

REORGANIZATION MEETING

February 1, 2013

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1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT

Chairman Veni called the meeting to order and read the following statement: *"This meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, being Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975. Pursuant to the requirements of this law, notice of the meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press on January 17, 2013. Similar notice was given by mail to the Clerk of the Township of Brick and placed on the bulletin board maintained for this purpose by the Authority."*

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

George Cevasco
James Fozman
Allan E. Cartine
John Ciocco
Edward J. McBride
Patrick L. Bottazzi
Joseph M. Veni, PE

Also Present:

James F. Lacey, CPWM, Executive Director
Stephen T. Specht, PE, Director Engineering/Operations/Deputy Executive Director
Joseph Maggio, PE, Director of Water Quality
Frank Pannucci, Director of Customer Accounts
Marie Sylvester, Executive Supervisor
John Truhan, Consulting Engineer
Chris Koutsouris, Esq., Authority Attorney
Frank Holman

Chairman Veni stated, "Before we start the proceedings, I would like to introduce our new commissioner Jim Fozman and with that I would like to give him his business cards. Congratulations." A round of applause followed.

3. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3.1 Chairman

Chairman Veni stated, "We will start with the nominations and election of officers. Being I am not running for Chair this year I will open up the nominations. Do I hear a nomination for Chairman?"

Commissioner Bottazzi stated, "I would like to nominate for the Chairman the gentlemen sitting on the left. I can't remember his name it may be Allan Cartine. Mr. Cartine is I think going on his second term, about eight years experience and knows as much about this Authority as some of the employees that have been here for years and some of the commissioners who have been here for years also. I think he is going to do a great job. I appreciate him wanting to be the Chairman and I would with all happiness like to propose his name for Chairman."

Seconded by Chairman Veni.

ROLL CALL:

When called upon to vote Comm. Cevasco replied, "Present."

Chairman Veni advised, "It is either yes or no."

Comm. Cevasco advised, "I can vote Present."

Chairman Veni replied, "No it is not."

Comm. Cevasco replied, "Then it is no."

AYES:	Comm. Bottazzi, Veni, Cartine
NAYS:	Comm. Cevasco, Fozman
ABSTAIN:	None

Chairman Veni advised, "At this time I relinquish the chair and move over. Congratulations Al." (Applause)

3.2 Vice-Chairman

Chairman Cartine stated, "We will continue with the rest of the nominations for the officers of the BTMUA. I will entertain a motion for Vice Chairman."

Comm. Bottazzi stated, "I would like to nominate Joseph Veni as our Vice Chairman."

Seconded by Chairman Cartine.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Veni, Cartine
NAYS: Comm. Cevasco, Fozman
ABSTAIN: None

Chairman Cartine advised, "The Vice Chairman that has been elected is Joseph Veni."
(Applause)

3.3 Secretary

Chairman Cartine stated, "I will now entertain a motion for the office of secretary."

Comm. Veni stated, "I would like to nominate Patrick Bottazzi for the position of Secretary."

Chairman Cartine seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Cevasco, Fozman, Veni, Bottazzi, Cartine
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Chairman Cartine advised that the newly elected Secretary is Patrick Bottazzi. (Applause)

3.4 Treasurer

Chairman Cartine asked for a motion for the office of Treasurer.

Comm. Veni stated, "I would like to nominate Jim Fozman for the position of Treasurer."

Seconded by Comm. Cevasco.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Cevasco, Fozman, Veni, Bottazzi, Cartine
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Chairman Cartine advised that the newly elected Treasurer is Jim Fozman. (Applause)

3.5 Assistant Treasurer/Secretary

Chairman Cartine asked for a motion for the office of Assistant Treasurer/Secretary.

Comm. Veni made a motion to nominate George Cevasco for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Cevasco, Fozman, Veni, Bottazzi, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Chairman Cartine advised that the newly elected Assistant Treasurer/Secretary is George Cevasco. (Applause)

