

**OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 2022**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of July 20, 2022, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Weber with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Murphy asked that everyone remain standing and remember Chairman Bruce Walker who is in the hospital in their prayers.

Announcement: Chairman Walker announced that this meeting is in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice has been published in the Asbury Park Press on January 22, 2022, and in the Home News Tribune on January 22, 2022. Notice of the meeting has been posted at 15 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge, at 71 Boulevard West, Cliffwood Beach, and on the OBMUA Website at www.obmua.com.

This Public Meeting is being recorded.

Roll Call:

Present:

Frank Weber, Vice Chairman
Anita Greenberg, Treasurer
Mark Razzoli, Secretary
John E. Murphy, Commissioner
Edward Casserly, Second Alternate Commissioner

Absent:

Bruce Walker, Chairman
Thomas Galante, First Alternate Commissioner

Also Present:

Guy Donatelli, Executive Director
Michelle Smith, Comptroller
Michael Roy, P.E.
Mitchell B. Jacobs, Esq.

Executive Director's
Report:

Mr. Donatelli said that on Saturday, September 24th, the Township will celebrate Old Bridge Day. The Authority will again have a presence at the event. We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the day, view our creative displays and receive educational materials.

Mr. Donatelli said that the Middlesex Water Company (MWC) has notified us of a Purchase Water Adjustment Clause water rate increase of approximately four percent (4%). Previously, the Authority approved a Shared Service Agreement with Marlboro Township for us to combine efforts to oppose MWC's water rate increase. The opposition involves

utilizing the Rate Expert and the Rate Counsel that were appointed by the Authority at its Reorganization Meeting in which Marlboro Township will now share in the costs in accordance with our Shared Service Agreement.

Mr. Donatelli said that the opposition process is now underway and has failed in settlement discussions. A hearing date with an Administrative Court Judge is expected to be scheduled for some time in August, and we will report back on that.

Mr. Donatelli said that as previously reported, Middlesex County has awarded a contract to a contractor to perform drainage improvements along a stretch of Cottrell Road between Spring Hill Road and the JCP&L high voltage power line easement. This approximately 2,300 feet of road improvements included three large new culverts, drainage piping, catch basins, sidewalk, curb, and paving. The Authority's existing 12" cast iron water main conflicts with the proposed drainage work at three locations, which previously were six locations. The County has asked us to move our water main to allow for their construction.

Mr. Donatelli said that the recent proposal from the County is to include only water main off-set piping at the three large culvert crossings as a part of the General Contractor's work under the County Drainage project as a Change Order. They have also offered to allow the reimbursement of the cost of this Change Order to the County from the Authority by means of an annual payment plan.

The summer help employees were working out well.

Mr. Donatelli said that if there were any questions on his report, he will be happy to answer them.

There were none.

A motion to approve the Executive Director's Report was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Razzoli.

There was no discussion.

The Commissioners in attendance were all in favor, none opposed.

Chairman's
Report:

Vice Chairman Weber said he does not have a report.

Previous Minutes: Regular Meeting – May 18, 2022
A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2022, was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Dr. Greenberg.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

Superintendent's
Report:

Charles Winkler, Superintendent, Sewer Division

Mr. Winkler said that he submitted his report. Mr. Winkler said that he would be happy to answer any questions.

Dr. Greenberg asked if he could explain about 12 Pine Tree Road where there is a bad recut from sewer relining?

Mr. Winkler said that is a bad recut from the sewer relining connection. He said that the cut is almost like a half moon. Mr. Winkler said that he has to get a contractor back in there to recut it.

Dr. Greenberg asked how the bad recut caused this problem?

Mr. Winkler said that what happens is that toilet paper and things get caught on the bad cut. He said that we are having someone come in to take care of it.

Dr. Greenberg also asked about 13 Edinburg Circle where a brass fitting was found inside their lateral.

Mr. Winkler said that sometimes landscapers cut the cleanout cups off and leave stuff down there. He said that they must get a plumber to push it out into our main.

