

**OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2023**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of March 15, 2023, was called to order at 6:40 p.m. following the Budget Workshop by Chairman Walker with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 21, 2023, and in the Home News Tribune on January 22, 2023. 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.

Roll Call: This Public Meeting is being recorded.

Present:

Bruce Walker, Chairman
Frank Weber, Vice Chairman
Anita Greenberg, Treasurer (Arrived at 6:49 p.m.)
Mark Razzoli, Secretary
James Blair, Commissioner
Edward Casserly, Second Alternate Commissioner

Absent:

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:

Guy Donatelli, Executive Director

Mr. Donatelli asked if anybody had any questions on the Distribution and Treatment Reports in his Executive Director's Report?

There were none.

Mr. Donatelli said there was a need to solicit Qualifications for Professional Services for the position of a Conflict Special Attorney. He said the RFQs were prepared, and it has been publicly advertised in our

Official Newspapers. Mr. Donatelli said that the deadline for submission of the Qualifications was Friday, March 10, 2023.

Mr. Donatelli said that the Qualifications Committee evaluated the two Qualifications Packages submitted in response to the Authority's Request for Qualifications (RFQs). He said that Dr. Greenberg, Attorney Jacobs, Mike Roy, and I met to go over the qualifications, and we came to an agreement to appoint Birdsall & Laughlin. Mr. Donatelli said that the reason for the need of this professional is that the Brunetti properties are posing some interesting challenges related to connection fees. He felt that it was prudent to get a special attorney with knowledge in this area of connection fees, and this firm was highly recommended, and their credentials are impeccable. He said that we feel confident that we are on some good legal grounds and by hiring this firm we can go forward with this. Mr. Donatelli said that he would request the appointment of Birdsall & Laughlin.

A motion to appoint Birdsall & Laughlin as a Conflict Special Attorney was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Weber.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Casserly, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: Greenberg, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

Mr. Donatelli said that is all that he has to report.

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

There was no discussion.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners that were present were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

Previous Minutes: Regular Meeting – January 18, 2023
Executive Session – January 18, 2023

Chairman Walker asked if everyone has read the Minutes?

A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of January 18, 2023, was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Edward Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Casserly, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: Greenberg, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

Chairman's Report: Chairman Walker did not have a report.

Superintendent's
Report:

Charles Winkler, Superintendent, Sewer Division

Mr. Gillins was present representing Mr. Winkler. He said that the Sewer Division Superintendent's Report was submitted, and asked if anyone had any questions?

Chairman Walker asked if everyone read the Superintendent's Report, and if there was any discussion?

There were none.

A motion to approve the Sewer Division Superintendent's Report was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners that were present were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

5 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absent

Engineering Reports: Michael Roy, P.E.

REPORT UPON DEVELOPER'S APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Woodhaven Village/Woodhaven Village, Section 2, Phase 5
Irrigation, W22-705, Minor Water – 10 EDCU's

TYPE: ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL

USE: Irrigation

BLOCK/LOT: 22001.27/1 & 22001.29/1 (66 acres)

LOCATION: South of Texas Road between Marlboro Road and Murray Drive along the west side of McLean St.

DESCRIPTION: Construction of two (2) meter pits to service an irrigation system for the Phase 5 portion of the Woodhaven Village, Section 2 development connected to the existing 8" water main in Valentino Drive.

COMMENTS:

1. Minor Review and Inspection Fees have been paid. Connection Fees and Construction Water Fees have not been paid.
2. The Authority granted Final Approval in 2019 to Woodhaven Village, Section 2, Phase 5 without lawn irrigation. The applicant is now seeking approval for a total of a 10 EDCU irrigation system for their Phase 5 consisting of two separate meter pits.
3. Based on the proposed number of units it was determined that the water distribution system can accommodate the additional demand.
4. Based on a maximum flow of 30 gpm for each point-of-connection, two (2) one-and-one-half inch (1 ½") meters are needed for the irrigation service.
5. This work is subject to approval by the Township Plumbing Sub-Code Official.
6. Technical requirements sufficient for Minor Water Approval have been

satisfied.

