# Minutes of a Meeting of The Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority September 22, 2014

# 1. SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Following the Salute to the Flag, Chairman Cevasco asked Ms. Sylvester to read the opening statement.

# 2. OPENING STATEMENT

Ms. Sylvester read the opening statement as follows: "This meeting is being conducted pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, being Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975. In accordance with the requirements of this law, a Meeting Notice was published on February 12, 2014 in the Asbury Park Press. Similar Notice was given to the Clerk of the Township of Brick and placed on the bulletin board maintained for this purpose by the Authority."

# 3. ROLL CALL

Members Present	Also Present	
	James F. Lacey, CPWM, Exec. Dir	
James Fozman	Stephen T. Specht, PE, Dep ED/Dir Engr/Ops	
Tom Curtis	Frank Planko, CFO	
Stacy Olsen	Joseph Maggio, PE, Dir. Water Quality	
James Bayard	Gary Vaccaro, Dir. Compliance, Safety & GIS	
Ed McBride	Marie Sylvester, Exec. Supervisor	
George Cevasco	Ben Montenegro, Esq., Authority Counsel	
Allan E. Cartine	Chris Theodos, PE, Consulting Engineer	
	Chuck Fallon, Authority Auditor	

# 4. EXEMPT SESSION - NONE

(Personnel, Contracts & Potential Litigation Only)

#### 4. Adoption of Directors' Reports

Comm. Cartine made a motion to adopt the Directors' Reports. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES:

Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Cevasco

NAYES:

None None

ABSTAIN:

#### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Comm. Fozman made a motion to adopt the minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Comm. Bayard

AYES:

Comm. Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Bayard, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN: None

# 7. CORRESPONDENCE

# **8. APPROVAL OF BILL RESOLUTION** – Comm. Bayard

Comm. Bayard read the Bill Resolution dated September 22, 2014, in the total amount of \$1,951,560.27 as follows:

 Total Operating Vouchers:
 \$ 531,706.32

 Total Payroll:
 1,143,916.71

 Total Capital Vouchers:
 273,672.42

 Escrow:
 2,264.82

 Total Bill Resolution
 \$ 1,951,560.27

Comm. Fozman made a motion to approve the Bill Resolution. Seconded by Comm. Curtis

AYES:

Comm. Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Bayard, Cevasco

NAYES: ABSTAIN: None None

# **9.** TREASURER'S REPORT – Commissioner Cartine

Comm. Cartine read the Treasurer's Report balances for the month ending August 31, 2014 as follows:

#### **Unrestricted Funds:**

Total Revenue Funds:	\$ 9,760,502.76
Total General Funds:	3,652,910.56
Total Unrestricted Funds:	13,413,413.32

#### **Restricted Funds:**

3,276,160.62
462,854.21
2,801,613.49
14,275,672.11
1,633,348.23
24,576,953.17
37,990,366.49

Comm. Cartine made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

AYES:

Comm. Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Bayard, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN: None

# 9. <u>DEVELOPER APPLICATIONS</u>

- 9.1 Preliminary Applications No Further Action Required NONE
- 9.2 Other Applications
- 2149 Mr. Tom Bobowski, TCB Associates, LLC, Harbor Road Parallel Sanitary Sewer Line Extension 632 & 634 Harbor Road, Preliminary & Final, 1 Residential

Director Specht advised, "The first application is No. 2149 for Mr. Tom Bobowski, TCB Associates, LLC Harbor Road, Parallel Sanitary sewer Line extension for 632 and 634 Harbor Road. This is a preliminary and Final Aplication. This application was originally approved by the Board in May 2009 under Developer Application No. 2046 under a different property owner. The original application had a deep house connection. However based on the constructability issues of the deep house connection the applicant approached the Authority about putting in a parallel sewer main adjacent to the deep main that will run approximately 80 feet of 8" diameter sewer main and install one man hole and one house connection. I would recommend approval and this was discussed in detail at the construction committee meeting."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to approve this application. Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

AYES:

Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN: None

- 9.3 Release of Performance Bonds
- 2096 Mr. Jay Franklin, Kaplan Companies, Woodmere at Howell, Major Subdivision, Ramtown Greenville Road & Michele Boulevard