There were no further questions.

A motion to approve Mr. Winkler's Sewer Division Superintendent's Report was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Razzoli.

There was no discussion.

The Commissioners in attendance were all in favor, none opposed.

Engineering
Reports:

Michael Roy, P.E.

DEVELOPER'S APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Roy said that he does not have any Developer's Reports tonight.

OTHER ENGINEERING REPORTS

1. WATER SUPPLY MATERIALS, ANNUAL CONTRACT NO. WS22-223, AWARD CONTRACT SECTIONS

Mr. Roy reported on his comments and recommendations after reviewing the sealed bids for the referenced contract, which were opened and read aloud on July 7, 2022, at 2:00 P.M. at the Authority's office.

This Water Supply Materials Contract contains eight (8) different sections, each of which can be awarded separately under this contract.

Section 1 – Mueller Hydrants and Accessories

There was one (1) bidder for this section of the contract. The lone bidder, Ferguson Waterworks, submitted unit prices which are an average of sixty-one percent (61%) higher than the unit prices of the same items in last year's contract with Ferguson Waterworks. Other additional items that were added this year to this section were not used in the comparison of this price increase.

Mr. Roy recommended awarding Section No. 1 of this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Ferguson Waterworks of Howell, NJ for the unit prices bid.

Section 2 – Kennedy Hydrants and Accessories

There was one (1) bidder for this section of the contract. The lone bidder, Core and Main, LP, submitted unit prices for this new section in this year's contract.

Mr. Roy recommended awarding Section No. 2 of this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Core and Main, LP, of Edison, NJ for the unit prices bid.

Section 3 - Service Materials

There was one (1) bidder for this section of the contract. The lone bidder, Ferguson Waterworks, submitted unit prices which are an average of forty-four percent (44%) higher than the unit prices in last year's contract with Ferguson Waterworks. This section has essentially the same items from last year, so the price increase includes all of the items in this section.

Mr. Roy recommended awarding Section No. 3 of this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Ferguson Waterworks of Howell, NJ for the unit prices bid.

Section 4 - Repair Clamps, Bolted Couplings & Solid Sleeves

There were (2) bidders for this section of the contract. The lowest bidder, Core and Main, LP, submitted unit prices which are an average of twenty-four percent (24%) higher than the unit prices in last year's contract with Ferguson Waterworks which submitted this year an average of thirty-eight percent (38%) higher unit prices. This section also has essentially the same items from last year, so the price increase includes all of the items in this section.

Mr. Roy recommended awarding Section 4 of this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Core and Main, LP, of Edison, NJ for the unit prices bid.

Section 5 - Piping

There were two (2) bidders for this section of the contract. The lowest bidder, Ferguson Waterworks, submitted unit prices which are an average of thirty-eight percent (38%) higher than the unit prices of the same items in last year's contract with Core and Main, LP which submitted this year an average of forty-five percent (45%) higher unit prices. Other additional items that were added this year to this section were not used in the comparison of this price increase.

Mr. Roy recommended awarding Section 5 of this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Ferguson Waterworks, of Howell, NJ for the unit prices bid.

Section 6 – Valves and Accessories

There was one (1) bidder for this section of the contract. The lone bidder, Ferguson Waterworks, submitted unit prices which are an average of sixty-one percent (61%) higher than the unit prices of the same items in last year's contract with Ferguson Waterworks. Other additional items that were added this year to this section were not used in the comparison of

this price increase.

Mr. Roy recommended awarding Section 6 of this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Ferguson Waterworks of Howell, NJ for the unit prices bid.

Section 7 – Specialty Check Valves

There was one (1) bidder for this section of the contract. The lone bidder, Core and Main, LP submitted unit prices that are an average of fifteen percent (15%) higher than the unit prices in last year's contract with Core and Main, LP. This section also has essentially the same items from last year, so the price increase includes all of the items in this section.

