

TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Meeting Number Twelve Hundred Seventy Nine

The regular meeting of the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 4:30 P.M. at the office of the Authority, 340 West Water Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08753.

The following were present:

Charles S. Valvano, Chairman
Tariq M. Siddiqui, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Alfonso J. Manforti, Commissioner
Philip I. Brilliant, Commissioner
Joseph G. Bilotta, Commissioner
Katarina Sevastakis, Alt. Commissioner
Bernard Rutkowski, Executive Director/Sec'y.-Treas.
Joseph D. Coronato, General Counsel
Mike Lee, Chief Financial Officer
Nicholas Otten, Authority Engineer
Christina Diamante, Executive Assistant/Assistant Sec'y

Meeting #1279 was called to order at 4:30 p.m., June 25, 2024 by Chairman Valvano.

Ms. Diamante, Assistant Secretary, reported that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, P. L. 1975, c. 231, notice of this meeting was posted on the Township Bulletin Board, the Authority Bulletin Board, filed with the Clerk's Office and published in the Asbury Park Press.

Ms. Diamante called the roll. Ms. Sevastakis, Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Dr. Manforti, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano were present. Mr. Ellenbogen was absent.

Minutes of Meetings for Approval

A. Meeting #1278 - May 28, 2024 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Dr. Manforti to approve the minutes of Meeting #1278 May 28, 2024 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Dr. Manforti, Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

B. Ex. Session #1278 - May 28, 2024 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to approve the minutes of Ex. Session #1278 May 28, 2024 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Dr. Manforti, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Disbursements

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta and seconded by Dr. Manforti to approve payment of the Operating Expenses as listed in the amount of \$607,579.43. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes. Dr. Manforti voted yes with exception to all RX reimbursements and check #13395.

Trust Fund for Contracts

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to approve the release from the Trust Fund for Contracts as listed in the amount of \$5,998.68. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Dr. Manforti, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Ratification of Monthly Transfer & Investment Resolutions

A motion was made by Dr. Manforti and seconded by Mr. Bilotta to ratify the monthly transfer and investment resolutions. A roll call vote was taken with Dr. Manforti, Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Financial Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta and seconded by Dr. Manforti to enter the financial reports 6A-6F into the record. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bilotta, Dr. Manforti, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Finance & Investments: 6G

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to reinvest the available funds of \$5,688.78 into the Ocean First Trust Custodial Account. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Dr. Manforti, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Operating Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Bilotta that the operating reports 7A-7G were accepted as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Dr. Manforti, and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Development Applications-Major Sub Divisions

There were no applications submitted for approval.

Authority Meeting

The next Authority meeting was confirmed for Tues., July 23, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the TRMUA conference room.

Adoption of Resolutions

9A-2 – A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Bilotta to authorize to bid for sandblasting, painting and undercoating of (1) Bobcat Skid Steer Unit. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Bilotta, Dr. Manforti, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-3 – A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to authorize to enter into a Cooperative Pricing agreement with the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Dr. Manforti, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-4 – A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Bilotta to approve the 2024 budget appropriation transfers. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Dr. Manforti and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9B - Unfinished Business

The Executive Director announced the Safety & Compliance Officer has issued his resignation effective July 1st. In the meantime, the Engineering Assistant and Field Operations Secretary will take on the duties of the role until a

permanent replacement is hired. A motion was made by Mr. Bilotta and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to compensate the Engineering Assistant and Field Operations secretary each \$400 per pay period to cover the Safety & Compliance duties. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes. Dr. Manforti abstained.

Committee Reports

Legal

General Council informed that Governor Murphy did sign the new OPRA law which will help dial back what public records can be requested and how they are requested under the new terms.

Personnel

The Personnel Committee reported the Engineer position has been advertised on several websites and they have received 11 resumes so far but none of them meet the requirements and qualifications of the position. It was also restated that the Safety & Compliance Officer submitted his resignation so a motion was made by Mr. Bilotta and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to advertise and interview for the position of Safety & Compliance Officer. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Dr. Manforti, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Engineering/Regionalization/Technology

Nothing new other than what is in the Engineer's report.

Land

None.

User Charge

Will be reviewed later in the year.

Ad Hoc/Union

No contracts this year.

Finance/Chairman

Chairman Valvano informed the Board the meeting with the Authority's Auditor is scheduled for July 16th to go over the revenue needs and cost structure for the next several years as well as the cash management. He also mentioned news that the OCUA is supposedly raising their rates 2% again, which affects the TRMUA as our expense to the OCUA is 40% of our cost structure. Lastly, Mr. Valvano remarked about inflation being up 26% combined over the last 4 years.

Public Comments

Seeing no public comments, Chairman Valvano closed the public portion of the meeting.

Correspondence

None.

Resolution to Enter Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Bilotta and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Dr. Manforti, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.