Director Specht advised, "This is a release of performance bond for Developer Application No. 2096. Mr. Jay Franklin of Kaplan Companies for Woodmere at Howell a major subdivision on Ramtown Greenville Road. The applicant has completed and successfully tested the water main, for the water system in the development and we have received the final as-built drawings. I would recommend release of the Performance Bond to allow the applicant to go on the two year maintenance bond. Again this was discussed at the Construction Committee Meeting this month."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to approve this application. Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

AYES:

Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Cevasco

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN: None

# 10. UNANTICIPATED/EMERGENCY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES - NONE

# 11. CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS RECONCILIATIONS

Director Planko reviewed the following Customer Accounts reconciliations for approval by the Board.

#### One Time Credits

- a. Account 17862408-0, 2 Spenser Ct, James Atheras. A One Time Credit is recommended in the amount of \$1427.19 due to a 2 Toilet Leaks. The quarter in question rose to 236,000 gallons while the average usage is 10,000 gallons. All repairs have been made and verified and the meter is in proper working order.
- b. Account 20131058-0, 116 Skyline Dr, Frank Di'iorio. A One Time Credit is recommended in the amount of \$505.20 due to a Toilet Leak. The quarter in question rose to 80,000 gallons while the average usage is zero gallons. All repairs have been made and verified and the meter is in proper working order.

#### Sewer Credits

- c. Account 2551405-0, 288 Wherry Lane, Linda Sampson. A Sewer Credit is recommended in the amount of \$1633.50 due to Broken Pipes. The quarter in question rose to 263,000 gallons while the average usage is 21,000 gallons. All repairs have been made and verified and the meter is New Jersey American.
- d. Account 5636000-0, 65 Long Point Dr, Anne McLaughlin. A Sewer Credit is recommended in the amount of \$844.75 due to Broken Pipes. The quarter in question rose to 139,000 gallons while the average usage is 2,000 gallons. All repairs have been made and verified and the meter is in proper working order.
- e. Account 6896001-0, 104 Royal Dr, Phyllis Lourenco. A Sewer Credit is recommended in the amount of \$517.50 due to Broken Pipes. The quarter in question rose to 90,000 gallons while the average usage is zero gallons. All repairs have been made and verified and the meter is in proper working order.
- f. Account 8168802-0, 200 Pine Tree, William Mazur. A Sewer Credit is recommended in the amount of \$ 749.25 due to using the City Water for outside watering, now installed a Well. The quarter in question rose to 136,000 gallons while the average usage is 25,000 gallons. The Well has been installed and verified so this will not occur again. Meter is in working order.
- g. Account 2118207-0, 411 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Paul De Marco. A Sewer Credit is recommended in the amount of \$ 983.00 due to Broken Pipes. The quarter in question rose to 160,000 gallons while the average usage is 4,000 gallons. All repairs have been made and verified and the meter is New Jersey American.

h. Account 6709079-0, 250 Duck Pond Lane, Livio Cioffi. A Sewer Credit is recommended in the amount of \$1026.00. The city water line was attached to a sprinkler system, possibly by the landscaper to prime the well sprinkler system. The quarter in question rose to 185,000 gallons while the average usage is 33,000 gallons. The cross connection is disconnected. Customer paid for the water usage.

Comm Fozman asked, "The last one Duck Pond Road did they put another meter in for the sprinkler system?"

Director Planko advised, "The sprinkler system is hooked up to a well. What we believe happened is the customer is not sure. We think they hooked it up the way they did to prime the well."

Comm. Fozman commented, "That is an awful lot of water to prime a well."

Director Planko advised, "And then they left it hooked up to the sprinkler system. They were actually using the sprinkler from our water but they did pay for the water."

Comm. Fozman asked, "Are the sewer credits still a one time?"

Director Planko replied, "No the one-time credits are for usually when you have both water and sewer. Sewer credits are when you know there is a problem, but the water did not go down the sewer system."

Comm. Fozman asked, "Well that is not a one-time either then is it? Just because it could happen again and again."

Director Planko replied, "As long as they can prove it didn't go down the sewer because we are not paying the OCUA so therefore we credit the customer."

Comm. Cartine asked, "Just to follow up. You say this was a connection that was either inadvertently made or was it possibly some criminal attempt to steal water?"

