WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA Regular Meeting

March 3, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was called to order at 7:31 PM on March 3, 2021. Adequate notice of this meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was given to the Daily Record and the Courier News February 5, 2021. Notice was also posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board.

This is a remotely accessible public meeting that is being recorded. Members of the public wishing to comment during the public portion of meetings or during a public hearing may type in the Google Meet chat function that they have a comment or unmute their microphone and state that they have a comment. Public comment is limited to three minutes. A representative of the Authority ("Facilitator") will keep members of the public muted, except when they are selected to speak during the public portion of the meeting or during any public hearing. Members of the public may mute and unmute themselves by pressing the microphone button on Google Meet or pressing *6 on the telephone keypad. Members of the public may also discontinue their video through the "Google Meet" platform.

Members Present: Messrs. Cullen, Napolitano, Babb*, Drake, Sparone

Alt. Members Present: Messrs. Sehnal

Members Absent: Messrs.

Alt. Members Absent: Messrs. Lamenta
Twp. Liaison Present: Messrs. Forsbrey**

Staff Members Present: Executive Director (ED) McAndrew, Executive Secretary Waller, Attorney Napolitano

*in at 7:35pm **in at 7:38pm

SALUTE THE FLAG

REGULAR MEETING

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 7:32PM

20 SETTING SUN

The homeowners made their request for relief for their large water bill.

Motion was made by Mr. Sparone, and seconded by Mr. Sehnal, to bill the homeowner for the full amount of water usage calculated up to the second tier inclusive of the base rate.

Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Drake, Sparone, Sehnal

NAYS: Messrs.: Napolitano, Babb

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

APPROVAL OF 10/7, 10/20, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6/21, 1/20, 2/3 MINUTES

Nothing at this time.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY CHECKBOOK REGISTER

Nothing at this time.

<u>BILLING ADJUSTMENTS – AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMEBER 2020, JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2021</u>

Nothing at this time

VOUCHERS OVER \$6,000

Motion was made by Mr. Dan, and seconded by Mr. Joe, to approve the presented voucher over \$6,000: Toby Barkman Excavating, dated 2/4/21, for \$7,748.43. Motion was carried by the following vote. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Babb, Drake, Sparone, Sehnal

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA Regular Meeting

March 3, 2021

PURCHASES OVER \$6,000

a. Motion made by Mr. Sparone, and seconded by Mr. Sehnal, to approve the SMSTP RBC inspection and repair for over \$6,000. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Babb, Drake, Sparone, Sehnal

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

- b. The Schooley's Mountain Wastewater Treatment Plant Evaluation was tabled until a timetable can be provided.
- c. Motion made by Mr. Babb, and seconded by Mr. Sparone, to approve the LV03 pump and the Old Farmers Pump Station air relief valve for over \$6,000. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Babb, Drake, Sparone, Sehnal

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

d. Motion made by Mr. Cullen, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve the Asset Management Plan, pending attorney review, for over \$6,000. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Babb, Drake, Sparone, Sehnal

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

e. Motion made by Mr. Napolitano, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to approve the Micro Water Loss Evaluation & Leak Detection Recommendation Report, pending attorney review, for over \$6,000. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Babb, Drake, Sparone, Sehnal

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

ENERGY AUCTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICES USING ONLINE AUCTION

No. 21-03-B

WHEREAS, the Local Government Electronic Procurement Act (P.L. 2018, c. 156) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of electricity supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("Authority") will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act.

WHEREAS, if the main load electricity supply auction achieves a price of \$0.0795 kWh or less for any term; Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

WHEREAS, based upon the analysis of EMEX, LLC, it is anticipated that upon receipt of an approved bid, the use of the EMEX Reverse Auction Platform for an online electricity auction is in the best interest of the Authority and will provide better value for the purchase of electricity: and

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

- 1. The Executive Director of the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Authority any electricity contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction if the auction achieves a price of \$0.0795 kWh or less for any term
- 2. Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.
- 3. A certified copy of this Resolution be kept on file at the office of the Authority at 46 East Mill Rd, Long Valley, NJ.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA Regular Meeting

March 3, 2021

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: March 3, 2021

Motion was made by Mr. Babb, and seconded by Mr. Drake, to approve Resolution 21-03-B. Motion was carried by

the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Babb, Drake, Sparone, Sehnal

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None **CLOSED SESSION: 9:35pm**

RESOLUTION **CLOSED SESSION**

No. 21-03-C

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority to receive legal advice regarding employee salaries as 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 aforestated matter will be discussed.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: March 3, 2021

Motion was made by Mr. Babb, and seconded by Mr. Drake, to approve Resolution 21-03-C. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Babb, Drake, Sparone, Sehnal

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: 9:55pm

2021 ADMINISTRATIVE PAY ADJUSTMENTS

RESOLUTION NON-ASSOCIATION MEMBERS SALARY ADJUSTMENT

2021

No. 21-03-A

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("the Authority") employs personnel that are not members of the Washington Township Municipal Authority Employee Association; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Board has reviewed the recommendations of the Executive Director regarding performance and salary for these employees; and

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

- 1. Elizabeth Waller, Executive Secretary: salary adjusted to \$77,719.20 annually; and
- 2. Christine Kattermann, Billing/Bookkeeping Clerk; salary adjusted to \$23.47 hourly; and
- 3. Ellen Moranski, Office Assistant: salary adjusted to \$17.62 hourly; and
- The terms and conditions of the existing and future collective bargaining agreements for the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority Employees Association regarding salary will not apply to these employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect with the first payroll in 2021 on January 6,

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: March 3, 2021

2021.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA Regular Meeting

March 3, 2021

Motion was made by Mr. Drake, and seconded by Mr. Sparone, to approve Resolution 21-03-A. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Babb, Drake, Sparone, Sehnal

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's report was reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Babb, Drake, Sparone, Sehnal

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:10 PM Respectfully Submitted, E. Jill Waller, Secretary