TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Meeting Number Twelve Hundred Eighty Nine

The regular meeting of the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 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

Philip I. Brilliant, Commissioner

Kim A. Pascarella, Commissioner

James Braaten, Commissioner

Sam Ellenbogen, Alt. Commissioner

Katarina Sevastakis, Alt. Commissioner

Bernard Rutkowski, Executive Director/Sec'y.-Treas.

Joseph D. Coronato, General Counsel

Mark Rohmeyer, Consulting Engineer

Mike Lee, Chief Financial Officer

Greg Myhre, Safety & Compliance Officer

Cindy Toye, Human Resources Manager

Christina Diamante, Executive Assistant/Assistant Sec'y

Meeting #1289 was called to order at 4:30 p.m., April 29, 2025 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 in the Asbury Park Press, The Star Ledger, The Press of Atlantic City, filed with the township Clerk's Office, posted on the Township bulletin board and the Authority bulletin board.

Oath of Office

At this time, the Oath of Office was administered to Commissioner Braaten by the Authority's Attorney, Joseph D. Coronato.

Roll Call

Ms. Diamante then called the roll. Mr. Ellenbogen, Ms. Sevastakis, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all were present.

Mr. Valvano welcomed Commissioner Braaten and appointed him as alternate to the Legal and Fuel committees, as well as appointing Mr. Ellenbogen as the Personnel chair and Ms. Sevastakis as the Regionalization alternate.

Minutes of Meetings for Approval

A. Meeting #1288 - March 25, 2025 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to approve the minutes of Meeting #1288 March 25, 2025 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes. Mr. Braaten abstained.

B. Ex. Session #1288 - March 25, 2025 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to approve the minutes of Ex. Session #1288 March 25, 2025 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes. Mr. Braaten abstained.

Disbursements

A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to approve payment of the Operating Expenses as listed in the amount of $1,417,278.37. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten and Mr. Pascarella all casting affirmative votes. Mr. Valvano voted yes with the exception to check #14171.

Trust Fund for Contracts

None at this time.

Ratification of Monthly Transfer & Investment Resolutions

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to ratify the monthly transfer and investment resolutions for $4,649,363.24. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Financial Reports

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

Finance & Investments: 6G

Chairman Valvano presented the report. A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to reinvest the available funds of $3,569.60 into the Ocean First Trust Custodial Account. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Operating Reports

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

Development Applications-Major Sub Divisions

A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to approve the preliminary application for Sub Division #D-1017A (Silverstone Equity Partners, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to approve the preliminary application for Sub Division #D-1076 (Rabin and Company, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Authority Meeting

The next Authority meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Adoption of Resolutions

9A-2 – A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to authorize the QPA to enter into

contracts for purchase of goods and/or services with certain vendors under State contracts for 2025. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-3 – A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to authorize the QPA to enter into contracts for purchase of goods and/or services with certain vendors under County contracts for 2025. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-4 – A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to authorize the advertising of bids for contract No. SR-01-24 Sewer and Manhole rehabilitation. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-5 – A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to authorize the awarding of contract No. CSIC-2025 for (1) CUES Sanitary Sewer Inspection Camera. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9B - Unfinished Business

None.

Committee Reports

Legal

General Counsel reported the MUA was issued a subpoena from a federal lawsuit that was instituted in Massachusetts involving the Belegu family and Rooterman, LLC. The Executive Director did a search and the only connection is that the Authority services a property that is deeded to Rooterman, LLC, but there is no liability on our part or contract between the TRMUA and said parties of the lawsuit.

Personnel

A Line Maintenance Operator has issued their resignation and we are looking to hire another LMW to replace him. A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to post, interview and hire one Line Maintenance Worker. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Engineering/Regionalization/Technology

None.

Land

The Executive Director gave an update that NJ Gas has pushed the remediation of our back property until August.

Finance/Chairman

Chairman Valvano reminded the Board to complete the MEL course to receive the $250 insurance carrier credit for the Authority. He also reminded Financial Disclosures are due tomorrow, April 30th, if anyone hasn't done theirs yet they need to do so or they can be subject to a fine. Lastly, Chairman Valvano asked about the status of the back road of Herflicker Blvd. as the late CFO, Mrs. Rosetto, would often ask.

Fuel

There have been discussions with the Executive Director about a temporary resolution to the fob problem that has accrued over the last couple years. The current existing fobs will all be cancelled and turned off and new, color coded fobs will be issued to all the agencies' vehicles who use our fuel station. As to not disrupt the buses during the school

year, this reset will take place during summer break. This will be a temporary fix until the new tanks come in and a permanent solution with more up to date technology can be determined.

Public Comments

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

Correspondence

A rate payer sent a letter commending our new LMW, Matt Krislow, as well as our LMO, Ed Saverino, who he has been training alongside with. A copy of the letter stating a job well done will go into both of their files.

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. Pascarella and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.