Director Planko stated, "Well what happened, when the connection was found by us for high water usage. We sent that letter to the customer that that is a violation of ordinance. So we sent them a letter. They got their own plumber and disconnected it. The owner said she wasn't aware of it. She apparently thinks her plumber did it without advising her. When she was told about it she reacted quickly."

Comm. Cartine asked, "Follow up .. How long has this connection been in effect?"

Director Planko replied, "I believe it was only for the quarter. I would have to check the file."

Comm. Fozman asked, "The water was metered though the whole time it was on the sprinkler?"

Director Planko replied, "Yes, absolutely."

Comm. Cartine asked, "Just a quick question, on Item No. f the name Mazer no relationship to the Engineering firm that we employ?"

Director Planko stated, "It looks like it is spelled different. That is MASER, this is MAZUR."

Chairman Cevasco asked, "Just one question about h. They cross connected the well with our supply is that what you told me?"

Director Planko replied, "Yes the sprinkler system, what they did is, the customer had high usage. The Authority found that the water line was connected to the sprinkler system so the Authority's water line was connected to the sprinkler system?"

Chairman Cevasco asked, "But there was a well connection?"

Director Planko advised, "There was a well there but they were actually using our water. But it has been disconnected and the well will be put in place."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "I understand that part but was there a physical tie between our water system and the well? Is there the possibility of cross connection?"

Director Planko advised, "Just the line that was disconnected, the cross connection."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "So we have the possibility of contamination."

Comm. Fozman stated, "Because no check valve was put in. Just like when you have a sprinkler system you have a check valve."

Director Planko stated, "That I would have to check. I am not sure on that."

Comm. Cartine stated, "So what we are saying in essence is that well water could have made its way into the house and it could have been used on a backflow."

Director Planko advised, "I will check into that?"

Comm. Cartine asked, "Would we be liable for that and this goes to our counsel. If there was a cross connection like that and there was a backflow of contaminated well water into household water what is our liability on that?"

Ben Montenegro stated, "Well ultimately the liability would fall on the homeowner or the contractor if they did it without the homeowner's knowledge. Obviously that would be a proof issue, but if there were a significant issue clearly we would all be part of that until it was resolved as to who was responsible for it. I think ultimate liability would fall upon the homeowner and if there was a contractor involved that caused any potential contamination."

Director Planko advised, "But since it happened after the meter because the gallons were being metered I don't think it could flow back through the meter. Because water was being metered so therefore it has to be after the meter that they tapped into the line so I don't think it could flow back through the meter to contaminate the water."

Comm. Fozman stated, "Unless the pressure is greater in the well than it is in the system."

Chairman Cevasco asked Director Planko to check into that.

Comm. Fozman asked, "What do we run our water pressure at -65?"

Director Lacey replied, "70."

Comm. Cartine stated, "Just to follow up some of us have lived in this town a long time. We go back to the time when we had septices before city water and I remember my septic and my well water, my well had to be disconnected from the city water at the time the city was installed and it was inspected. I just don't know how these things continue to happen. My nature tells me that the intent was to try to get over. I don't know. I can't be sure of that. I just don't understand how any plumber or anyone can hook a system like that up without knowing that they were doing it illegally."

Director Lacey stated, "All I can tell you is that it was on the side that they would pay for the water. It wasn't before the meters. So that is the first thing. The second thing is I think it was a sprinkler operator not a plumber. We can find these things out. I didn't mean to miss speak but I believe it is about 68 or 70 pounds."

Director Maggio replied, "It leaves the plant at 70 pounds and it probably ranges in different parts of the system from 70 to it could run as well as 40 depending on the different areas."

Director Lacey stated, "Well it usually run 35 to 50. I guess you can have a couple run a little higher."

Director Planko stated, "Director Lacey is correct. A plumber did disconnect it afterwards and we sent our meter men out to verify that this connection was made."