Chairman Cartine stated, "Before we get into the appointment of our advisors I would just like to thank you all for coming out tonight. I certainly appreciate the support I have gotten from my organization and I am really genuinely moved that you are all here. I also want to introduce - we have some Council people here tonight. We have Council President Susan Lydecker and we have Councilman Brando. Also with us tonight is Council President Moore who just came in. Also with us tonight is the Commissioner of Consumer Affairs for Ocean County Stephen Scaturro. I am going to introduce some former council people. One in particular who served on this Board as a Commissioner is John Catalano and we have another former Councilman and that is Brian DeLuca. I also want to thank my predecessors - the people that I have served under over the past seven years. I began my tenure with Pat Bottazzi as chairman and then with the continuation of Joe Veni as the follow up Chairman. During the seven years I learned quite a bit from these two gentlemen. I learned what it takes to be dedicated to the work that you have been appointed for and responsible for, and I think that they were an attribute to the appointments that the Council made to these commissioners. The knowledge that I gained and the experience that I picked up during this tenure was very very valuable for me and I think it qualified me to become the Chairman. I hope for this year during my term that the MUA will continually progress as it has under the stewardship of the two former Chairmen and that we grow. I would like to be more incorporated in the Township. This Township and the people of this town should know exactly what we do and how difficult it is at times to make water. If you can believe that term making water. That would be my goal is to reach out to the Council people who appoint us and also to the public our rate payers so that they understand why they pay the bills that they pay and what we supply and what we give back to the community in the services that we render. So with that I would like to now move on to the appointment of advisors and we will start with Resolution 4.1. Is there a nomination for general legal counsel?"

4. APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORS

4.1 Resolution No. 08-13 Appointment of General Legal Counsel

Comm. Veni nominated the firm of Dasti, Murphy, McGuckin, Ulaky, Cherkos & Connors for the position of General Legal Counsel.

Seconded by Comm. Cevasco.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Fozman, Veni, Cevasco, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

4.2 Resolution No. 09-13 Appointment of Alternate Legal Counsel

Comm. Bottazzi nominated the law firm of Robert C. Shea & Associates.

Seconded by Comm. Veni.

Comm. Cevasco stated, "Mr. Chairman if I might, isn't this the law firm that some time ago had a problem with one of the entities in Toms River where they, maybe it was the FBI where they removed files from his office and do we need to get involved in that?"

Chairman Cartine replied, "This alternate legal counsel has been our alternate legal council for several years and we have not experienced or do we feel that this body is in jeopardy with that appointment. He is a credible attorney in Toms River. For your information the FBI will remove files from wherever they want to remove file such as this agency and the Township of Brick and that does not to say that that accusation or the inference that he has done something wrong. It is improper at this time and there has been no evidence, no wrong doing. There has been no indictments. Just because someone has the FBI ask for files doesn't mean that person is guilty of anything. This happened years ago and to this day there has been no indictment or no action against this law firm. I feel reasonably certain and sure with this appointment."

Comm. Bottazzi stated, "I think I would like to see us move on. We have a motion by myself and a second and can we call for the vote."

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Veni, Cevasco, Cartine

NAYS: Comm. Fozman, Cevasco

ABSTAIN: None

4.3 Resolution No. 10-13 Appointment of Bond Counsel

Comm. Cevasco made a motion to nominate the firm of Gluck Walrath LLP for Bond Counsel. Seconded by Comm. Veni.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Fozman, Veni, Cevasco, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

4.4 Resolution No. 11-13 Appointment of Consulting Engineer

Comm. Veni nominated the firm of John S. Truhan Consulting Engineers for the appointment of Consulting Engineer.

Seconded by Comm. Cevasco.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Fozman, Veni, Cevalasco, Cartine
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

4.5 Resolution No. 12-13 Appointment of Alternate Engineers

Comm. Cartine stated, "Appointment of Alternate Engineers and they are T&M Associates, Birdsall Services Group, Owen, Little & Associates, Remington Vernick & Vena Engineers, Alaimo Associates and French & Parrello."

Comm. Bottazzi made a motion to appoint these firms as Alternate Engineers.

Seconded by Comm. Veni.

Comm. Cevalasco stated, "Mr. Chairman I just have a comment. Can we remove Birdsall Services Group as they had one of their principled indicted for wrong doing?"

Comm. Bottazzi asked, "Indicted or found guilty."

Comm. Cevalasco replied, "Indicted and they have had some major shake ups according to the Asbury Park Press."

Comm. Bottazzi stated, "Well I would go along with the appointment and not issue any work to them until that is all clarified and if it still..."

Comm. Cevalasco stated, "I would rather see them removed and at a later date if everything is fine they can be placed back on. I don't have a problem putting them back on but as of right now I would like to see them removed."

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Fozman*, Bottazzi, Veni, Cevalasco**, Bottazzi, Cartine
NAYS: Comm. Fozman*, Comm Cevalasco**
ABSTAIN: None

* Comm. Fozman qualified his vote by saying, "No to Birdsall and yes to all the rest."

** Comm. Cevalasco qualified his vote by stating, "No to Birdsall and yes to all the rest."

4.6 Resolution No. 13-13 Appointment of Auditor

Comm. Bottazzi stated, "I would be very happy to name the firm of Holman & Frenia as Auditors."

