

**The Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 1, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.**

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**1. 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 16, 2015. 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

Thomas C. Curtis  
Joseph Grisanti  
James Fozman  
Gregory Flynn  
Susan Lydecker  
Maria Foster  
George Cevasco

Also Present

Stephen T. Specht  
Frank Planko  
Joseph Maggio  
Gary Vaccaro  
Marie Sylvester  
Nick Montenegro  
Chris Theodos  
Chuck Fallon  
Chad Fallon

Chairman Cevasco stated, "At this time before we get too far into it, I'd like to welcome our newest Commissioner – Commissioner Foster. Welcome."

Comm. Foster replied, "Thank you."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "At this time the first order of business is the nominations for the position of Chairman of the Authority."

**3. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**3.1 Chairman**

Comm. Fozman nominated George Cevasco for Chairman and stated, "He has done a fantastic job for the last year and we are heading in the right direction and I would like someone to second it." Seconded by Comm. Flynn.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

### 3.2 Vice-Chairman

Chairman Cevalasco asked for a motion for the position of Vice Chairman.

Comm. Flynn nominated Jim Fozman for the position of Vice Chairman. Seconded by Comm. Grisanti.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

### 3.3 Secretary

Chairman Cevalasco asked for a nomination for the position of Secretary.

Comm. Grisanti nominated Gregory Flynn for the position of Secretary. Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

### 3.4 Treasurer

Chairman Cevalasco asked for a nomination for the position of Treasurer.

Comm. Curtis nominated Joseph Grisanti for the position of Treasurer. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

### 3.5 Assistant Treasurer/Secretary

Chairman Cevalasco asked for nominations for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Comm. Flynn nominated Thomas Curtis for the position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

#### **4. APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORS**

##### **4.1 Resolution No. 10-16 Appointment of General Legal Counsel**

Comm. Fozman nominated the firm of Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz as General Legal Counsel. Seconded by Comm. Grisanti.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

##### **4.2 Resolution No. 11-16 Appointment of Alternate Legal Counsel**

Comm. Grisanti nominated the firm of Charles P. Tivenan, Esq. as Authority Alternate Legal Counsel. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

##### **4.3 Resolution No. 12-16 Appointment of Bond Counsel**

Comm. Curtis made a motion to appoint the firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole as Authority Bond Counsel. Seconded by Comm. Flynn.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

##### **4.4 Resolution No. 13-16 Appointment of Consulting Engineer**

Comm. Flynn made a motion to appoint the firm of Maser Consulting as Authority Consulting Engineer. Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

4.5 Resolution No. 14-16 Appointment of Alternate Engineers

Comm. Fozman made a motion to appoint the firms of CME Associates, PS&S Engineering, Adams, Rehman & Heggan Associates, Inc., H2M Water, Suburban Consulting Engineering, Inc., DW Smith Associates and Boswell Engineering as the Authority's Alternate Engineers. Seconded by Comm. Grisanti.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

4.6 Resolution No. 15-16 Appointment of Auditor

Comm. Curtis made a motion to appoint the firm of Fallon & Larsen, LLP as the Authority's Auditor. Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Comm. Fozman

4.7 Resolution No. 16-16 Appointment of Financial Advisor

Comm. Grisanti nominated the firm of Acacia Financial Group, Inc., as the Authority's Financial Advisor. Seconded by Comm. Curtis

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

4.8 Resolution No. 17-16 Appointment of Labor Counsel

Comm. Flynn made a motion to nominate the firm of King, Kitrick, Jackson & McWeeney as Authority Labor Counsel. Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco

NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

4.9 Resolution No. 18-16 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant

Comm. Fozman nominated the firm of Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc., as the Authority's Risk Management Consultant. Seconded by Comm. Grisanti

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

4.10 Resolution No. 19-16 Designation of Official Newspaper

Comm. Curtis made a motion to approve 19-16 designating the Asbury Park Press as the Authority's primary official newspaper for the publishing of public notices, and the Brick Times as the secondary when necessary. Seconded by Comm. Grisanti.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

4.11 Resolution No. 20-16 Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates

Comm. Grisanti stated, "I make a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-16 establishing the regular meeting dates as indicated on the Resolution." Seconded by Comm. Curtis.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

4.12 Resolution No. 21-16 Establishing charges for copies, etc.

Comm. Flynn stated, "I make a motion to adopt Resolution 21-16 establishing the charges for copies, etc. in accordance with OPRA guidelines. Seconded by Comm. Fozman.

There being no other nominations, Chairman Cevalasco asked for a roll call.

AYES: Comm. Grisanti, Flynn, Curtis, Fozman, Cevalasco  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Comm. Fozman stated, "I have a question for the attorney, on resolution 15-16, for appointment of Auditor, I believe I should have abstained on that because the Auditor works for the Township so therefore I will abstain."