This section provides pricing and a procurement method to purchase check valves in case of check valve failures occurring within the thirty-five (35) sewer pump stations of the Authority without the necessity of declaring an emergency.

Mr. Roy recommended awarding Section 7 of this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Core and Main of Edison, NJ for the unit prices bid.

Section 8- Tapping Sleeves and Valves

There was one (1) bidder for this section of the contract. The lone bidder, Ferguson Waterworks, submitted unit prices which are an average of seventy-eight percent (78%) higher than the unit prices in last year's contract with Ferguson Waterworks. This section also has essentially the same items from last year, so the price increase includes all of the items in this section.

Mr. Roy recommended awarding Section 8 of this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Ferguson Waterworks of Howell, NJ for the unit prices bid.

Mr. Roy summarized the results of this contract bid as follows:

Ferguson Water Works was the lowest responsible bidder for Sections 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

Core and Main, LP was the lowest responsible bidder for Sections 2, 4, and 7.

Therefore, Mr. Roy said that he is recommending that the Authority award Ferguson Waterworks of Howell, NJ Sections 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8, and award Core and Main of Edison, NJ Sections 2, 4 and 7.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Dr. Greenberg to award Sections 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 to Ferguson Water Works and Sections 2, 4, and 7 to Core and Main, LP.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

Mr. Weber said that these prices are up 40% to 80%, and asked if these items were coming from China?

Mr. Roy said no, they are American made, but the cost increase has a lot to do with the cost of raw metal, and the cost of trucking. All the suppliers' prices are high now in this economy. The cost of pipe went up 70% last year, and up over 40% this year. He said we thought we would see a drop, but in two years, the cost of pipe has almost doubled in price.

Mr. Donatelli said that the thing we buy the most of is water service materials and repair clamps, and maybe seven hydrants a year.

Mr. Roy said that we do not buy everything in the contract. He said that we have pricing for all these items just in case we need it.

Mr. Donatelli said copper is going down now.

2. SEWER CHEMICAL SUPPLIES, ANNUAL CONTRACT NO. S22-224, AWARD CONTRACT

Mr. Roy said that sealed bids for this contract were opened and read aloud on July 12, 2022, at 2:00 P.M. at the Authority's office.

The lone bidder supplies the specified chemical under the current annual contract. The unit price in his bid is thirteen-point nine four percent (13.94%) higher than the current unit price. This increase is expected to increase the annual cost for this chemical by \$30,240. The lone bidder has not taken any exceptions on his bid proposal and has been providing Bioxide chemical to the Authority for many years.

This Bioxide Chemical is used to control odors in the sewer collection system. The staff has selected the use of this chemical because of its cost effectiveness. Alternate chemicals to control odors have been found to be twice the cost of the Bioxide Chemical, or not effective at all, during full

scale test trial periods. Some other chemicals also require special handling, equipment, and training because of their hazardous nature. Bioxide is a non-hazardous chemical.

Mr. Roy said that he recommends awarding this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC, Sarasota, FL, for the unit price bid.

A motion to award the Sewer Chemical Supplies, Annual Contract No. S22-224 to Evoqua Water Technologies was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Dr. Greenberg.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

3. WATER METERS, ANNUAL CONTRACT NO. W20-209, ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION

Mr. Roy said that on August 26, 2020, the Authority awarded the referenced contract to Rio Supply, Inc. with the attached Resolution No. M-41-20, which was then extended for one year with the attached Resolution No. M-41-21. This contract extension will expire on July 31, 2022.

The Contract Documents allow for up to two additional one-year contract extensions upon mutual agreement of both parties using the NJDCA "Index Rate" for any price adjustments in accordance with the Public Contracts Law. Rio Supply, Inc. has agreed to the second one-year extension of this contract.

Rio Supply, Inc. has performed their work in an effective and efficient manner. Therefore, Mr. Roy recommended a one-year contract extension, with a price adjustment based on the recently published State "Index Rate" of eight-point-five percent (8.5%), to Rio Supply, Inc. of Sickerville, NJ.