Comm. Bayard made a motion to approve the customer Account reconciliations. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES:

Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Cevasco

NAYS: ABSTAIN:

None None

#### 12. CONTRACT CLOSE-OUTS

a. Project Closeout with Municipal Maintenance Company for Contract No. 799008A – Replacement of the Floculator Equipment in Sedimentation Basin Nos. 1 and 2 (Reduction in Retainage from 2% to 0%)

Director Specht advised, "We have two close outs on the agenda tonight. Both were discussed at the Construction Committee earlier this month. The first one is with Municipal Maintenance Company for Contract No. 799008A Replacement of the Flocculator Equipment in Sedimentation Basin Nos. 1 and 2. All the work has been completed and all the appropriate close out documentation including the two year maintenance bond has been submitted and it is recommended that we reduce the retainage from 2% to 0% and close out this project."

b. Project Closeout with Forte Excavating LLC for Contract No. 813002G Superstorm Sandy – Sanitary Sewer Replacement on West Marion Street (Reduction in Retainage from 2% to 0%)

Director Specht advised, "Also we have project close outs with Forte Excavating LLC for contract No. 813002G Super Storm Sandy Sanitary Sewer Replacement on West Marion Street. Also a reduction in retainage from 2% to 0%. All the appropriate close out documentation has been submitted. And I would recommend approval on both."

Comm. Cartine made a motion to approve these actions. Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

AYES: Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Cevasco

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

# 13. AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND APPROVED FUNDS - NONE

#### 14. AUTHORIZATION TO SEND OUT BIDS, RFQ'S & RFP'S - NONE

#### 15. ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Comm. Fozman made a motion to approve the Personnel Items. Seconded by Comm. Bayard.

AYES: Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Cevasco

NAYS: Comm. Curtis, Cartine

ABSTAIN: None

#### 16. OLD BUSINESS

#### 17. NEW BUSINESS

# 17.1 Request to Utilize Reservoir

Director Specht presented the following requests to utilize the Reservoir to the Board for approval and advised that they were both discussed with Commissioner Olsen and Cartine at the Reservoir Committee Meeting earlier this month.

- a. St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Voluntary Blessing of the Animals to Commemorate St. Francis of Assisi, Saturday, October 4,2014, 4:00 p.m.. Approximately 20 participants
- b. Trinity Church Mission, 5K Run and 2.5 Children's' Fun Run, Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. Approximately 50 participants

Comm. Cartine made a motion to approve these actions. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

AYES: Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Cevasco

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

#### 17.2 Traditional Plan Elimination

Director Planko advised, "17.2 is for the elimination of the Traditional Plan. I have talked about this several times when we have renewed our benefits and during budget preparation. As the Board knows this costs the Authority about an extra \$27,000 per year. I believe we have seven individuals that are involved in this Traditional Plan. At one time it used to be a big benefit to have the Traditional Plan because those in the Traditional rather than the Direct Access didn't have to get involved with what were considered the complications of referrals. The Direct Access plan no longer has that and right now I think everyone feels that the Traditional Plan based on the excessive costs is no longer that great of a benefit over the Direct Access Plan. So in discussions with the Finance Committee and the Executive Director we are considering eliminating that plan because there is a fairly decent savings to the Authority."

Chairman Cevasco asked, "And this would take effect on January 1st am I correct on that?"

Director Planko replied, "In talking to our payroll person it would be about a sixty day transition at least to transition that over if we eliminate that policy."

Chairman Cevasco asked, "But the policy is already in effect and wouldn't it stay in force until December 31<sup>st</sup>?"

Director Planko replied, "Our policies with IMAC usually run from August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 3st. We would have to give about a sixty day lead time to notify people that we are eliminating the plan and give them a notice and give them an opportunity for open enrollment to choose something else."

Chairman Cevasco asked, "When would that time be?'

Director Planko advised, "About sixty days from the date that if the Board decides that we will tell Teri Price, Payroll & Personnel and she will move forward with it. We need approximately 60 days."

Chairman Cevasco asked, "I understand the 60 days but when would it take effect?"

Director Planko advised, "It would take effect just after 60 days after we advise our Personnel Person."

Chairman Cevasco asked, "So assuming this is September 30<sup>th</sup>, it would be October, November and December it would take effect?"

Director Planko replied, "Approximately yes. It wouldn't have to wait until the end of the benefit policy that we have which is July 31<sup>st</sup>. It might be 75 days or whatever."

Comm. Olsen asked, "Question through the chair, how many folks are under this plan currently?"

