

WESTERN MONMOUTH UTILITIES AUTHORITY

PUBLIC MEETING

March 23, 2021

Chairman Mendez opened 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.")

All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call:

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

Absent: None

Also, in Attendance (on the phone): F. Borin, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole LLP
G. Stankiewicz, Accountant
B. Valentino, CEO/Executive Director
J. Carr, Chief Operating Officer
S. Di Benedetto, Chief Finance Officer
Timothy VanPelt, Regulatory Compliance Director
K. Leatherman, Chief Administrative Officer

Chairman Mendez asked if there were any Public present. Mr. Valentino stated that we had an inquiry but nobody came. No public are present.

Chairman Mendez stated that we are going to move right to the Chief Executive Directors Report.

Mr. Valentino stated that we one item on the Agenda; to continue with the employee assistance program and it has been used pretty healthfully. We instituted this in the early days of the pandemic last year. It is a very inexpensive option for us so he is asking for a renewal for us. Commissioner Pernice asked if our employees have been utilizing that? Mr. Valentino stated it is for the employees as well as their families.

Mr. Valentino asked Kathy if she had anything, she stated the calls are slowing down. Chairman Mendez said that our customers stating how different this is. Kathy said we are going to send out an ACH debit form with the bills next and maybe people will sign up for that.

Scott Di Benedetto stated that we may have to have a special meeting the first week in June to affirm entering into the bond agreement. He won't talk about it again till we are closer. Jeff Rosen stated he will be unable to make it.

Jim Carr stated that we have something on the Agenda from Ray Ferrera. We received an application for 22 Pension Hill Road in Manalapan. If you are familiar with Pension Hill Road, there is a peak and the backside is down a hill. Since the property is in a gully and below the sewer main he needs an injector pump and he is proposing an injector pump that will be in the right of way. This cannot be made by gravity at all. Manalapan Township might be opposed to a private force main in the public right of way. Jim just wanted to make the Commissioners aware that a gravity sewer is not possible. If he decides to go the other way he could get a private easement. Chairman Mendez asked who the engineer was. We don't have to act at all, we have to wait for the town has to act first. Commissioner Musich asked they had presented to township yet, Jim said they passed a conditional resolution. They have to get WMUA approval before they can satisfy the town. Jim contacted the town engineer who stated he will go back to the town to discuss it further.

Chairman Mendez continued with Discussion.

- Chairman Mendez stated that Brian covered the Participation in the Preferred Behavioral Health in his report.

Resolution:

21-53 Authorizing the Continuance of the Early Assistance Program to Employees of the WMUA and their Families

Chairman Mendez asked for a motion for Resolution 21-53. Commissioner Musich moved, seconded by Commissioner Rosen, all present voted aye.

AYES: Messrs. Musich, Mendez, Pernice and Rosen
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 Pernice, all present voted aye.

Chairman Mendez asked if there were any Other Authority Business. There was none.

Chairman Mendez asked for a motion to go into Closed Session. Resolution 21-54 Authorizing the Commissioners to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Discussing Litigation and/or Personnel and DEP issues and they will not be returning to Public Session. Commissioner Rosen moved, seconded by Commissioner Pernice. All present voted aye.

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