All other contract provisions shall be in accordance with the same terms and conditions of the original contract. This one-year contract extension

will expire on July 31, 2023, at which time this contract will have to go back out to public bid.

A motion was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Casserly to award the annual contract for Water Meters, Contract No. W20-209, to Rio Supply, Inc., for an Extension of the Annual Contract for one year.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

**4. RADIO FREQUENCY METER READING EQUIPMENT,
ANNUAL CONTRACT NO. W21-215, ONE-YEAR CONTRACT
EXTENSION**

Mr. Roy said on July 28, 2021, the Authority awarded the referenced contract to Rio Supply, Inc. with the attached Resolution No. M-38-21, which will expire on July 31, 2022. This contract has never been extended.

The Contract Documents allow for up to two additional one-year contract extensions upon mutual agreement of both parties using the NJDCA “Index Rate” for any price adjustments in accordance with the Public Contracts Law. Rio Supply has agreed to a one-year contract extension of this contract.

Rio Supply, Inc. has performed their work in an effective and efficient manner. Therefore, Mr. Roy recommended a one-year contract extension, with a price adjustment based on the recently published State “Index Rate” of eight-point-five percent (8.5%), to Rio Supply, Inc. of Sickerville, NJ.

All other contract provisions shall be in accordance with the same terms and conditions of the original contract. This one-year contract extension will expire on July 31, 2023, at which time we can consider the second one-year contract extension.

A motion was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Murphy to award the Annual Contract for Radio Frequency Water Meter Reading

Equipment, Contract No. W21-215, to Rio Supply, Inc., for an Extension of the Annual Contract for one year.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

**5. TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY, W18-670, S18-530,
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE RELEASES**

Mr. Roy reviewed his report:

The status of the water and sewer improvements for this project are as follows:

1. Installation and testing of water and sewer construction is complete and satisfactory.
2. As-built drawings are approved, mylars and electronic copies have been received.
3. The water meter has been installed.
4. The on-site water and sewer improvements will remain privately owned and maintained by the Applicant.

The project included a 19,097 SF retail building for a Tractor Supply Store. The water improvements for this project included the construction of approximately 140 linear feet of six-inch (6") and eight-inch (8") water main and an on-site fire hydrant. The sewer improvements for this project included the construction of approximately 280 linear feet of six-inch (6") sewer lateral.

Based upon the status of this application, Mr. Roy recommended release of the Water Performance Guarantee without conditions. The constructed water improvements in connection with this project will remain privately owned and maintained by the commercial property.

In addition, Mr. Roy recommended release of the Sewer Performance Guarantee without conditions. The constructed sewer improvements in connection with this project will remain privately owned and maintained by the commercial property.

A motion to release the Sewer Performance Guarantee of Tractor Supply Company, W18-670, and S18-530 without conditions was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Dr. Greenberg.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

6. OAKS AT GLENWOOD, PHASE 1 ROADS, W86-284, S86-208, SURETY BOND/LETTER OF CREDIT RELEASES

Mr. Roy reported that the Applicant was previously granted a reduction in their Water Performance Guarantee for the above referenced development on November 18, 2020, with Resolution No. D-43-20. The Water Improvements Performance Guarantee (Surety Bond No. K1576904A) was reduced by an amount of seventy percent (70%) from \$2,304,000.00 to a new total amount of \$691,200.00, along with the cash portion of the performance guarantee being reduced seventy percent (70%) from \$256,000.00 to a new amount of \$76,800.00.

The Applicant was also previously granted a reduction in their Sewer Performance Guarantee for the above referenced development on May 20, 2020, with Resolution No. D-26-20. The Sewer Improvements Performance Guarantee (Letter of Credit Reference No. NUSCGS002152) was reduced by an amount of seventy percent (70%) from \$2,481,100.00 to a new total amount of \$744,330.00, along with the cash portion of the performance guarantee being reduced seventy percent (70%) from \$275,677.70 to a new amount of \$82,703.31.

