TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Meeting Number Thirteen Hundred Seven

The regular meeting of the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 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

Katarina Sevastakis, Alt. Commissioner

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

Joseph D. Coronato, General Counsel

Mike Lee, Chief Financial Officer

Pat Laudisi, Director of Engineering

Greg Myhre, Safety & Compliance Officer

Christina Diamante, Executive Assistant/Assistant Sec'y

Meeting #1307 was called to order at 4:30 p.m., October 27, 2026 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.

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

9A-1 Authority Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to cancel the Authority meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. and reschedule it for Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes. The annual Rate Hearing will be at 4 p.m. on November 17, 2026.

Minutes of Meetings for Approval

A. Meeting #1306 - September 22, 2026 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to approve the minutes of Meeting #1306 September 22, 2026 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

B. Ex. Session #1306 - September 22, 2026 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Braaten to approve the minutes of Ex. Session #1306 September 22, 2026 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Siddiqui

and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Disbursements

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Pascarella to approve payment of the Operating Expenses as listed in the amount of $745,766.94. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Braaten and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes. Mr. Siddiqui voted yes with exception to check #15473.

Trust Fund for Contracts

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Braaten to approve the release from the Trust Fund for Contracts as listed in the amount of $100,825.03. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Ratification of Monthly Transfer & Investment Resolutions

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

Financial Reports

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

Finance & Investments: 6G

A motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to reinvest the available funds of $1,828.75 into the Ocean First Trust Custodial Account. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Brilliant all casting affirmative votes.

Operating Reports

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

Development Applications-Major Sub Divisions

A motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to approve the tentative application for Sub Division #D-1075 (Psalms 91 Property Mgmt., LLC). A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Another motion was made by Mr. Braaten and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to approve the tentative/final application for Sub Division #D-722H (CS Paramount Hooper, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Braaten, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Brilliant and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Adoption of Resolutions

9A-2 – A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to authorize the execution of a Schedule C agreement between the Toms River MUA and the County of Ocean. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9B - Unfinished Business

The Chairman welcomed the new Director of Engineering.

Committee Reports

Legal

None.

Personnel

An Executive Session is needed.

Engineering/Regionalization

At the last meeting the contract was awarded to CSL Services, Inc. for the flow studies concerned with the Jackson flows coming in. The report has come in and there will be a presentation at next month's meeting.

Land

None.

Fuel

There was a delay implementing the software changes on the new system but they are now complete, just waiting on the install of the new head units.

Finance/Chairman

Chairman Valvano informed he has given his annual letter to go out with the bills to the Executive Director and Executive Secretary. Mr. Valvano then went over the protocol of our snow policy, we clean out our pumping stations and our property first, then we help any government entity that we have a plowing shared service agreement with that needs it. Lastly, he wished everyone a safe, happy and healthy Halloween.

Public Comments

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

Correspondence

None.

Resolution to Enter Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to adopt the resolution to enter Executive Session at 4:55 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, litigation/potential litigation and/or contractual matters. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.

Public Session Reconvened at 5:11 p.m.

Back in Public Session, a motion was made by Mr. Brilliant and seconded by Mr. Braaten to make an offer of employment to Alexa Bramante for the position of Payroll & Benefits Manager in accordance with the discussion in Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Valvano and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Valvano, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Braaten, Mr. Pascarella and Mr. Siddiqui all casting affirmative votes.