Counselor Montenegro stated, "Yes. Ask that your vote be modified to an abstention. That is correct."

Ms. Sylvester advised, "Duly noted."

**5. DESIGNATION OF AUTHORITY COMMITTEES**

Chairman Cevasco advised, "Designation of Authority Committees. I would like to hold and I will email out that list tomorrow because we have three new commissioners. Is there any other business? And before I forget we have Councilman Arthur Halloran here with us today. We have Business Administrator Joanne Bergin and Council President Mummolo and we have the brains of the auditing department Chad Fallon."

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Maggio stated "I would just like to congratulate all our new and returning officers and say I am looking forward to another great year in 2016."

Deputy Executive Director Specht stated, "Congratulations to all the appointments. Maria congratulations on becoming a commissioner and again I look forward to a successful 2016. We will get a lot done for the Board."

Counselor Montenegro stated, "I would like to thank the Commission for their faith and confidence in us and we look forward to a very productive year."

Ms. Sylvester stated, "Welcome everybody and looking forward to a good year."

Comm. Foster stated, "Thank you. It is a pleasure to meet all of you I'm looking forward to working with all of you and just getting to know everyone and the Brick MUA so thank you."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "To that end, Marie Sylvester is probably one of your best starting points. If there is anything to be known she knows it."

Comm. Foster replied, "Yes. She has helped me thus far. Thank you."

Comm. Grisanti stated "I will second that."

Comm. Grisanti stated, "I just want to reiterate what I said at the meeting last week. I want to thank Council President Mummolo and Councilmembers Fozman and the rest of the Council and the Mayor for their confidence in appointing me to the MUA. I look forward to working with the rest of the commissioners for the betterment of Brick Township."

Comm. Fozman stated, "I would just like to welcome everybody. I'm glad the reorg is done so we can move ahead. This year we have a zero rate increase for four years in a row so

that has made history already in the water company. We paid down our debt and we are heading in the right direction. We've got educational programs. We are moving everyone in the right direction and everybody is feeling good so I welcome everyone and keep this moving forward."

Director Vaccaro stated, "I just want to welcome Comm. Foster and congratulations to the Board on all the appointees. I am looking forward to working with everybody and looking forward to a very successful year."

Chris Theodos stated, "Welcome to Comm. Foster. Congratulations to all the appointments and thank you so much for your appointment and vote of confidence. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the coming year."

Director Planko stated, "Welcome to the Board and I congratulate all the new commissioners on their appointments as well as all the professionals."

Chuck Fallon stated, "Thank you very much for your confidence and I welcome the new board members. If you have any finance questions I am always available just give me a call."

Comm. Lydecker stated, "I want to say first thank you to Ms. Sylvester for all her help with everything that she has given me since I was appointed. Welcome to our newest member and congratulations to all of our professional appointments and the officer appointments. I am looking forward to 2016 and getting to work here at the MUA."

Comm. Curtis stated, "I would just like welcome Maria to the Board and hopefully we will have a good year."

Comm. Flynn stated, "I would like to welcome Maria and I'd like to thank the Council and the Commissioners for giving me this opportunity. I wanted to say something also. I have installed a lot water pipes in homes throughout this County and I never thought much of the source, but having worked here for a year I will never take water for granted again. What you do is amazing. Thank you."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "Again this year I would like to thank the staff, all of our directors and all of our support staff for all of the hard work that they have done this past year. We even had a few crews work in the snow storm and they did an outstanding job. I would like to thank all those people. At this point in time I would like to have a motion to adjourn."

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this point in the meeting Chairman Cevasco opened up the meeting for public discussion.

Councilman Halloran stated, "Congratulations to everyone that has been appointed. I appreciate all the hard work that the Authority has done for the citizens of Brick and I am looking forward to getting to know you better and to working with you. So congratulations to everyone."

Council President Mummolo stated, "Congratulations to the Commissioners and everyone that has been appointed. Keep up the good work and keep the water flowing. Thank you."

Chad Fallon stated, "I would like to reiterate my Dad's gratitude for the confidence in our firm and I hope everyone has a great year."

Ms. Bergin stated, "We have enjoyed a great relationship with the MUA so thank you Commissioner Cevasco for your leadership. Thank you to Steve Specht and the staff has been outstanding. We look to continue to develop that in this coming year so thank you."

Chairman Cevasco stated, "Thank you all for coming out this morning."

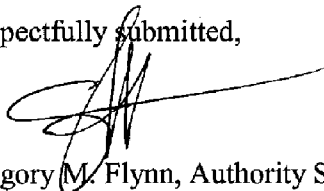
**8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING STATEMENT**

Ms. Sylvester read the closing statement as follows, "*The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority will be a Public Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2016. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the main conference room of the Authority's Administration Building located at 1551 Hwy. 88 West, Brick, New Jersey.*"

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss and on motion made, seconded and a unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory M. Flynn, Authority Secretary