Director Planko replied, "We have a total of seven."

Director Lacey added, "Five of them are retirees."

Director Planko stated, "The total cost is about \$134,000 approximately for all seven of them. And we would be saving about \$27,000."

Comm. Cartine stated, "I don't quite understand the transition date on this since the policies run from August to July. These are contracts and how do you break that contract? I don't quite understand that."

Director Planko replied, "The first thing when this issue came up, I touched base with Teri Price our Human Resource Supervisor who has already reached out to Labor Counsel on this and that was the response I got from her."

Comm. Cartine asked, "Doesn't this put people in jeopardy who have to make that transfer, the time element from the time that this plan ends to the time that those people have to enroll in another plans. Is this going to be done with continuity without loss of benefits at any specific time? I don't think so."

Director Planko replied, "I see no indication that there will be a loss of continuity of coverage. The only issue their might be is maybe if there is someone that someone uses that doesn't participate in Direct Access. But Direct Access has so many participants now that is few and far between."

Comm. Cartine stated, "That doesn't answer my question at all. I am talking a smooth transition from one plan to another can be done even though there is no open enrollment at that time? The open enrollment as I understand it is takes place in June or July and there is no open enrollment in December. That is why I don't understand basically how you would work from one plan into another plan without jeopardizing your continuity."

Comm. Olsen stated, "My experience with that is that the onus of responsibility is on the healthcare provider to provide agents to counsel those seven folks and provide that transition. Regardless of the contract time, if we are giving notice it is still on the provider to offer other options and counsel to a better plan and provide that transition. I am not sure that is the case."

Director Planko stated "Not only that but if it's not a seamless transition in 60 days I am sure they are going to make sure the coverage stays intact until that transition is made. They are not going to leave anyone uncovered."

Chairman Cevasco recapped, "So if I understand what you just said the people who are on the Traditional Plan when they leave that plan and go into the other plan there is no wait time to be in that plan. They can go that day if they needed to, but I understand what Comm. Cartine has said."

Director Planko stated, "I picture it as a seamless transition and if Executive Director Lacey wants to add something. I don't see any problem with it."

Director Lacey advised, "That is what I understood also."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to approve the elimination of the Traditional Insurance Plan. Seconded by Comm. Bayard.

AYES: Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Curtis, Cevasco

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Comm. Cartine

#### 18. EXEMPT SESSION

(Personnel, Contracts & Potential Litigation)

Counselor Montenegro read the following Resolution, "At this time I would ask for a resolution to go into executive session at this point in the meeting of the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority on September 22, 2014 for the purpose of discussing personnel items. Whereas section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act NJSA 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from meetings in certain circumstances, and whereas this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances exist. Now therefore be it resolved by The Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows; Public shall be excluded from discussion on actions upon the here and after specified subject matters and the specific items tonight or Personnel/Contracts. And it is anticipated at this time that the subject matter will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer needed. Action may be taken and this resolution shall become effective immediately upon the vote."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to approve the customer Account reconciliations. Seconded by Comm. Bayard.

AYES: Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Cevasco

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

At this time, 7:30 p.m. the group entered exempt session

On Motion duly made and seconded the group returned to open session at 8:39 p.m.

#### 19. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

In order to provide all necessary information to the Authority and to provide sufficient time for members of the public to speak, each member of the public will be limited to five minutes and should provide their name and address.

# NOTE: PUBLIC DISCUSSION WAS CONDUCTED FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS.

James Allen, Project Manager stated, "I am the Project Manager that is left over from the two that you have eliminated at this meeting. I would like to say that I knew Joe when he was first hired 12 years ago. He is an excellent employee, an asset to the Brick Utilities and I don't understand what is going on here. Stacey started four years ago and became a very big asset to the Authority in what her duties were and I just want to say they are going to be sorely missed."

Domenick Brando, 12 Commodore Drive stated, "I have to tell you I went to the Township Council meeting two weeks ago and complained about the commissioners here. Obviously I shouldn't have complained about all the commissioners, a few of them really stood up tonight. I can see by some other facial expressions, but I complained about you Chairman. I complained about Mr. Fozman who is

a Councilman who I still don't think should be here. Mr. Bayard who had some nerve of even applying to become a commissioner here because you people are pulling the same antics that you pulled back in the early 2000's when all the corruption was going on around town and that is what this is flat out corruption. I can't wait to see what engineering firm comes in here now and gets these jobs that you will be giving out or who at Town Hall is going to become a judge or whatever. It is total corruption. Going back to earlier this year..."