7. A copy of this report has been supplied to the Contact Person of the Applicant as listed on the application form.
8. Recommend Minor Water Approval subject to the following five (5) conditions:

CONDITIONS:

1. The Applicant shall pay all applicable fees, including Connection Fees and Water Meter Fees.
2. All proposed water improvements to remain privately owned and maintained by the Applicant.
3. The Applicant shall construct the water improvements in accordance with the Approved Drawings, and permits issued by any Agency having jurisdiction.
4. Applicant to fully comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Authority and any Agency having jurisdiction.
5. This Minor Water Approval shall expire one (1) year from the date of the resolution or as otherwise extended by law if no construction has taken place within that period.

Mr. Roy recommended Minor Water Approval subject to the five conditions in his report.

A motion to approve the above resolution was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Weber.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Casserly, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: Greenberg, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

Metro Storage, LLC/Metro Self Storage – W19-684,
Tentative Water – 1 + 1 Fire = 2 EDCU's

TYPE: COMMERCIAL

USE: DOMESTIC AND FIRE PROTECTION

BLOCK/LOT: 13264.11/61.11 (9.8 Acres)

LOCATION: On the northbound side of Route 9 at the Cindy Street
Jughandle; just north of the Hegarty and Scalia Funeral Home.

DESCRIPTION: Construction of approximately 1,450 LF of eight- and
ten-inch (8' & 10") DIP connecting into an existing 10" diameter water
main stub in Route 9 to service the office and fire suppression system of a
proposed three-story 119,523 SF self-storage facility.

COMMENTS:

1. Tentative Review fees have been paid.
2. The Authority granted Preliminary Water approval on December 21, 2023. The Township Zoning Board denied the application on March 5, 2020. The Order for Judgement & Other Related Relief dated January 20, 2022, reversed the Zoning Board's denial of the Preliminary and Final Site Plan Application and was remanded back to the Township Board to approve it.
3. The Applicant has indicated that lawn irrigation is not proposed for this site; therefore, lawn irrigation is not included in this approval. If a lawn irrigation system using municipal water is proposed in the future, the plan must be submitted to the Authority to determine the number of additional Equivalent Domestic Consumer Units.
4. Provide peak water demand in gallons per minute (gpm) and a listing of the number of fixture types for the purpose of sizing the water meter.
5. The Applicant has indicated that the fire flow demand for the fire suppression system is 750 gpm at 150 psi. A hydrant flow test performed on October 5, 2022, indicates that the Authority's water distribution system has this fire flow available, but the applicant must provide a pump to increase the pressure to what is required by the fire suppression system.
6. Applicant has acknowledged that the proposed water main located within the Route 9 right-of-way will be dedicated to the Authority and all other proposed on-site water mains and fire hydrants on Block 13264.11, Lot 61.11 will remain privately owned and maintained by the Applicant.

7. A written private utility maintenance plan shall be submitted for review in accordance with the Authority's Rules and Regulations.
8. The building's water service line shall be sized in accordance with the hydraulic calculation demand by a professional engineer who specializes in fire suppression and approved by the Fire Sub-Code Official at the time of the Building Permit Application.
9. Provide a list of outside agency permits required for this project including the NJDOT Road Opening Permit. It appears that the work under this Application will not require an NJDEP Safe Drinking Water Permit.
10. Applicant to revise Engineer's Design Report to reflect the changes that have been made to the project.
11. Drawings to be revised as per the marked-up drawing set sent previously on March 3, 2023, and as follows:
 - a. Provide separate profiles for the on-site and off-site water mains. The Rt. 9 off-site water main profile shall show the existing sanitary sewer.
 - b. Show the on-site 8" water main dropping under the 8" sanitary sewer main and the 12" sanitary force main.
 - c. Keep the on-site water main at 4-foot cover at the fire hydrants to avoid adding fire hydrant risers.
 - d. Show correct water main elevations on profile sheet C-26.
 - e. Provide plumbing schematic/riser diagram showing the domestic branching off the fire line and the proposed meter installation.
 - f. Move the proposed two-inch (2") water service (line and curb box) for the existing commercial building on Block 13264.11, Lot 60, to the closest driveway to the building. Indicate a curb stop on this service.
12. Submission deadlines for a Final Water Application package are as follows:
 - A. March 29, 2023
 - B. April 26, 2023
 - C. May 31, 2023
13. A copy of this report has been supplied to the Contact Person of the Applicant as listed on the application form.

