

WESTERN MONMOUTH UTILITIES AUTHORITY

PUBLIC MEETING

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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:	Messrs. Mendez, Pernice and Rosen
<b>On the phone:</b>	Commissioners McEnery
Absent:	None
Also in Attendance:	F. Borin, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP B. Valentino, Executive Director M. Dziubeck, CME Associates G. Stankiewicz, Auditor 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 McEnery is on the phone.

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

Chairman Pernice congratulated Jim and Amanda Carr on the birth of their son Owen David Carr. He welcomed him into the WMUA family!

Chairman Pernice asked for any comment on the Executive Directors Report. Brian Valentino stated that he has one lengthy item for closed session tonight. He stated that the state legislature has adopted and made into a law a bill that may affect this authority in terms of its ability to raise our user fees more than 2% per year. He has been advised formerly that one of our colleague authorities in Monmouth County has filed a law suit in federal court to try and stop that law. We are working in the legislature to amend it in a way to limit its impact on authorities even if that federal law suit does not proceed. This week we were asked formally to consider joining that law suit and he advised them he did not have enough time to review the facts with legal counsel before the meeting. He will review the documents today and forward them to Frank Borin, the Authority Attorney for additional review. He will then ask Mr. Borin how this will affect us or not and in what ways. This is a major issue facing us and the biggest issue right now. He has additional personnel issues to discuss in closed and that is the balance of his report.

Chairman Pernice proceeded with discussion/Resolutions.

- Chairman Pernice asked if there were any comments regarding the Use of State Contract #A88727 for Beyer Ford to Purchase an F250 Truck. Brian Valentino stated that this vehicle is for the plant. Chairman Pernice stated that we purchase trucks based on life expectancy and vehicle maintenance. Our capital plan calls for purchasing one vehicle in odd number years and two vehicles in even vehicles in even number years.
- Chairman Pernice asked for any comment regarding Authorizing the Return of the Maintenance Bond and Release of All Remaining Escrow and Cash Surety to Manalapan 9 LLC, Project #489. Mike Dziubeck stated that the project was completed two years ago. Chairman Pernice asked if we have any checks in place before we release the bond. Ms. Leatherman stated that the engineers do that.

Chairman Pernice asked for a motion for Resolutions 18-59 and 18-60. Commissioner Rosen moved seconded by Commissioner Mendez, the vote was as follows:

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

18-61	Approving Minutes of March 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
18-62	Authorizing the General Manager to Prepare Plans and Specifications, Advertise and Received Bids for Concrete Repairs to the Final Clarifiers and Digesters
18-63	Granting Approval to Regent Park, Project #627

Chairman Pernice asked for a motion for Resolution 18-61; Commissioner Rosen moved seconded by Commissioner McEnergy, the vote was as follows:

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

Chairman Pernice asked for a motion on Resolutions 18-62 and 18-63. Commissioner Mendez moved seconded by Commissioner Rosen, the vote was as follows:

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

Chairman Pernice asked if there were any questions on the bill list. There were none.

Commissioner Rosen moved the bill list, seconded by Commissioner Mendez, all present voted aye.

Chairman Pernice asked if there was any other Authority Business.

Chairman Pernice stated that he would like to update the website and update the pictures. Commissioner Mendez asked if our customers can pay the bill on our website. Ms. Leatherman stated that the customer can absolutely pay their bill on our website. Commissioner Rosen asked if we have stats on the amount of people that look on our website. Ms. Leatherman stated that we refer everybody to our website; if you want bid results, minutes, agendas and any forms. Ms. Finnerty stated that our Facebook page refers people to our website. Ms. Leatherman stated that we received 5 stars from the State of New Jersey on our website on maintaining up to date content. Mr. Valentino stated that the website no longer reflects our mission as an organization and he thinks more people would use it if it provided them the information that we think that they would want to have not what we want them to have. He is reviewing the website, we are going to make upgrades that do both. We are trying to be an outwardly sent organization rather than an inward looking one. Everything we do we will be related to our ultimate mission of environmental stewardship. Commissioner Mendez asked what commissioner will be assisting in this project and Mr. Valentino stated that Mr. Mendez will.

Mr. Stankiewicz stated that the audit is in process and is due to be completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Depending on when the state releases the pension information they should be on time with the audit.

Chairman Pernice stated that we are adding one more Resolution; Resolution 18-65, Authorizing Execution of a Sewer Treatment Agreement between the WMUA and the Borough of Englishtown. Mr. Borin stated that they received word at the beginning of the week that Englishtown was executing the Agreement so they asked if we could add this at the last minute. We won't release our signatures until we have received the executed agreement from Englishtown.

Chairman Pernice asked for a motion for Resolution 18-65; Commissioner Mendez moved seconded by Commissioner Rosen. The vote was as follows:

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

Chairman Pernice stated that our next meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

At 7:13pm Chairman Pernice asked for a motion for Resolution 18-64 Authorizing the Commissioners to go into Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Litigation and/or Personnel and they will not return to Public Session. Commissioner Mendez moved, seconded by Commissioner Rosen, all present voted aye.

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