

WESTERN MONMOUTH UTILITIES AUTHORITY

WORKSHOP & PUBLIC MEETING

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Chairman Pernice called the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority's Public meeting to order at 7:03pm. 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, Pernice and Rosen  
Absent: None  
Also in Attendance: F. Borin, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP  
G. Stankiewicz, Auditor  
R. Smith, Facilities Manager  
J. Carr, Manager of Engineering Services  
K. Leatherman, General Manager  
A. Finnerty, Authority Clerk  
M. Musich, Manalapan Township Committeewoman

All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Pernice asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Chairman Pernice asked for comment regarding the Executive Directors Report. He referred to Robert Smith; the current Acting Executive Director as appointed by Brian Valentino is his absence.

Robert Smith stated that he has some information from Brian. He would like to get permission for George White, our Collections Supervisor to attend WEFTEC in New Orleans. He would also like to know if any of the Commissioners would like to attend because the registration has to be in very soon. Commissioner Mendez stated that he would like to attend. Robert Smith stated that we did a 'Table Top Exercise' for emergency preparedness. It was the worst case scenario storm event, and what we do here at the Authority to handle it. Ms. Leatherman stated that it was for a category 5 emergency. Mr. Smith stated that when we do have real storms and are inundated with water and extreme flow, the managers do get together after each storm to assess and see if things could have been done differently. This exercise was interesting. Commissioner Rosen asked if we considered what to do if we have a terrorist attack. Robert Smith stated that next time the Authority does this exercise he suggested trying a different scenario, something farther away from what we normally do. Mr. Smith said we have been thru hurricanes and massive snow storms. We should perhaps consider an active shooter or terrorist attack exercise. Commissioner Rosen asked Maryann Musich if the Townships do this. Ms. Musich confirmed that the Township does this. Chairman Pernice stated that Mr. Valentino sent out an email informing the commissioners regarding this exercise. He stated next time the Authority should consider incorporating the Townships' Emergency Management Committees. Ms. Leatherman stated that they think that if

there is a terrorist attack, it is presumed to be a cyber-attack. The FBI has been here to discuss this with Mr. Valentino.

Commissioner Mendez asked about the location of the Authority's discharge into the Matchaponix; he asked if the people on Birmingham Drive were affected. Mr. Smith stated that our effluent is flowing in the opposite direction. Mr. Smith stated that storm drains were overflowing and there was nowhere for the water to go during Hurricane Irene. A few months ago the stream behind the plant was changing its course due to debris, he called the Monmouth County and got a hold of somebody from the Mosquito Commission, and they came and cleared the stream and moved it back to where it should be flowing. Mr. Smith stated that the same issue is probably occurring in the stream by Birmingham Drive. Ms. Musich stated that Birmingham Drive drained as quickly as it backed up and ends up in Englishtown Auction.

Chairman Pernice proceeded with the meeting and moved on to Discussion.

- Chairman Pernice asked for any comment regarding the Minutes of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There were no comments.
- Chairman Pernice asked for any comment regarding the extension of Approval to the State of New Jersey for the RMS Facility/Mattie House, Project #582. Jim Carr stated that is the Marlboro Hospital. They received approval almost 2 years ago and they want an extension because they haven't started yet. Ms. Leatherman stated that we give 2 year extensions. Commissioner Rosen asked if that is the drug treatment facility. Mr. Carr stated that it is. They received approval for a private pump station and force main. They haven't built it yet.
- Chairman Pernice asked for any comment regarding the approval to Inlom, LLC, Project #656. Jim Carr stated that this is for 4 new homes at the end of Templar, near Clayton Lane. Chairman Pernice asked if this was a previously approved application. Mr. Carr stated that this project is brand new.

Chairman Pernice asked for any other comments on the Resolutions, there were none. Chairman Pernice asked for a motion for Resolutions 18-92, 18-94, and 18-95. 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

18-92	Approving Minutes of June 12. 2018
18-93	Approving Minutes of June 26, 2018
18-94	Granting Extension of Approval to the State of New Jersey for the RMS Facility/Mattie House, Project #582
18-95	Granting Approval to Inlom, LLC, Project #656

Chairman Pernice moved Resolution 18-93 Approving Minutes of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, stating the Commissioner McEnergy will have to abstain because he did not attend that meeting. This was seconded by Commissioner Mendez, the vote was as follows

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

Chairman Pernice asked for any discussion on Awarding the Contract for Manalapan Estates Force Main Replacement to Kmetz Inc. Frank DeCotiis stated that he revised the Resolution to add a little more background information as to why the lowest bidder was not awarded the contract. Jim Carr stated that bids were open; J.F. Kiely had an issue with the bid they submitted. This is for the force main that was damaged during the bridge construction by the county. The prices were substantially lower than the engineers estimate. Commissioner Mendez asked how much lower the bids were. Mr. Carr stated that the Authority had set aside half a million for engineering and construction; it was about \$300,000.00 for construction and roughly \$200,000.00 for engineering and design. The low bidder, J.F. Kiely was \$150,000.00, the next bidder; Kmetz, Inc. was a little over \$160,000.00. They made a mistake on the amount the bid for mobilization. J.F. Kiely bid too much which the contract did not allow, and they would not come down. We are well below the engineers' estimate. Chairman Pernice asked for a motion for Resolution #18-96. Commissioner Mendez moved, seconded by Commissioner McEnergy. The vote was as follows:

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

18-96 Authorizing Award of Contract for Manalapan Estates Force Main Replacement to Kmetz, Inc.

Chairman Pernice asked if there were any comments on the bill list. Commissioner Mendez questioned a \$54.00 bill for plant supplies. Commissioner Rosen moved, seconded by Commissioner Mendez. All present voted aye.

Chairman Pernice asked if there is any other Authority Business.

Jim Carr stated that we have a current bid out for the concrete equalization tank. We will be opening up bids in August. Mr. Carr stated that the paving project is also out for bid. Mr. Stankiewicz stated that is the EIT money. He stated that we are waiting for approval for the Route 79 pump station.

Chairman Pernice stated that our next meeting is August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

At 7:21PM, Chairman Pernice stated that he will adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rosen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mendez. All present voted aye.

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