14. Recommend Tentative Water Approval subject to the following four (4) conditions:

CONDITIONS:

1. Applicant shall pay all applicable fees.
2. All comments from this Engineer's Report dated March 10, 2023, shall be addressed with the Final Water Application.
3. Applicant to fully comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Authority and any Agency having jurisdiction.
4. This Tentative Water Approval shall expire one (1) year from the date of the resolution. Submission of a Final application shall extend this approval by another year.

A motion to approve the above resolution was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Casserly, Greenberg

Nays: None

Absent: Greenberg, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

Metro Storage, LLC/Metro Self Storage - S19-541, Tentative
Sewer – 1 EDCU

TYPE: COMMERCIAL

DRAINAGE BASIN: Deep Run

BLOCK/LOT: 13264.11/61.11 (9.8 Acres)

LOCATION: On the northbound side of Route 9 at Cindy Street
Jughandle; just north of Hegarty and Scalia Funeral Home.

COMMENTS:

1. Tentative Review fees have been paid.
2. The Authority granted Preliminary Sewer approval on December 21, 2023. The Township Zoning Board denied the application in March 5, 2020. The Order for Judgement & Other Related Relief dated January 20, 2022, reversed the Zoning Board's denial of the Preliminary and Final Site Plan application, and was remanded to the Board to approve it.
3. Applicant has acknowledged that all proposed sewer lines will remain privately owned and maintained by the Applicant.
4. The size, slope and installation of the on-site sewer lateral is subject to approval by the Township Plumbing Sub-Code Official.
5. Provide a list of outside agency permits required for this project. It appears that the work under this application will not require an NJDEP Treatment Works Approval.
6. Applicant to revise Engineer's Design Report to reflect the changes that have been made to the project.
7. Drawings to be revised as per the marked-up drawing set sent previously on March 3, 2023, and as follows:
 - a. Show the detail of the sleeve used to run the sanitary lateral through the retaining wall.
 - b. Remove "Sealed" from sanitary manhole callouts and show existing 24" sanitary sewer inverts correctly on the plan and profile.
 - c. Indicate the proposed sanitary lateral material as Schedule 80 PVC.
 - d. Show the existing force main approximately 5' behind the curb along Rt. 9 as shown in the as-builts sent to the applicant's engineer.
8. Submission deadlines for a Final Sewer Application package are as follows:
 - A. March 29, 2023
 - B. April 26, 2023
 - C. May 31, 2023

9. A copy of this report has been supplied to the Contact Person of the Applicant as listed on the application form.

10. Recommend Tentative Sewer Approval subject to the following four (4) conditions:

CONDITIONS:

1. Applicant shall pay all applicable fees.
2. All comments from this Engineer's Report dated March 10, 2023, shall be addressed with the Final Sewer Application.
3. Applicant to fully comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Authority and any Agency having jurisdiction.
4. This Tentative Sewer Approval shall expire one (1) year from the date of the resolution or as otherwise extended by law. Submission of a Final application shall extend this approval by another year.

A motion to approve the above Resolution was made by Mr. Casserly and seconded by Mr. Razzoli.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Casserly, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: Greenberg, Galante

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

Dr. Greenberg arrived at 6:49 p.m.

OTHER ENGINEERING REPORTS

Oak 18 Retail/ Oak 18, LLC
Water Application No. W20-691, Sewer Application No. S20-543
Water and Sewer Developer Agreements

The Water and Sewer Developer Agreements for the referenced applications have been prepared and signed in accordance with the Final Water and Sewer Approvals granted on October 19, 2022, which included the payment of water and sewer connection fees.