The status of the water and sewer improvements for this project are as follows:

1. Installation and testing of water and sewer utility construction is complete and is satisfactory.
2. As-built drawings are approved, mylars and electronic copies have been received.
3. There were no units in this portion of the project, so no water meters were installed.
4. The final top paving of the roads remains outstanding.

5. An affidavit certifying that all water and sewer utilities are free of liens or other encumbrances, and which holds the Authority harmless from any potential liability remains outstanding.

The Oaks at Glenwood development consists of approximately 1,500 EDCUs which will be constructed over many years. The Phase 1 Roads project consisted of installing the water and sewer mains within the main roads of Aster Circle, Schulmeister Road, Portaluca Road and a portion of White Oak Lane. The project included the construction of approximately 40,000 LF of twelve, ten and eight-inch (12", 10" & 8") water mains connecting into existing water mains in Route 9 at two (2) locations, and approximately 28,800 LF of fifteen, twelve and eight-inch (15", 12" & 8") PVC sewer mains connecting into the Runyon Truck Sewer to service Phase 1 of the Oaks at Glenwood that consists of 256 Single Family homes, 252 Apartments and a 65 EDCU Recreation Building.

The Applicant will not be top paving the roads until a good majority of the construction is completed because of the amount of heavy truck traffic during the construction years which may be longer than two years. Usually on smaller developments, the Applicant must install the top pavement on the roads so that the Authority can perform a Final Inspection of the water and sewer utilities after the top paving is completed. Since the Applicant will not be top paving for many years, they have agreed to allow the Authority to retain the remaining 30% water and sewer cash bonds in the total amount of \$159,503.31, as a condition of the Authority releasing the remaining 30% Water Surety Bond and Sewer Letter of Credit.

Based on the status of this application, Mr. Roy recommended a conditional release of the remaining 30% portion of the Water Surety Bond No. K1576904A. The Authority is accepting ownership and maintenance of the water mains and appurtenances up to the curb line within the right-of-ways of Aster Circle, Schulmeister Road, Portaluca Road, and a portion of White Oak Lane conditioned upon the Authority retaining the water cash bond amount of \$76,800 until the roads are top paved, and the Applicant has completed any remedial work that the Authority requests after a Final Inspection at the time of the water cash bond release.

In addition, Mr. Roy recommended conditional release of the remaining 30% portion of the Sewer Letter of Credit Reference No. NJSCGS002152. The Authority is accepting ownership and maintenance of the sewer mains and appurtenances up to the curb line within the right-of-ways of Aster Circle, Schulmeister Road, Portaluca Road, and a portion of White Oak Lane conditioned upon the Authority retaining the sewer cash bond amount of \$82,703.31 until the roads are top paved, and the Applicant has completed any remedial work that the Authority requests after a Final Inspection at the time of the sewer cash bond release.

The conditional water and sewer releases should also include the applicant providing an affidavit certifying that all water and sewer utilities are free of liens or other encumbrances, and which holds the Authority harmless from any potential liability.

These water and sewer cash bond amounts should safely protect the Authority regarding the Applicant's performance with the water and sewer utility improvements of the Oaks Phase 1 Roads project until a Final Inspection is performed by the Authority following the top paving of the roads by the Applicant.

Dr. Greenberg asked if a maintenance bond is usually two years?

Mr. Roy said that instead of a maintenance bond, we are holding on to cash until it is top paved which could be many more years than two depending on how fast this construction takes place.

A motion to adopt a resolution for release of Suety Bond/Letter of Credit Releases for Oaks at Glenwood, Phase 1 Roads, W86-284, S86-208, in accordance with the provisions set for in Mike Roy's July 15, 2022, Engineer's Report was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Murphy.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

7. MANHOLE REHABILITATION SERVICES THROUGH A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT VENDOR, VORTEX SERVICES, VORTEX SERVICES- HGACBUY CONTRACT NO. TP07-18

Mr. Roy reported that the Authority has a need to perform manhole rehabilitation services on a manhole located on the shoulder of Rt. 34. The manhole has deteriorated and needs a repair and rehabilitation before it collapses. The manhole is located across from Buttonwood Arms at the end of a long force main from a sewer pump station, and it has deteriorated from sewer gases that have built up within the force main, and then are released when the sewage discharges into the manhole.