Comm. Fozman interrupted, "Be careful what you say... this is recording."

Mr. Brando continued, "When you people bought out Frank Pannucci's contract - you bought out a contract, fine you want to down size the management that is great, downsize the management but then don't make another Supervisor a Director who, sorry Gary that Supervisor just happens to be the President of the Lacey Democratic Club. It is wrong what you are doing. You have people here that is their lives. You want to get rid of me earlier in the year, hey that's fine. You know what I chuck it up to. It's politics and that is the way it is, but it is wrong what you are doing. It is wrong how you are running this organization. I just want to sit by and wait and see what engineering firm or who is getting a job here or who is coming in. You got people that can't pay their bills, they line up outside in the day time and you people are buying contracts out. You guys should be ashamed of yourselves."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "That contract buy out was to accommodate a recommendation by Comm. Cartine."

Comm. Cartine asked, "What are you saying? How are you using my name there?"

Chairman Cevasco replied, "That buy out was your idea."

Comm. Cartine stated, "No the termination was your idea. The buyout was a compassionate move by me and other commissioners to keep some people from hitting the unemployment line without any recourse at all. Yes I did that. I suggested that but that was not what the majority of the Board wanted to do at the time. It had to be negotiated which I was not part of that negotiation."

Mr. Lou Toscano Jr., 18 Glacier Drive, Howell stated the following, "I have worked with Stacey and Joe for quite a while in not only knowledge in our how our systems work but where all our pipes and all the other stuff is located in the town. Knowledge of the best people to talk to in the Authority. Who to contact, who to walk over to the offices easily and get stuff done quickly is very important. Ways to break bottlenecks. We cannot allow Joe and Stacy to slip through our fingers."

There being no other public comment Chairman Cevasco closed this portion of the meeting.

#### 20. RESOLUTIONS

93-14 Final Quantities Change Order/Change Order No. 2 for a Decrease in the Contract Amount of \$19,463.00 to A.C. Schultes, Inc. for Contract No. 713002 – Redevelopment of Well No. 9

Director Specht advised, "Resolution No. 93-14 is Final Quantities Change Order/Change Order No. 2 for a Decrease in the Contract Amount of \$19,463.00 to A.C. Schultes, Inc. for Contract No. 713002 – Redevelopment of Well No. 9. I recommend approval."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 93-14. Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

AYES: Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Cevasco

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

94-14 Resolution No. 94-14 for the Final Quantities Change Order/Change Order No.

1 for a Decrease in the Contract Amount of \$6,672.00 to Steffen Drilling, LLC

for Contract No. 799009C - Redevelopment of the Cohansey Wells

Director Specht advised, "94-14 is for the Final Quantities Change Order/Change Order No. 1 for a Decrease in the Contract Amount of \$6,672.00 to Steffen Drilling, LLC for Contract No. 799009C – Redevelopment of the Cohansey Wells. I recommend approval."

Comm. Cartine asked, "How many wells are we talking about?"

Director Specht replied, "I believe that we did six or seven wells on that one."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 94-14. Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

AYES: Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Curtis, Cartine, Cevasco

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

95-14 A Resolution Authorizing the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority to Eliminate the position of Project Manager I

Counselor Montenegro stated, "95-14 is Authorizing the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority to eliminate the position of Project Manager I. The Resolution as drafted has been provided to the Authority reflects that the position of Project Manager I will hereby be eliminated October 31, 2014 and defunded through the office of the Authority's Chief Financial Officer with the responsibilities transferred and reassigned through the Department of Engineering."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 95-14. Seconded by Comm. Bayard.

AYES: Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Cevasco

NAYS: Comm. Curtis, Cartine

ABSTAIN: None

96-14 A Resolution Authorizing the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority to

Eliminate the position of Project Manager III

Counselor Montenegro stated, "This is similarly a resolution provided to the Authority authorizing the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority to eliminate the position of Project Manager III. The Resolution as drafted has been provided to the Authority reflects that the position of Project Manager I will hereby be eliminated October 31, 2014 and defunded through the office of the

Authority's chief Financial Officer with the responsibilities transferred and reassigned through the Department of Engineering."

