

WESTERN MONMOUTH UTILITIES AUTHORITY

PUBLIC MEETING

March 9, 2021

Chairman Mendez opened the meeting via zoom. He was in the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority's Public meeting room and began 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 and Clerks of Manalapan and Marlboro Townships, and is posted in the lobby of the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority ("W.M.U.A.")

All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call:

Present (on the phone): Messrs. Musich, Mendez, Pernice, and Rosen

Absent: None

Also in Attendance (on the phone): F. Borin, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole LLP
G. Stankiewicz, Accountant
B. Valentino, CEO/Executive Director
Scott Di Benedetto, Chief Financial Officer
J. Carr, Chief Operating Officer
Stephan Bagadinski, Engineering Services
Director
K. Leatherman, Chief Administrative Officer

Chairman Mendez opened the meeting to the public and stated that no public is present, or on the phone. Chairman Mendez stated that we will now close the meeting to the public.

Chairman Mendez stated we will move to the Chief Executive Officers Report. Brian Valentino stated we have a couple of items this week regarding our permit updates. Jim Carr stated that we will discuss this in executive session. Mr. Valentino stated that they have notified that there's a possibility that our air quality permits may have limits regarding the hydrogen sulfide. Mr. Valentino stated that he virtually attended the Government Affairs and Public Policy Committee Association Seminar. We have \$110,000,000 billion coming to county and local government for covid policies and programs for including infrastructure investment in water sewer and broadband. We have a couple of projects. He likes to keep shovel ready products in his pocket just in case federal money comes ready. We will have a pump station project. By the time this money hits the streets we may be ready to get some. The Agenda was 195 pages long. We have some issues for executive tonight.

Jim Carr stated that he hosted a tour for Monday this week for Keith Levine, the Manalapan Health Officer, the tour was very successful and he was very impressed. One of his interns was very appreciative. Glen Mendez asked Maryann if the township

committee has ever taken a tour. Maryann stated she took a tour a couple of times. Mr. Valentino stated that Mayor Jack McNaboe took a tour with him. Jeff Rosen suggested that we should have officials of Marlboro and Manalapan come for a tour. Chairman Mendez asked about the permit discussion.

Scott Di Benedetto stated that the budget has been confirmed adopted by the state. Two annuals bills have gone out for 2021. Finally, we spoke with the bond counsel this week and have the tentative date for the final numbers that will be coming out regarding our permanent financing for the bond for the Pinebrook Road, Route 79 and EQ tank projects which are now complete. The final numbers are set to come out on May 25. We have a meeting that week and we may have to have a special meeting to do a resolution for the bonds. We have been budgeting for this.

Kathy Leatherman stated that we are just very busy answering phones.

Mr. Valentino stated that in April he will be looking to schedule our strategic planning retreat. The Managers will be meeting next week to prepare our portion. Glen Mendez suggested Hilton Head or Maui.

Chairman Mendez stated that we are going to move right to the discussion item.

Chairman Mendez continued with Discussion.

- Chairman Mendez asked if there was any comment regarding NJPDES Permit Consulting Services. Mr. Valentino stated that the primary reason for the amendment is just to expand the not to exceed number. Originally when we retained the engineer it was to help us explore the potential for a new draft permit, now we have the draft permit. Commissioner Pernice has a question. The original resolution was not to exceed \$10,000.00 and he stated we were going to exceed that amount, so this is to retain their services for an additional \$50,000. in this resolution. Commissioner Pernice asked if we can vote on this and just discuss it in closed session.

RESOLUTIONS:

21-49 Amending Resolution Appointing Environment Engineer for NJPDES Permit Consulting

Chairman Mendez asked for a motion for Resolution 21-49. Commissioner Pernice moved, seconded by Commissioner Rosen, all present voted aye.

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

Chairman Mendez asked for any discussion on the Consent Agenda. He asked for a motion for Resolution 21-50. Commissioner Rosen moved, seconded by Commissioner Pernice. Maryann Musich stated that she will abstain

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

Chairman Mendez asked for a motion for Resolution 21-51. Commissioner Rosen moved, seconded by Commissioner Musich.

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

Chairman Mendez asked if there were any questions on the bill list. There were no comments. Commissioner Rosen moved the bill list, seconded by Commissioner Musich, all present voted aye.

Chairman Mendez asked for Other Authority Business. There was none.

At 7:16PM Chairman Mendez asked for a motion for Resolution 21-52 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 Pernice moved, seconded by Commissioner Rosen, all present voted aye.

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