We have received a quote to perform this service from a vendor that has a contract with a national cooperative organization called, Houston Galveston Area Cooperative (HGACBuy). The Department of Community Affairs has issued guidelines in 2012 for the purchase of goods and services from national cooperative contracts. The State Legislature in 2011 has also passed laws that allow local contracting units, like the Authority, to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement.

The Authority's Staff has received this price quote from a local representative of Vortex Services in the amount of \$25,200 to perform this sewer manhole rehabilitation work. This work includes by-pass pumping of the sewage flow from the force main to a downstream manhole to keep the deteriorated manhole dry during the rehabilitation work.

The Department of Community Affairs guidelines require that the contracting unit publicly advertise their intent to award a contract to a vendor under a national cooperative contract, to allow other vendors to offer alternatives. We have complied with the NJ Department of Community Affairs legal requirements which have been reviewed by our General Counsel.

The Authority has advertised its intent to award a contract to a vendor of a national cooperative organization to perform sewer manhole rehabilitation under Contract No. TP07-18. We have received no written response to the advertisement.

Mr. Roy recommended awarding a contract to perform sewer manhole rehabilitation work on the deteriorated manhole that receives sewage flow from the Lakeridge Pump Station force main located on the shoulder of Rt. 34 to Vortex Services, Dover, DE contract vendor to HGACBuy National Purchasing Cooperative under Contract No. TP07-18 in the amount of \$25,200.

A motion to award a contract to perform sewer manhole rehabilitation work on the deteriorated manhole that receives sewage flow from the Lakeridge Pump Station Force Main to HGACBuy National Purchasing Cooperative under Contract No. RP07-18 in the amount of \$25,200 was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Razzoli.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

8. NJDOT RT. 34 PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

Mr. Roy reported that the New Jersey State Commissioner of Transportation requested the Old Bridge MUA to enter into an agreement for their project to repave Rt. 34 from Colts Neck in Monmouth County to the intersection of Rt. 34 with Rt. 9 in Old Bridge. The State project will include, if necessary, payment for the relocation of both water and sewer facilities owed by the Authority.

The State requires the Authority to execute both a water and sewer agreement that contains twenty-six (26) paragraphs, and a water and sewer amendment to the agreements that contains twenty-four (24) paragraphs. We also are required to certify that we will buy American iron and/or steel products in connection with materials used in this project. This project is currently being designed by an Engineering Consultant for the State.

A motion is needed for a resolution to approve water and sewer agreements between the Authority and the NJDOT for the Rt. 34 project from Colts Neck to the intersection of Rt. 34 with Rt. 9 in Old Bridge and part of the resolution authorizing either or both Guy Donatelli and Mike Roy to sign on behalf of the Authority.

A motion was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Murphy.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

9. CEDAR RIDGE FORCE MAIN RELOCATION – ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO ALAIMO ASSOCIATES

Mr. Roy reported that Alaimo Associates was previously authorized by the Authority to perform Engineering Services for the Cedar Ridge Sewer Pump Station Force Main Replacement based upon their proposal dated February 9, 2021, for Engineering Services that included design and construction services as follows:

1. Design Services - \$25,800
2. Bid Services - \$2,140
3. Construction Services - \$29,260

During the design of this project, Alaimo Associates encountered unanticipated difficulties in performing their surveying along Morganville Road, in the NJDEP permit process for the Treatment Works Approval, and in the Township paving Morganville Road before this project could be put out to bid. Because of these unanticipated difficulties, Alaimo Associates is requesting an increase in their budget for design services of \$37,000.

The additional fees requested are based upon the actual number of hours that were spent during the design effort for this project, in accordance with their Consulting Engineering Agreement dated February 18, 2022.