Comm. Fozman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 96-14. Seconded by Comm. Bayard.

Comm. Cartine asked, "I put this question to Director Specht. I know I am putting you on the spot here, but basically as you saw we have eliminated the Project Manager I and we are about to eliminate Project Manger III. I am asking you to give me your professional opinion about the removal of approximately half of your engineering staff."

Director Specht replied, "Well Mr. Commissioner I put a detailed memorandum to the Board of Commissioners."

Comm. Cartine stated, "I would like to hear that for the record verbally."

Director Specht continued, "I put together a detailed memorandum dated September 14, 2014 to the Commissioners outlining my department which is now the Department of Engineering Division, Distribution Division, Collections and Pump Stations, Fleet Division, Buildings & Grounds Division and the Reservoir Division. When I was first hired in 2000 I took steps to reduce the size of the Engineering Department whereby I was able to reduce it from a staff of 11 to a staff of 7 and it has worked very efficiently. The two project managers that are being considered for termination tonight are a big asset to not only the Engineering Division, but also to the Authority. I have requested from the Board feedback on how I am going to transition all of these capital projects into now an Engineering Division that has me, Bill Hotz, Jim Allen, Dave Guetzlaff and Melissa Mason. I don't know how it is going to be done."

Comm. Cartine asked, "Excuse me let me just cut you here. They didn't answer you on how this was going to be done? No one has gotten back to you?"

Director Specht continued, "No. I have not had any feedback from my memo. None at all. So that is where it stands right now. Again these are two dedicated employees. They show up to work every day. Excellent performance, truly going to be missed by not only me but the entire Authority."

AYES: Comm. Bayard, Fozman, Cevasco

NAYS: Comm. Curtis, Cartine

ABSTAIN: None

# 21. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, PROFESSIONALS & STAFF

Director Vaccaro stated, "I wasn't going to say anything but I need to address Mr. Brando's comments. As Mr. Brando might know he started at the same time I did and he knows how damn hard and well I work. In fact I took over some of his responsibilities in addition his reference to that I happen to be a President of the Lacey Democratic Club and yes I ran for office has nothing to do with my job. I would like to remind Mr. Brando that I was recommended to the position by Executive Director Lacey who is a Republican. I was unanimously approved by 5-0 and two of the members were republican so I really don't' appreciate his reference that I go my position because of my political allies so to speak. I keep my job separate than what I do in my personal life. I don't appreciate it. I work damn hard and I would think Domenick would know better than that. Other than that I just want to add one other thing separate and I apologize, but I was bothered by that comment. In terms of asset management I just want

to let everyone know that Maser Consulting gave us a proposal for Asset Management. I will be meeting with them on Thursday at which point we will finalize the cost estimate. I anticipate going to the Construction Committee and the Finance Committee with the costs and putting it forward to the Board in October. That is the only comments I have. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Chris Theodos stated, "As Director Vaccaro stated the Needs Assessment has been complete d and the report has been submitted to the Directors for review and we discussed that later this week. I also have am approaching the completion of the GIS based tax map review. We should have a report back to the directors within the next couple of weeks with our recommendations."

Director Planko stated, "Just a reminder to the Board that our next meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. we will be having our Rate Hearing. I did prepare a summary memo including a draft of the public notice that I forwarded to the Rate Committee and Finance Committee for review. I will forward on to all the other commissioners."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "That is the new thing this year, we forward everything on to all commissioners."

Chuck Fallon advised he had nothing to report tonight.

Comm. Olsen stated, "I am sorry that I am an alternate tonight because I would have liked to have had a vote to also vote NO on the elimination of those positions. I would hope as an Authority and as Commissioners we will do everything that we can to help these two folks find other employment including letters of reference from Department Heads."

Chairman Cevasco replied, "Most assuredly. Thank you."

Comm. Curtis advised he had no comment.

