

Franklin Township Sewerage Authority

Minutes of Meeting

March 2, 2021

PRESENT

Chairwoman DeVeaux (by video) called the Monthly Meeting of the Township of Franklin Sewerage Authority to order at 6:33 PM. The following Commissioners were also present (all by video): Ms. Ford, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Tiwari. 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); Michael McClelland; Joseph Gemell and Howard Matteson, Consulting Engineers (all by video).

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRWOMAN'S STATEMENT:

Chairwoman DeVeaux 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

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

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

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

Ms. Ford moved to close the meeting for Public Comment, seconded by Mr. Schmidt.

The members voted as follows:

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

REVIEW OF THE BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES – February 2, 2021

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the minutes from February 2, 2021 Board Re-Organization meeting.

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

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

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

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

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

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

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

Consulting Engineer Report - CME

Consulting Engineer Report - CDM

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

Brookline Avenue Sewer Shed Rehab - Motion

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked for a motion to authorize CME to move forward and take the appropriate action to start to commence this project start subject to review by the Authority and the appropriate parties internally and the acquisition of funding.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tiwari.

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEGOTIATIONS / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

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 03022021 - 1	Payroll Account \$179,687.74
Resolution Number 03022021 - 2	Operating Expense Account \$236,908.53
Resolution Number 03022021 - 3	General Fund \$8,783.50
Resolution Number 03022021 - 4	Renewal and Replacement \$61,017.34
Resolution Number 03022021 - 5	North Tract Crossing \$102,187.63

Mr. Tiwari made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. DeVeaux.

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

The following Resolutions were voted upon:

Resolution Number 03022021 - 6

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DEMAIO ELECTRICAL COMPANY, INC. FOR THE EAST MILLSTONE PUMPING STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ON BEHALF OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Offered by Ms. Ford and seconded by Ms. DeVeaux.

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

Resolution Number 03022021 - 7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STIPEND FOR APRYL ROACH TO SERVE AS AUTHORITY QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

Offered by Ms. Ford and seconded by Mr. Tiwari.

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

Resolution Number 03022021 – 8

RESOLUTION FOR REMOVAL OF ACCOUNT NUMBER 00898 LOCATED AT 3011 State Route 27, Block 46, Lot 11 FOR REMOVAL FROM BILLING WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF \$240.75. THIS ADDRESS WAS DISCONNECTED ON 2/11/2021.

Offered by Mr. Tiwari and seconded by Ms. Ford.

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

Resolution Number 03022021 – 9

RESOLUTION FOR REMOVAL OF ACCOUNT NUMBER 00900 LOCATED AT 3021 STATE ROUTE 27, BLOCK 46, LOT 13 FOR REMOVAL FROM BILLING WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF \$240.75. THIS ADDRESS WAS DISCONNECTED ON 2/11/2021.

Offered by Mr. Tiwari and seconded by Ms. Ford.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Absent
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
	Mr. Tiwari	-	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 Brookline, East Millstone, Weston Canal Force Main and related items.

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.

Ms. Ford made a motion to go into the Executive Session at 7:38 PM, seconded by Mr. Schmidt.

A Roll Call was taken as follows:

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

Mr. Tiwari made a motion to come out of the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Schmidt at approximately 8:38 P.M.

A Roll Call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Absent
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
	Mr. Tiwari	-	Aye
	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, the Operations Director, the Staff Engineer and the Authority General Counsel and at points during the conversation representatives from CME and CDM Smith . All Board Members were present by video, as well as the Authority Operations Manager. All other participants were in person at Authority headquarters.

Mr. Bernstein said the Board was given updates relative to the ongoing projects involving the Weston Canal Force Main, the East Millstone Pumping Station, the Brookside Rehab all of which had legal implications or potential to litigate in future. Regarding such, no formal action needs to be taken.

Mr. Bernstein said there was also an update regarding the negotiation which was conducted between the Authority and the City of New Brunswick by representatives of the Authority and the City. No formal action needs to be taken.

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Tiwari made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM, seconded by Ms. DeVeaux. 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