The Developer Agreements consist of the standard language, and the conditions of the Final Water and Sewer Approvals to construct approximately 115 LF of on-site eight-inch (8") DIP water main and 275 LF of off-site twelve-inch (12") DIP water main within the right-of-way of Route 18 connecting into the existing twelve-inch (12") water main in Route 18 to service an on-site fire hydrant and a total of 9,340 SF commercial building consisting of 6,538 retail space and a 38 seat restaurant, and approximately 115 LF of six inch (6") sewer lateral connecting into and existing 12" sanitary sewer on Rt. 18 also for this commercial building and restaurant.

Mr. Roy said the Developer Agreements were prepared by Attorney Granata because of a conflict with Mr. Cleary's Office. He said it reflects the conditions of that Final Approval.

Mr. Roy said that the agreements have been signed by the Developer and are ready to be considered for authorization to be countersigned by the Authority.

Attorney Jacobs said that we have to do two separate resolutions.

A motion to approve the Developer Agreement for Oak 18 Retail/Oak 18, LLC, W20-691 was made by Mr. Weber and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Ayes: | Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker | | |
| Nays: | None | | |
| Absent: | None | | |
| 5 Ayes | 0 Nays | 0 Absent | |

A motion to approve the Developer Agreement for Oak 18 Retail/Oak 18, LLC, S20-543 was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Weber.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Ayes: | Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker | | |
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| Nays: | None | |
| Absent: | None | |
| 5 Ayes | 0 Nays | 0 Absent |

Hotel Spring Valley Road
Water Application No. W16-655, Sewer Application No. S16-518
Release Performance Guarantees

Mr. Roy reported that the status of the water and sewer improvements for this project is 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. A 2" water meter has been installed.
4. The on-site water and sewer improvements will remain privately owned and maintained by the Applicant.
5. There is currently a shortfall of \$352.54 in the water escrow account. The total shortfall that occurs during the closeout of this project can be paid for from the water cash bond amount held by the Authority upon permission from the Applicant.
6. There is currently \$43.45 remaining in the sewer escrow account. Any shortfall that occurs during the closeout of this project can be paid for from the sewer cash bond amount held by the Authority upon permission from the Applicant.

The completed project included the construction of 540 LF eight-inch (8") DIP water main connecting into the existing eight-inch (8") water main Spring Valley Road to service an on-site fire hydrant and a proposed 100 room four story hotel, and 30 LF of six-inch (6") sewer lateral connecting into the existing fifteen-inch (15") Crossroads Regional Interceptor to service the 100 room four story hotel.

Based on the status of this application, Mr. Roy recommended a Conditional Release of the Water Performance Guarantee, conditioned upon the payment of any water escrow shortfall, and conditioned upon all the constructed water mains, fire hydrant and water service lines to remain privately owned and not maintained by the Authority.

In addition, he recommended a Conditional Release of the Sewer Performance Guarantee. conditioned upon the payment of any sewer

escrow shortfall and conditioned upon the sewer lateral to remain privately owned and not maintained by the Authority.

A motion for a resolution to approve the Conditional Release of the Water Performance Guarantee for Hotel Spring Valley Road/SAS Properties, (Hampton Inn), W16-655 was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| Ayes: | Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker | | |
| Nays: | None | | |
| Absent: | None | | |
| 5 Ayes | 0 Nays | 0 Absent | |

A motion to approve the Conditional Release of the Sewer Performance Guarantee for Hotel Spring Valley Road/SAS Properties, (Hampton Inn), S16-518 was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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|---------|--|----------|--|
| Ayes: | Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker | | |
| Nays: | None | | |
| Absent: | None | | |
| 5 Ayes | 0 Nays | 0 Absent | |

Browntown Clarifier Chemical Mixer Drive Replacement from NJWC Cooperative, Purchase of Materials and Labor

Mr. Roy reported that the Browntown Chemical Mixer Drive in the clarifier tank has been operating since its installation in 1987, more than thirty-five years ago and needs replacement. There is a replacement Chemical Mixer manufactured by LENZE that would suit the Authority's needs. The Authority has previously joined the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative (NJWC) which is managed by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Authority (PVSC). A.C. Schultes is a supplier and installer of LENZE mixer equipment under a contract with the NJWC cooperative.