Comm. Cartine stated, "Just a reminder that this Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> we have our 10 year Reservoir Dedication and all the plans are in place for that celebration. We have a lot of guests invited that will be coming to speak. We will have Former Senator Andy Ciesla, our Mayor will speak a few words and I don't know who else is on the agenda to speak, but we certainly would invite everyone to come out at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. We are going to give you a glass that says MUA on it."

Director Maggio stated, "I just wanted to let the Board know as we discussed in our monthly report on October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our annual flushing for the distribution system. This is annual maintenance. One change this year is temporarily during that flushing we will be changing our disinfection process. Right not we use chloramines and during the flushing we will switch to free chlorine. This is something we will probably do periodically, not every year as water quality data indicates that it would be beneficial. The water quality through the pipes will not change however our customers during that period may notice a slight change in the taste of the water and the taste of chlorine will be a little more prominent. This is a normal process for chloraminators to occasionally switch during flushing."

Comm. Cartine suggested, "Through the chair, if we do have this initial, is there going to be discoloration at all?"

Director Maggio replied, "There will be discoloration that will normally come with flushing."

Comm. Cartine asked, "Is it possible in the initial process that since we are going to have some taste difference do you think we should notify our ratepayers publicly that this is going to happen and not to worry. I can foresee getting a whole bunch of phone calls because this has happened before Mr. Chairman. People think we are poisoning the water."

Director Maggio replied, "We are already anticipating that. We plan on having a public notification effort and we actually do radio spots. This year we will mention that there may be a slightly different taste. When people taste something different in the water they normally and naturally assume something bad is happening and that is not what is happening in this instance. We will try to get the word out. And to the people that don't get the word we will be prepared to deal with phone calls and let them know and reassure them that this is a normal procedure."

Comm. Cartine asked, "The reverse 911..."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "Right now it is in flux. They are going out to bid for a new Reverse 911 system."

Director Maggio advised, "We are meeting with the police tomorrow to talk about security issues and we are going to entertain the idea of using it to notify, but I will talk to the police if they will be willing to help us do that."

Chairman Cevasco added, "Yeah you do it section by section, because you are not going to be flushing every ..."

Director Maggio stated, "The flushing will be pretty fluid during that five weeks so we would probably notify everyone pretty much at the beginning that this will be taking place, because actually the changeover from disinfection process that will be noticed by everyone pretty quickly probably within a couple of days. We will do it as often as the police will assist us with it."

Director Specht replied, "Mr. Chairman as you can see by my tone I'm very hurt at the transitions that went on tonight. I am losing two family members tonight and that really hurts me. I just wanted to make the Board aware that also I have two projects that just came in. Joe just handled the bids for the eight pump stations that were damaged during Super Storm Sandy. Bids came in at \$2.7 million. I now need a project manager to run that project. Also Stacey acquired over \$1.5 million through FEMA for these projects. I now need a liaison to get that money to the Board that she has acquired. Please give me your feedback. This is serious. I have been in this industry now for let's call it 35 years. This is the first time in my professional career that the Board, I expect I am executive staff, I had my conversation with you Mr. Chairman, apparently it fell on deaf ears and I'm sorry to hear that. Sorry to see the way it is going down. Hopefully things will get better. Again, Stacey and Joe thank you very much for your service to the Authority, and the ratepayers of Brick Township and we will all be stronger from this. Thank you again."

Counselor Montenegro had nothing further to report.

Ms. Sylvester had nothing further to report.

Director Lacey had nothing further to report.

Comm. McBride stated, "I would like to echo Comm. Olsen's statement that I too do not agree with tonight's actions, but with that being said I would hope that the Authority would do everything in their power to help these people move on with their lives, their families and help them try to find gainful employment."

Comm. Bayard had no further comment.

Comm. Fozman stated, "I just don't like to be accused of corruption from a former councilman, a former employee of the MUA. It sounds like a bunch of sour grapes to me. No other comments."

# **<u>22.</u>** CLOSING STATEMENT

The next Regular Public Meeting will be the Annual Rate Hearing on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The regular meeting will immediately follow the Rate Hearing at approximately 7:00 p.m. or sooner. All meetings take place in the Main Conference Room of the Authority's Administration Building located at 1551 Highway 88 West.

#### 23. ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Bayard, Authority Secretary

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