The project was awarded last month at the June Board Meeting, and a preconstruction meeting with the Contractor, Underground Utilities, has been scheduled. The duration of this project is anticipated to be three (3) weeks of actual construction work, with an overall contract time for closeout of approximately three (3) months.

The scope of the project involves the replacement and redirection of the Cedar Ridge sewer pump station force main from the pump station location on Morganville Road to the existing Yardley Manor force main. The Cedar Ridge force main will be manifolded into the Yardley Manor force main and the existing two- mile along Cedar Ridge Force Main on Morganville and Ticetown Roads will be abandoned.

Mr. Roy recommended that Alaimo Associates be authorized to proceed with the additional Design Engineering Services of the referenced project in accordance with their June 21, 2022, proposal and their February 18, 2022, Consulting Engineering Contract.

A motion to authorize Alaimo Associates to proceed with the additional Design Engineering Services of the referenced project in accordance with their June 21, 2022, proposal and their February 18, 2022, Consulting Engineering Contract was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Razzoli.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

A motion to approve Mr. Roy's Engineering Report was made by Mr. Weber and seconded by Dr. Greenberg.

There was no discussion.

All Commissioners in attendance were in favor, none opposed.

Financial Report: Michael Smith, CPA

Mrs. Smith said that her first item is our current electric supplier contract with Energy Harbor is up the end of this year, so now is the time we must procure electricity for next year. So, she requested authorization to hold an online reverse auction and to be able to award the contract to the supplier that submits the winning bid. The name of the company that will hold the reverse auction is EMEX, LLC, and they are an approved State vendor. She attached to her report, the resolution for approval.

A motion to authorize the Purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on an online auction website was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Razzoli.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

Mrs. Smith said that her next item is an approval from last month's meeting to add Nationwide as a provider to the Deferred Compensation Plan. The State denied the resolution because it had an incorrect service agreement identifier number; and it didn't designate a local plan administrator. So, the resolution must be revised to correct this.

A motion to adopt a resolution adding a provider to the Deferred Compensation Plan for Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority to be administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc. was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber		
Nays:	None		
Absent:	Walker, Galante		
5 Ayes	0 Nays	2 Absent	

Mrs. Smith said that her last item on her report is that the Authority received \$44,171 in dividends from the Selective Insurance Company Municipal Pool for our Commercial Liability and Workers' Compensation Policies.

Dr. Greenberg asked to explain the refund.

Mrs. Smith said that the dividend refund was based on the claims that Selective received in the two different years.

A motion to accept Mrs. Smith's Financial Report was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Razzoli.

There was no discussion.

All Commissioners in attendance were in favor, none opposed.

Bills & Claims: Dr. Greenberg said that the Bills and Claims are for a total of \$1,842,794.54.

A motion to approve the bills and claims was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Razzoli, Casserly, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Walker, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

Legal Report: Mitchell B. Jacobs, Esq.

Attorney Jacobs said that he does not have a Legal Report.

Old Business: Mr. Weber asked if there was any Old Business?

There was none.

New Business: Mr. Weber asked if there was any New Business?

Mr. Razzoli said that he would like to explore getting laptops for the Commissioners?

Mr. Donatelli said that he is getting a proposal from our IT person for tablets, so that everything can get the reports emailed to the Commissioners, instead of carrying all this cumbersome paperwork around.

Mr. Donatelli said that we do not have a situation like the Township where he could get every Commissioner a laptop computer, but this would be the next best thing. He said that we will get a proposal from our IT person, and come back to the Board, and let you know what it entails to move forward with it.

Mr. Weber asked if there was any other new business?

Mr. Weber said there was none.

Open to Public: Mr. Weber opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Weber said there is no public wishing to speak, so he closed the public portion.

Executive Session: Attorney Jacobs said there is no Executive Session.

Adjournment: Mr. Weber asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Dr. Greenberg.

The Commissioners in attendance were all in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Razzoli, Secretary