

Franklin Township Sewerage Authority

Minutes of Meeting

April 6, 2021

PRESENT

Chairwoman DeVeaux (by video) called the Monthly Meeting of the Township of Franklin Sewerage Authority to order at 6:37 PM. The following Commissioners were also present (all by video): Mr. Alcazar, Mr. Anbarasan, Ms. Ford and Mr. Schmidt. Also in attendance were Apryl L. Roach, Administrative Manager (in person); Scott Nocero, Operations Manager (by video); Christian Santiago, Staff Engineer (by video); Joseph Danielsen, Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager (in person); Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., General Counsel (by video); Joseph Gemmell and Howard Matteson, Consulting Engineers (all by video).

ROLL CALL

Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
Ms. Ford	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT:

On behalf of Chairwoman DeVeaux the General Counsel stated that, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 (Open Public Meetings Act) and Chapter 11 of the Public Laws of 2020, all requirements had been met to allow for the electronic meeting of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Anbarasan moved to open the meeting for Public Comments, seconded by Ms. Ford.

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

No public was in on the audio/video chat. None spoke.

Mr. Anbarasan moved to close the meeting for Public Comment, seconded by Mr. Alcazar.

The members voted as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

REVIEW OF THE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – March 2, 2021

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the minutes from March 2, 2021 Board regular meeting.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the March 2, 2021 minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Ford.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Abstain
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Abstain
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

REVIEW OF THE BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES – March 2, 2021

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Closed Executive Session minutes from March 2, 2021 Board regular meeting.

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to accept the March 2, 2021 minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Ford.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Presented by: Joseph Danielsen, Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager

Consulting Engineer Report - CME

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General Counsel Report – Eric M. Bernstein, Esq.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARY

Presented By: Joseph Danielsen, Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager

Operations Report - Scott Nocero

Connections Report – Christian Santiago

Special Projects Report – Joseph Danielsen

COMMENTS FROM A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD – William Galtieri

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEGOTIATIONS / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairwoman DeVcaux said the appointment of Committees would be addressed at the May 4, 2021 Board meeting.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

The approval of some of the Resolutions will be done by the Consent Agenda.

Chairwoman DeVeaux said that all the items listed below are considered to be of a routine nature, thereby requiring one (1) motion and one (1) second for all items.

If any member wishes to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, please advise the Chair at this time as to which resolution(s) need to be handled separately and they will be addressed and voted on separately. No one made such request to remove.

Resolution Number 04062021- 1	Payroll Account \$179,494.64
Resolution Number 04062021- 2	Operating Expense Account \$2,524,760.85
Resolution Number 04062021 – 3	General Expense Account \$1,514.24
Resolution Number 04062021- 4	Renewal and Replacement \$16,682.50
Resolution Number 04062021- 5	North Tract Crossing \$353,497.15

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Schmidt.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

The following Resolutions were voted upon:

Resolution Number 04062021 - 6

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY CHAIR AND AUTHORITY SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CME ASSOCIATES. INC., TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AS TO THE DESIGN SERVICES AND PUBLIC BIDDING ASSOCIATED WITH THE BROOKLINE WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROJECT

Offered by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Alcazar.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

Mr. Bernstein announced that the Authority will go into Executive Session to discuss various client privilege ongoing projects involving the Authority regarding the same most notably as to the American Relief Act of 2021, and ongoing negotiations between the Authority and the City of New Brunswick.

Mr. Bernstein said pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) (attorney-client privilege) relative to anticipated or pending litigation. Formal action may or may not be taken at the conclusion of the meeting Executive Session.

WHEREAS items on the agenda fall under paragraphs 4, 7, and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and the public shall be excluded from this portion of the meeting. Public disclosures will be made available upon resolution of these matters and confidentiality is no longer necessary.

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to go into the Executive Session at 7:44 PM, seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

A Roll Call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to come out of the Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Ford at approximately 8:17 P.M.

A Roll Call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
	Chairman Galtieri	-	Aye

Mr. Bernstein made the following statement as the Board reentered for Open Session:

Let the record reflect that all members of the Board of Commissioners of the Franklin Township Sewerage Authority present at the commencement of the Executive Session were present at the recommencement of the Public Session, as well as the Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager, the Authority Administrative Manager and the Authority General Counsel. All Board Members were present by video. All other participants were in person at Authority headquarters.

Mr. Bernstein said there was a discussion between the Board and Board Counsel regarding certain possibilities to review in relation to the American Relief Act of 2021 and possible legal issues that might result out of the same as well as an update regarding ongoing negotiation between the Authority and the City of New Brunswick. No formal action at this time needs to be taken.

COMMISSIONER SURENDRA TIWARI – Years of service

Chairwoman DeVcaux informed the Board that Commissioner Tiwari has taken a step back from the Board and acknowledged his being a tremendous asset while serving on the Board and extended best wishes in his future endeavors.

Chairwoman DeVcaux asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Alcazar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. All Commissioners present voted “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted,

Apryl L. Roach

Apryl L. Roach, MBA, MSHRM, PHR, SHRM-CP, Q.P.A., R.P.P.S.
Administrative Manager