A. C. Schultes provided a quote dated February 24, 2023, to furnish and install the Authority's Browntown Clarifier Chemical Mixer Drive and furnish mixer controls under their NJWC cooperative Contract #B331-6 in the amount of \$39,815.00. The mixer control installation and electrical work will be performed by the Authority's Electrical Contractor.

Mr. Roy said that he recommended that the Authority authorize the purchase of a LENZE g-500 helical geared motor and gearbox and an i550 Protec Inverter control box from A.C. Schultes of Woodbury Heights, NJ in accordance with their quote dated February 24, 2023, in the amount of \$39,815.00 under NJWC cooperative Contract #B331-6 subject to attorney review.

A motion to authorize the purchase of the Browntown Clarifier Mixer Drive was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Blair.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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|---------|--|----------|--|
| Ayes: | Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker | | |
| Nays: | None | | |
| Absent: | None | | |
| 5 Ayes | 0 Nays | 0 Absent | |

A motion to approve Mr. Roy's Engineering Report was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Blair.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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|---------|--|----------|--|
| Ayes: | Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker | | |
| Nays: | None | | |
| Absent: | None | | |
| 5 Ayes | 0 Nays | 0 Absent | |

Financial Report: Michelle Smith, Comptroller

Approval of the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2024, Budget for
The Water Division

Mrs. Smith said that her first resolution is for the Approval of the Budget for the Water Division, Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2024,

A motion was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Weber.

Chairman Weber asked if there was any discussion or comments?

Dr. Greenberg said that she would like to let the people know that the proposed Old Bridge MUA Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 2024 does not have a Water or Sewer Rate Increase. She said that she does not think that people realize that.

Dr. Greenberg said that the proposed budget only includes a 2.4% increase in operating expenses despite current inflationary costs which have increased the cost of necessary materials that we have to buy. She said that there is an astronomical increase for everything that we need for the treatment and distribution of drinking water and the transmission of wastewater, and we have been able to not have a rate increase.

Dr. Greenberg said that for more than thirteen years, since before 2010, Water and Sewer Rate Increases have only been due to pass-through rate increases from Middlesex Water Company and because of pass-through sewer rate increases from the Middlesex County Utilities Authority.

Dr. Greenberg said that people think that it is our rate increases. Dr. Greenberg said that we spend a lot of money with Marlboro Township to fight Middlesex Water Company water rate increases, and the BPU just passes it all the time. She said that the BPU never gave a timeline for us to defend ourselves in the situation. Dr. Greenberg said that the pass-through increases from the Middlesex County Utilities Authority are something that we do not have anything control.

Dr. Greenberg said that the Old Bridge MUA operating expenses have been kept low all this time because of savings due to attrition and restructuring that resulted in downsizing and combining jobs to make for a more efficient operational staff. She said that she wants to complement all of you for the work that you do. Dr. Greenberg said that your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Dr. Greenberg said that the proposed budget includes the use of surplus funds that are being used exclusively for and reinvested into improving the water and sewer infrastructure of the Authority. She said that when she goes to the Homeowners' Associations, they are always complaining about the cost of their water and sewer. Dr. Greenberg said that they get quarterly bills, and she says to divide the by 90 days, to realize the daily cost to use water at any time, flush your toilet anytime, and really it is

such a minimal rate. Dr. Greenberg said that they do not realize that. She said that they say that they are not using 6,000 gallons, and yet being charged for that. Dr. Greenberg said that she tells them that they are not just paying for the water, but for infrastructure that is under the ground that you do not even see. She said that it has been there for fifty years to a hundred years, and it must be constantly redone, also the pumping stations. Dr. Greenberg said that there are also expenses for cars and insurance.

Dr. Greenberg said that the use of our own surplus funds instead of financing these improvements through Bonds or Loans, at a time when the market interest rates are rising, results in savings for the ratepayers of the Authority.

Dr. Greenberg said that also because of the Township having a AA1 Bond Rating that has brought down the cost of these improvements; and we are partners, we are considered the Township regarding bonding. She said that the taxpayer and the ratepayer are one in one. She said that we work for them. Dr. Greenberg said that at a time when the market interest rates are rising, we have been able to stabilize things, and because of the good partnership of the OBMUA and the Township we get to do all these things. Dr. Greenberg said that she did not want this to go unnoticed, and she wanted it to be on record.

