human Resources Officer. There were no comments.
- Chairman Pernice asked for any comment regarding the Employment of Joseph Natale. Mr. Valentino stated that this employee was not discussed. He is an employee of the Hanover Sewerage Authority and a resident of East Brunswick He has his S3 license and his C3 license. He is a graduate of the Environmental Professional Development Academy. He applied for the position when it was open. Mr. Valentino had a positive interview with him and stated he would be a great addition to the staff.
- Chairman Pernice asked for any comment regarding Authorizing CME Associates to Provide Professional Services Related to the Final Design, Bidding and Construction of the Route 79 Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Project. Jim Carr stated that we asked CME for a proposal to oversee the bidding and

construction administration of the Route 79 pump station. There's also some final design that needs to be done that was outside of the scope of the original proposal that includes some additional gravity sewer replacement that was undersized. The easements that we are trying to obtain they had to redraw and obtain several more easements that we didn't have already. NJ DOT will not let us saw cut the highway so we have to cross the highway doing trenchless methods which also added several easements that weren't anticipated. This is approving there proposal to do that work.

- Chairman Pernice asked for any comment regarding Authorizing the Release of the Performance Guarantee to Crystal Cove Estates, Project #476. Jim Carr stated that this is an older project. A three lot subdivision off of School Road West that is complete and we are just closing it out.
- Chairman Pernice asked for any comment regarding Authorizing the Release of the Performance Bond and all Escrow Money to Amboy Bank for Crine West, Project #331/#331A. Frank Borin stated that this was a project that was undertaken by Kara Homes that went bankrupt. All of the escrow monies that were remaining were assigned to Amboy Bank as a condition of the bankruptcy. These funds can be released at this point as per requirements from the trustee.

Chairman Pernice moved the Consent Agenda; Resolutions 18-49 through 18-52. Commissioner Rosen seconded, the vote was as follows:

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

18-49 Approving Minutes of February 27th, 2018
18-50 Granting Approval of SD Development, Project #649
18-51 Authorizing Execution of Amended Sewer Agreement with Borough of Matawan for Additional Development in the Morganville Section of Marlboro Township
18-52 Authorizing Amendment to the Authority's Rules and Regulations

Chairman Pernice moved Resolutions 18-53 through 18-57. Commissioner McEnery seconded, the vote was as follows:

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

18-53 Authorizing the Executive Director to Hire a New Employee Rachel Brandt as "Confidential Assistant/Human Resources Officer"
18-54 Authorizing Employment of Joseph Natale
18-55 Authorizing CME Associates to Provide Professional Services Related to the Final Design, Bidding and Construction of the Route 79 Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Project

- 18-56 Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantee to Crystal Cove Estates, Project #476
- 18-57 Authorizing Release of the Performance Bond and all Escrow Money to Amboy Bank for Crine West, Project #331/331A

Chairman Pernice asked if there were any questions on the bill list. There were none. Commissioner Rosen moved the bill list, seconded by Commissioner McEnery, all present voted aye.

Chairman Pernice asked if there was any other Authority Business.

Chairman Pernice stated last week he attended the AEA luncheon and recognition awards for W.A.V.E. The Authority was presented 3 W.A.V.E awards. Chairman Pernice stated that Brian Valentino, our Executive Director was presented an award alone for his tireless efforts for the development of the Professional Developmental Academy. The Commissioners were presented an award for allowing him to do this. Chairman Pernice praised Mr. Valentino for his idea and his efforts in developing and educating our employees as well as others employed by other Authorities. Chairman Pernice stated that many students of the Academy thanked him personally for allowing Mr. Valentino to develop this academy and educating many people from other authorities. Chairman Pernice stated that this is good for public relations and really set the prototype going forward. Commissioner Rosen stated that this changed WMUA's reputation in the industry and companies really want to work with us and do business with us. Mr. Valentino stated that this is really a team effort from the commissioners down to the clerical staff. It takes all of us to make it happen. They are going to hire a staff person at the AEA office to serve as the "back office" for us to take the weight off of us. For the record, the 3 wave awards we received, the board of commissioners award was the first ever commissioners award that was granted to an entire board and not to just one commissioner. They have never done that in the forty some odd years in the AEA. We also won the public education award. That was for Marlboro Day and Manalapan Day which the commissioners really pushed us to do. The new explorer posts we have in its second month, the open houses and the tours we are doing with the schools have contributed to this award. In April we will be having the entire fourth grade form the Park Avenue School in Freehold for a tour. Part of the Authorities new mission statement is that we are pushing public education. Ms. Leatherman reminded Mr. Valentino the Water Environment Federation has awards that you can't just apply for, you have to be invited to submit an application for an award. The AEA from NJ has been invited to submit a nomination for the Academy which would give us international recognition. Just the fact that we are invited is really huge. Chairman Pernice stated we will not be going into closed session. Our next meeting will be April 10th, 2018.

At 7:15pm Chairman Pernice moved to close the meeting. Commissioner Rosen seconded all present voted aye.

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