Seconded by Comm. Veni.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Fozman, Veni, Cevasco, Cartine
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

4.7 Resolution No. 14-13 Appointment of Financial Advisor

Comm. Cevasco made a motion to nominate Acacia Financial as Financial Advisor.

Seconded by Comm. Fozman

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Fozman, Bottazzi*, Veni, Cevasco, Cartine
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

* Comm. Bottazzi stated, "Before I vote on this are they all out of prison yet?" (Laughter.)

4.8 Resolution No. 15-13 Appointment of Labor Counsel

Comm. Veni made a motion to nominate the firm of Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky as Labor Counsel.

Seconded by Comm. Bottazzi.,

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Fozman, Veni, Cevasco, Cartine
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

4.9 Resolution No. 16-13 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant

Comm. Fozman made a motion to nominate Conner Strong & Buckelew.

Seconded by Comm. Bottazzi.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Fozman, Veni, Cevasco, Cartine
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

4.10 Resolution No. 17-13 Designation of Official Newspaper

Comm. Cevasco stated, "Mr. Chairman I would like to designate the Asbury Park Press as the primary and the Brick Communicator as the Secondary when required as the Official newspapers of the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority."

Seconded by Comm. Veni.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Fozman, Bottazzi, Veni, Cevalasco, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

4.11 Resolution No. 18-13 Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates

Comm. Bottazzi stated, "I would like to make a motion to approve the regular meeting dates as listed in the Resolution for regular meeting dates."

Seconded by Comm. Veni.

Chairman Cartine stated, "I just want to point out that we have moved the meeting time to 7:00 p.m. My reason to move that is I wanted to add a little bit more transparency allowing people who are working to come to our meetings and I think that will help us out a bit more with transparency in the B rick MUA."

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Fozman, Bottazzi, Veni, Cevalasco, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

4.12 Resolution No. 19-13 Establishing charges for copies, etc.

Comm. Veni stated, "I would like to make a motion for establishing the charges for copies, etc."

Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Fozman, Veni, Cevalasco, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. DESIGNATION OF AUTHORITY COMMITTEES

Chairman Cartine advised, "That finishes all of the appointments of the professionals. We go onto number five on the agenda designation of Authority Committees. I have chosen to postpone the appointment of the Authority Committees. What we are doing is stream lining those committees and combining some of them and that is why they are not in your package tonight."

Comm. Bottazzi stated "Can we Mr. Chairman submit to you what Committee we would like to serve on?"

Chairman Cartine replied, "Certainly, it would be very helpful if you request that and then I can consider on the basis of experience."

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Grant Writing Consultant RFQ's

Chairman Cartine advised, "Under 6.1 Grant Writing Consultant RFQ's, we have actually put that off until possibly next month. What we are looking for basically is a Grantsman who will accept as a fee a percentage of the grant that they acquire for us. We don't know if such an animal exists out there whether we can find a Grantsman or Engineers that would accept a position on that basis, but we are going to attempt. We are going to take a look at it and see if we can get an answer on that issue. That is it for the grant writing."

Counselor Koutsouris asked, "Mr. Chairman would the chair consider just considering a motion to not appoint the Grant Writer tonight and consider that at the following meeting of the Authority?"

Comm. Veni made a motion to accept this action.

Seconded by Comm. Bottazzi.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Fozman, Veni, Cevalco, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Chairman Bottazzi asked, "When will we be advertising and what is the requirement?"

Counselor Koutsouris stated, "Generally speaking ten days to receive notice of advertisement, however because there was an advertisement as I understand it, and the Authority is choosing not to appoint I think the more appropriate method now is to simply adjourn it for discussion at the following meeting and make the determination then since the Authority is choosing not to appoint that professional tonight."

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Cartine stated, "Before we get into public comments, Former Council person Ruthanne Scaturro is in the room. she entered a little bit later and I wanted to introduce her. No other public comments?"

There being none the public portion was closed.

8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING STATEMENT

Chairman Cartine stated, "What I will be doing is at the end of the meeting give the professionals and all the commissioners an opportunity to speak whatever is on their mind and that will be part of our agenda when we get into our regular session. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority will be a Public Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Authority's Administration Building."

Comm. Bottazzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Comm. Veni.

ROLL CALL:

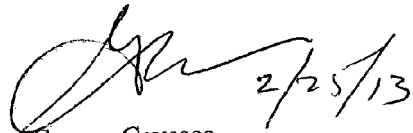
AYES: Comm. Bottazzi, Fozman, Veni, Cevasco, Cartine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



George Cevasco
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

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