
**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA
REGULAR MEETING
June 3, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was called to order at 7:39 PM on June 3, 2015. Adequate notice of this meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was given to the Daily Record and the Courier News on February 12, 2015. Notice was also posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board.

Members Present: Messrs. Cullen, Akin
Alt. Members Present: Messrs. Babb
Members Absent: Messrs. Napolitano, Mascott, Popper
Alt. Members Absent: Messrs. Kramer
Staff Members Present: Executive Director (E.D.) Pucilowski, Executive Secretary Waller, Attorney Gregory

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SALUTE THE FLAG

50 ROUTE 24 – PRIVATE WELL APPLICATION

The church of the Messiah did not realize that they had a sprinkler system. The service line may not be the correct size to feed the system. There has not been enough time to determine if they need the sprinkler system since there is a hydrant in front of the church building. The private wells are contaminated and have been used for non-drinking purposes pending the hook up to public water. One of the wells on the property has already been capped. The buildings on the property will both be hooked up to the Authority water system. Unofficially, the State Fire Marshal has suggested that they could do away with the sprinkler system. The Church has requested to keep the well for the sprinkler system only. The kitchen area has a new fire suppressant system. There are approximately 8 sprinkler heads on the old system that serves a stairway, one boiler, the floor below the remaining five boilers and a crawl space. It has been determined that the sprinkler system is not required by the insurance. The Board, at this time, is unwilling to keep a contaminated private well. It was recommended that the Church do some more homework and hold off on the private well until next meeting.

116 PARKER RD – PRIVATE WELL APPLICATION

The homeowner requested a private well for crop farming use. The property was used in the past for animal farming. Future use has been limited to farming due to the Highlands Act and the landfill. The well is not currently contaminated. A backflow preventer will be installed by the EPA. There will be continual maintenance costs. If the farmland assessment is withdrawn, the well will have to be capped at the owner's expense. The cost could be around \$5,000.

<p>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE WELL 116 Parker Road, Chester, NJ</p>

No. 15-06-F

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("Authority") owns and operates a public water supply system within the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Rules and Regulations, Section 7, Part A - General, prohibits the installation or use of private wells on any property connected to the Authority's water system unless specific written approval for such private well is granted by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Authority's Rules and Regulations, Section 7, Part A - General, Number 4a, provides that properties that are Commercial Farms as defined under N.J.S.A. 4:1C et seq. may maintain and develop private sources of water (subject to all applicable laws and regulations), but shall comply with all other aspects of the Authority's Rules and Regulations.

WHEREAS, Verity Bostick ("Applicant"), owner of property located at 116 Parker Road, Chester, New Jersey, 07930, (the "Property") has made application (attached as Exhibit A) to maintain a private well to supply water for agricultural purposes on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Property is about to be connected to the public water supply system and will remain connected to the public water supply system while maintaining a private well or well on their property; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the Application that the Property qualifies as a Commercial Farm and has been granted a farmland assessment and, as such, qualifies for maintaining a private well for agricultural purposes.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to issue to a Private Well Permit to be signed by the Applicant allowing the existing private well at the Property to be maintained and used as set forth in the form of Permit to be approved by the Executive Director and the Authority attorney.
2. This resolution shall take effect according to law.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: June 3, 2015

Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve Resolution 15-06-F. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

98 PARKER RD – PRIVATE WELL APPLICATION

The backflow preventer has already been installed. They have already been connected to the water system. The use of the well is strictly for monitoring purposes. It is recommended to include in the permit that the pipe be disconnected at the building as well. The DEP is paying the connection fee as the EPA will not.

<p>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED USE OF EXISTING PRIVATE WELL NJDEP, 98 PARKER ROAD</p>

No. 15-06-E

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority (“Authority”) owns and operates a public water supply system within the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s Rules and Regulations, Section 7, Part A - General, prohibits the installation or use of private wells on any property connected to the Authority’s water system unless specific written approval for such private well is granted by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s Rules and Regulations, Section 7, Part A - General, provides that when a property owner desires to install or continue to use a private well on property connected to the water supply system, the owner shall make application to the Authority for a permit to make such installation, or to continue the use of any existing private wells, and said application shall set forth the reasons for the installation or use of said private wells and demonstrate hardship and/or special reasons for making such installation or continuing such use; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP (“Applicant”), has made application (attached as Exhibit A) to maintain the existing well at the Combe Fill Landfill, 98 Parker Road, Chester, New Jersey 07930 (“Property”), for the purpose of monitoring the ground water; and

WHEREAS, the Authority considered all information submitted by the Applicant and finds sufficient special reasons for maintaining the existing private well on the Property for monitoring the ground water only as set forth in the Application; and

WHEREAS, subject to the conditions set forth herein and Applicant’s execution of the Private Well Permit, the Authority will approve this Application, Exhibit A, for maintaining Applicant’s existing private well.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to issue to a Private Well Permit to be signed by the NJDEP allowing the existing private well at the Property to be maintained and used as set forth in the form of Permit to be approved by the Executive Director and the Authority attorney.
2. This resolution shall take effect according to law.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: June 3, 2015

Motion was made by Mr., and seconded by Mr., to approve Resolution 15-06-A. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

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DAVE CARSWELL RETROACTIVE LICENSE COMPENSATION

To be discussed in Closed Session

REVISION TO PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

This has been tabled until next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve May 6, 2015 Open Meeting Minutes. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

APPROVAL OF RESOLVED CLOSED MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve October 18, 2010 and December 1, 2010 Closed Meeting Minutes. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

MAY CHECKBOOK REGISTER

Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve the May 2015 Checkbook Register. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

VOUCHERS OVER \$5,000

The results of Liquid Engineering's preliminary findings from their tank inspections were discussed.

Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Babb, that the vouchers for DJ Egarian dated 4/30/15 for \$14,682.30, Toby Barkman, dated 4/27/15 for \$5,423.69, Liquid Engineering dated 5/28/15 for \$11,900.00, and DPS Pump Service dated 5/28/15 for \$18,675.00 be approved for payment and authorized by the signature of the proper official. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

MARCH BILLING ADJUSTMENTS

Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve the March 2015 Billing Adjustments. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

LAWN CARE

<p>RESOLUTION CONTRACT EXTENSION 21.17.15 LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE WTMUA SEWER AND WATER FACILITIES</p>
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No. 15-06-A

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2014, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority (Authority) awarded Contract 21.17.14 Lawn and Landscape Maintenance, WTMUA Sewage and Water Facilities to Beaumont Landscaping Inc. of Flanders, NJ (Beaumont); and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Contract allow for an extension of Contract Period for two additional one year periods or one additional two year periods beyond its expiration date; and,

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WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the Authority's best interest to extend the Contract Period for one additional year; and,

WHEREAS, Beaumont has agreed to such extension; and,

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available for the payment of this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority, that:

(1) The Executive Director of the Authority shall be authorized to sign a contract extension with Beaumont Landscaping Inc. for Contract 21.17.15 Lawn and Landscape Maintenance, WTMUA Sewage and Water Facilities in accordance with the Contract upon receipt and approval of all mandatory Contract forms (e.g. - Insurance and the like).

(2) The Executive Director is authorized to issue a Notice of Award to Beaumont Landscaping Inc.

(3) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage according to law.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: June 3, 2015 Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve Resolution 15-06-A. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

WATER THEFT FROM FIRE HYDRANTS

At the Emergency Management meeting, the Executive Director discussed locks on the hydrants with the fire chiefs. They were not in favor. The Township Administrator indicated that the Town Committee could pass an Ordinance with a fine for theft of water from a hydrant. The fine collected would remain with the Township but would be a theft deterrent.

NJDEP SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The fecal content in the discharge to the River was above limits in July of 2014. The ultraviolet bulbs are now being maintained regularly to prevent this from happening again.

<p>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</p>
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No. 15-06-G

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("Authority") owns and operates the Long Valley Village Wastewater Treatment Plant ("Plant") and the associated wastewater collection system; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is required to submit monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports ("DMRs") to the NJDEP for the Plant in accordance with New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NJPDES") Permit number NJ0109061; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP alleged that the Plant DMRs submitted to the Department for the July 2014 monitoring period indicated that the Authority violated its NJPDES permit limit established for Fecal Coliform; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP alleged that the Authority is liable for civil administrative penalty for the violation of a discharge limitation contained in the Permit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14-8.5; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to settle this matter in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14-8.3, the NJDEP has offered a settlement of all claims for payment of \$1,000.00 and in light of the Plant's return to compliance in accordance with the form of Settlement Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Authority to settle this matter in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Settlement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Settlement Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in settlement of all claims arising out of the above described Discharge.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately as permitted by law.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: June 3, 2015

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Motion was made by Mr., and seconded by Mr., to approve Resolution 15-06-G. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb
NAYS: Messrs.: None
ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Less than two properties remaining to be connected to the new water extension. The three properties that have refused to connect will be getting letters reminding them of that the EPA will not pay for the connection after they are done with the project.
- The Executive Director will be giving an update at the Township Committee meeting on the 10th
- The Executive Director has reached out to plumbers for quotes on meter installed. Most installations take less than a half hour.
- The chemical change at the LVSTP has improved the working of the Plant.
- With the June 22nd shut off deadline, two customers have worked out payment plans.
- Smith's attorney has not responded on the Easement settlement amount. Now that the Parker Rd line extension is close to completion, the Executive Director will begin finalizing the Easement needs and DEP submissions for the additional well on Schooley's Mountain.
- Hydrants will be flushed in the Hager System in June.
- The water restrictions are in effect in the Schooley's Mountain System.
- The Excavation spec is being reviewed.
- The NJ Water Supply Agreement has been resubmitted NJ with changes and is pending their review.

CLOSED SESSION – 9:10 PM

RESOLUTION CLOSED SESSION

No. 15-06-D

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority to discuss a matter relating to Personnel and Contract Negotiations which is permitted by Section 7.6 of the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey for 1975) to be discussed in closed session in the absence of the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority has determined that it is necessary in the public interest that the matter in fact be discussed in closed session, and has estimated that, as nearly as can be ascertained, the results of the discussion can be disclosed to the public when formally acted upon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the public be excluded from the closed portion of this meeting, during which only the aforesaid matter will be discussed.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: June 3, 2015

Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve Resolution 15-06-D. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb
NAYS: Messrs.: None
ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

OUT OF CLOSED – 10:21 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Babb
NAYS: Messrs.: None
ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Jill Waller, Secretary