Dr. Greenberg said that she apologized for being late, and not in attendance at the Budget Meeting because of her work. She said that she wanted to put her comments on that record in either the Budget Workshop or the Regular Meeting so that people realize what goes on. Dr. Greenberg said that these savings really are to the due diligence of the Authority. She thanked the Executive Director and the entire staff.

Chairman Walker asked if anyone else had any discussion or comments?

There were none.

There was already a motion by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Weber for the Approval of the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2024, Budget for the Water Division.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Approval of the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2024, Budget for the Sewer Division

A motion for approval of the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2024, Budget for the Sewer Division was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Dr. Greenberg.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Transfer of \$5,000,000 of Unrestricted Net Position from the Sewer Division to the Water Division to Fund the Capital Outlay in the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2024, Budget

Mrs. Smith said that this is for the transfer of \$5,000,000 of Unrestricted Net Position from the Sewer Division to Fund the Capital Outlay in the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2024, Budget as discussed in the Budget Workshop.

A motion for the above resolution was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Appointment of Skylands Risk Management as the Statewide Insurance Fund Risk Management Consultant

Mrs. Smith said that this resolution will authorize Skyland Risk Management to obtain a quote for our Workers' Compensation Policy.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Commercial Policy Renewal with Selective Insurance

Mrs. Smith said that Chris Volk from Volk Insurance is here to go over it.

Mr. Chris Volk, Volk Insurance, said that he is here to discuss the Renewal of the Commercial Insurance Policy with Selective Insurance Company which is up for renewal on April 15, 2023.

Mr. Volk said that he has good news. He said that the insurance market these days is pretty much in turmoil. Mr. Volk said that property is the hardest market.

Mr. Volk said that he is happy to report that Selective has renewed everything, and we just see a \$5,492 increase from last year's cost. He said that all the coverages stayed the same. Mr. Volk said that we are insuring \$98,892,364 of property value, 80 vehicles, the Pipeline Distribution System for \$5,000,00, Flood/Earthquake - \$5,000,000 per Applicable Covered Location, and an Umbrella Liability - \$10,000,000 Limit.

Mr. Volk said that is the best option that he could find out there. He asked if anyone had any questions? He said that in three years the price of insurance has gone up 300%, and we are not seeing any property increase to speak of.

There were no questions.

A motion to renew the Commercial Insurance Policy with Selective was made by Mr. Weber and seconded by Mr. Blair.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

A motion to approve Mrs. Smith's Financial Report was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Blair.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Chairman Walker thanked Mrs. Smith, and said she did a great job.

Bills & Claims: Dr. Greenberg said the Bills & Claims for this month are \$2,531,733.90.

A motion to approve the Bills & Claims for an amount of \$2,531,733.90 was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion on the bills and claims.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Blair, Weber, Walker

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Legal Report: Mitchell B. Jacobs, Esq.

Attorney Jacobs said that he does not have a Legal Report, and there is no need for an Executive Session.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Open to Public: Chairman Walker opened the meeting to the public, and said it is limited to a maximum period of three minutes per person.

Mr. Gary Brown, 102 Cardinal Road, Neptune, NJ. He said that he was a 36-year employee of the MUA. He said that this is his last meeting as an employee, but not his last meeting to attend. He wanted to thank the MUA, and the past and present Commissioners. He said that after 36 years as a Union member, and President, he wanted to thank the MUA for everything. He said that he also wanted to thank Guy Donatelli and Mike Roy for being there for him to give advice and guidance. He said that he also wanted to thank Jim Blair, Ray Totten, and all my Union members and friends. Thank you.

Chairman Walker thanked Gary Brown for his 36 years of loyal service, and everyone applauded.

Mr. Donatelli thanked the employees for taking the time to attend the meeting. He said that he hopes that everyone continues to attend in the future. Mr. Donatelli said that he wanted to acknowledge it.

Chairman Walker closed the public portion.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Mr. Weber.

All Commissioners that were present were in favor.

No Commissioners opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Razzoli', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Razzoli, Secretary