REORGANIZATION MEETING February 3, 2014

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1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT

Ms. Sylvester read the opening statement as follows: "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 December 31, 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

Members Present

Also Present

Thomas C. Curtis

James F. Lacey, CPWM

James Fozman

Stephen T. Specht, PE

George Cevasco

Allan E. Cartine

Joseph M. Veni, PE.

Edward J. McBride

James C. Bayard

James F. Lacey, CPWM

Stephen T. Specht, PE

Frank Planko, CFO

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Frank Pannucci

Marie Sylvester

Nicholas Montenegro, Esq.

Chris Theodos, PE Chuck Fallon, Mark Kitrick, Esq.

3. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3.1 Chairman

Chairman Cartine stated, "The first order of business is the nomination for Chairman and before we move on I just want to say to our staff and our professionals and the people who work for our company that I was absolutely honored to serve as Chairman this year. I thank you all for your cooperation and look forward to working in the future with all the great people here at the Brick MUA. I am going to open the nominations for Chairman. Is there a nomination?"

Comm. Fozman stated, "I nominate George Cevasco." Seconded by Comm. Veni.

Chairman Cartine asked for any other nominations. Hearing none he closed the nomination and called for a roll.

AYES:

Commissioners Curtis, Fozman, Cevasco, Veni, Cartine

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN:

Chairman Cartine stated, "At this time I am going to relinquish the Chairmanship to our new Chairman George Cevasco. Comm. Cevasco congratulations."

A round of applause followed and Chairman Cevasco conducted the meeting from this point forward.

3.2 Vice-Chairman

Chairman Cevasco stated, "At this time I would like to open nominations for Vice Chair."

Comm. Curtis nominated James Fozman for Vice Chairman. Seconded by Comm. Veni.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

3.3 Secretary

Chairman Cevasco called for nominations for Secretary.

Comm. Fozman nominated Joseph Veni. Seconded by Comm. Cartine.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

3.4 Treasurer

Chairman Cevasco called for a nomination for Treasurer.

Comm. Fozman nominated Allan Cartine or Treasurer. Seconded by Comm. Veni.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

3.5 Assistant Treasurer/Secretary

Chairman Cevasco called for nominations for Assistant Treasurer/Secretary.

Comm. Fozman nominated Thomas Curtis for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Comm. Veni.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

4. APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORS

4.1 Resolution No. 06-14 Appointment of General Legal Counsel

Comm. Fozman nominated the firm of **Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz** for General Counsel. Seconded by Comm. Veni.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN None

4.2 Resolution No. 07-14 Appointment of Alternate Legal Counsel

Comm. Cartine nominated the firm of **Charles P. Tivenan**, Esq. as Alternate Counsel. Seconded by Comm. Veni.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN None

4.3 Resolution No. 08-14 Appointment of Bond Counsel

Comm. Veni nominated the firm of **DeCotiis**, **Fitzpatrick & Cole**, **LLP** for Bond Counsel. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

4.4 Resolution No. 09-14 Appointment of Consulting Engineer

Comm. Curtis nominated the firm of Maser Consulting. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

4.5 Resolution No. 10-14 Appointment of Alternate Engineers

Comm. Fozman nominated the firms of CME Associates, French & Parrello, Adams, Rehmann & Heggan and PS&S as alternate engineers. Seconded by Comm. Veni.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

4.6 Resolution No. 11-14 Appointment of Auditor

Comm. Cartine nominated the firm of Fallon & Larsen for the position of Auditor. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN None

4.7 Resolution No. 12-14 Appointment of Financial Advisor

Comm. Veni nominated the firm of **Acacia Financial Group** as Financial Advisor. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

4.8 Resolution No. 13-14 Appointment of Labor Counsel

Comm. Curtis nominated the firm of **King, Kitrick, Jackson & McWeeney** as Labor Counsel. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

4.9 Resolution No. 14-14 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant

Chairman Cevasco nominated the firm of **Conner, Strong & Buckelew** as Risk Management Consultants. Seconded by Comm. Veni.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

4.10 Resolution No. 15-14 Appointment of Grant Writing Consultant

Chairman Cevasco made a motion to table this resolution until the March 24th meeting. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

4.11 Resolution No. 16-14 Designation of Official Newspaper

Chairman Cartine stated, "Resolution No. 16-14 is the resolution designating the official newspaper as the *Asbury Park Press* with the secondary being the *Brick Township Communicator*."

Seconded by Comm. Veni.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN None

4.12 Resolution No. 17-14 Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates

Chairman Cevasco advised, "Resolution No. 17-14 is the setting of the Regular meeting dates. There may be a change in the March 24, 2014 because I don't know if the rate consultant that we have hired will be ready by that time so what does the board think? Should we put that aside? OK, just the rate hearing we are going to table and we will accept the regular meeting dates."

Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

Comm. Cartine asked Chairman Cevasco to please read the dates.

Chairman Cevasco stated, "February 3, Reorg Mtg., February 24th Regular meeting, March 24, 2014 Regular meeting, April 28th, May 19th, June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th, September 22nd, October 27th, November 24th, December 22nd, January 26, 2015 and February 2, 2015 will be the regular reorganizational meeting. The March 24th Annual Rate Hearing we are going to put on hold."

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN None

4.13 Resolution No. 18-14 Establishing charges for copies, etc.

Chairman Cevasco advised, "Resolution 18-14 establishes charges for copies that are requested through various means other than the OPRA request and/or OPRA Request and I would like to move that resolution."

Seconded by Comm. Veni.

Comm. Cartine asked, "What are the charges?"

Ms. Sylvester advised, "Five cents for letter, and seven for legal."

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN None

5. <u>DESIGNATION OF AUTHORITY COMMITTEES</u>

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Cevasco stated, "We have one more order of business that I would like to take care of being that this is a reorganizational meeting. This is something that I have been wanting to do and I have asked several times but it never got accomplished but I hope to accomplish this morning."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to move the Supervisor Information Technology, Communications Analyst and Supervisor of Safety and Compliance, GIS to the Director of Water Quality. Move them all into that one department."

Seconded by Comm. Veni.

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this point in the meeting, Chairman Cevasco opened up the meeting to the public.

Mayor John Ducey stated, "I just want to say congratulations to those newly appointed and I look forward to working with the MUA in our shared services and whatever other projects we can work together on throughout the year."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "Thank you very much. Councilman Mummulo is also back there and my wife Kathy is also there and our Labor Counsel is also back there."

Chairman Cevasco asked if there were any comments from the staff.

Mr. Lacey advised he had none at this time.

Ms. Sylvester stated, "Welcome every body."

Director Specht advised, "None at this time, Mr. Chairman."

Director Maggio stated, "Welcome to our new commissioners and looking forward to working with the Board."

Director Pannucci stated, "Welcome to our new commissioners and professionals. You are going to be very proud to be a part of this organization."

Director Planko stated, "Welcome new members of the Board and professionals. Look forward to working with you."

Chairman Cevasco asked Mr. Fallon to introduce himself.

Mr. Fallon stated, "Hi my name is Chuck Fallon. I am a CPA and an RMA and my office is in Hazlet and I also have an office in Toms River. I have been auditing Authority's for many many years and I look forward to working with everyone. And I thank you very much for this opportunity."

Comm. Cartine commented, "Can I ask Mr. Fallon what Authorities do you now have a position with?"

Mr. Fallon advised, "Right now Neptune Sewer Authority is the only one that I am working with at this point."

Comm. Cartine asked, "And in the past?"

Mr. Fallon replied, "The Western Monmouth Utilities Authority, Aberdeen Municipal Utilities Authority, Howell Municipal Utilities Authority."

Comm. Cartine replied, "Thank you."

Chairman Cevasco asked Mr. Theodos to introduce himself.

Mr. Theodos stated, "Chris Theodos from Maser Consulting. It is a pleasure to be here and a pleasure to look forward to working with all the commissioner and Authority. I have over 30 years of experience in Ocean County doing public work as a consulting engineer for various municipalities and authorities, and school boards. I look forward to working with each and every one of you and I will make myself available at any time to solve your issues and work with you to help you achieve your goals for the MUA. Thank you very much."

Mr. Kitrick stated, "Thank you for the appointment and I look forward to working with everyone and I wish everyone the best of luck for this coming year."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "I save the best for last, Mr. Montenegro."

Mr. Montenegro stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Commissioners, professional staff, Nick Montenegro. We are a five member firm here in Brick Township. I have been practicing in Brick Township since 1972 and it is a real pleasure to represent a local agency that I would like to become part of. Congratulations to you commissioners and I look forward to a very healthy and prosperous year."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "I would like to introduce our newest commissioner Mr. Tom Curtis and Mr. James Bayard. Mr. Bayard we will start with you, any comments?"

Mr. Bayard stated, "No just happy to be here and offer my help for the coming year and I will look forward to working with everybody."

Comm. McBride stated, "Good luck to everybody moving forward and all the best."

Comm. Fozman stated, "Congratulations on all the appointments today and to our two new commissioners. I am looking forward to working with everybody and to make it a stronger MUA. Thank you."

Comm. Veni stated, "Congratulations to our new commissioners. I will be most helpful to be working with you guys and I wish everybody a good 2015 and that we all are healthy and prosperous for the rest of the year."

Comm. Curtis stated, "Just want to say hello to everybody and looking forward to working with you for the year."

Comm. Cartine stated, "Once again welcome to our new professionals and our newest commissioners. Being here for the past eight years I offer my experience and any expertise that I may have to any of our professionals and any of the new commissioners. I am sure we are going to work very well together."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "I would like to wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day."

8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING STATEMENT

"The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority will be a Public Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Authority's Administration Building."

9. ADJOURNMENT

Comm. Veni made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Fozman

AYES:

Comm. Curtis, Fozman, Cartine, Veni, Cevasco

NAYS:

None None

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

ABSTAIN

Vasera Meni

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Veni, PE

Authority Secretary