

**OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of November 18, 2024, was called to order at 11:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement: Chairman Razzoli announced that this meeting is in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice has been published in the Asbury Park Press on December 31, 2023, and in the Home News Tribune on December 31, 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.

This Public Meeting is being recorded.

Roll Call:

Present:

Mark Razzoli, Chairman
Anita Greenberg, Treasurer
Edward Casserly, Secretary
Bruce Walker, Commissioner
Frank Weber, Commissioner
Perry Simone, Second Alt. Commissioner

Absent:

James Blair, Vice Chairman

Also Present:

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

Previous Minutes: None

Chairman's Report: Mark Razzoli, Chairman

Chairman Razzoli said he does not have a report.

Executive Director's
Report:

Michael Roy, P.E.

Mr. Roy said that the Old Bridge MUA sends their Condolences to the Murray family on the passing of Claire Murray and to the Samuel family

on the passing of Michael Samuel, President of R3M Engineering. Claire Murray was a long-time co-worker at the MUA for fourteen years and a friend, and Michael Samuel was the MUA's Sewer Consulting Engineer, and many of us also considered him to be a friend.

Mr. Roy asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence on behalf of both individuals.

Mr. Roy is going to discuss the status of various construction projects.

Mr. Roy said that the steel tank erection process for the Disbrow Road Elevated Water Storage Tank is well underway as he showed a picture of the construction. The tank is expected to be completed by next Spring, and in service by next summer.

Mr. Roy said, as previously reported, final paving of the streets for the Laurence Harbor Water Services project will soon take place, most likely early next month, which will then complete this project associated with ridding our water system of galvanized steel piping in accordance with the 2021 Water Service Replacement Law.

A letter previously discussed with the Commissioners was sent to residents in Laurence Harbor and Cliffwood Beach that included a survey that would help the MUA report to the NJDEP the composition of all water services in the Township. He said that we know 90% of water services in the Township are either copper or plastic because of the type of material that was used when those homes were built. However, this area of the Township is unknown since it was originally galvanized steel pipe, but many residents may have replaced them over the years.

Mr. Casserly asked what the response was to the letter.

Mr. Roy said that we received a bunch quickly, but we are hoping for more to trickle in over time.

Mr. Roy said that the sewer relining work performed by Vortex along the streets of Van Ethel Drive and Edgar Road in the Leone Park section should be completed before the end of the year.

Mr. Roy said that the Matawan Road (Rt. 516) Sewer Replacement project is now completed. Final paving was completed on Friday, November 8th, while the schools were closed for the Teacher's Convention. There is a

change order for this project on the agenda this month. The project will be closed out with final quantities change order next month.

Mr. Roy said that the Slope Stabilization project at Lakeridge Development has been awarded to Brennan Brothers Contracting of Old Bridge. A preconstruction meeting was held on November 8th, and work will begin soon to address the failed slope on our sewer easement in Lakeridge Development.

Mr. Roy said that the replacement of the water main on Millburn Court has been awarded to Kiely Civil, LLC of Tinton Falls, NJ. A preconstruction meeting with the Contractor occurred on Thursday, November 10th. The homeowners have been notified, and work has begun this month.

Mr. Roy said that the Rt. 34 Force Main Replacement project has been awarded to JVS Contractors. A preconstruction meeting with the Contractor was held on November 15th.

Mr. Roy said the Rt. 34 Pump Station Improvements project is scheduled to be awarded next year.

Mr. Roy said that the new Water Division Auxiliary Garage is scheduled to be awarded next year.

Mr. Roy said that the next item will require a resolution. It is for the advertisement for the solicitation of Professional Qualifications for 2025 to 2026. The annual solicitation for Professional Qualifications for the various Professional Services for the year 2025 to 2026 needs to be publicly advertised in our official newspapers. The Qualifications will be received on January 22, 2025, for action at the Authority's February Reorganization Meeting. The Qualifications Committee will evaluate the Qualification Packages submitted by the various Professionals in response to the Authority's Request for Qualifications (RFQs) and report back to the Board of Commissioners.

Attorney Jacobs asked for a motion for a resolution authorizing the Authority to advertise for the Solicitation of Professional Qualifications for the 2025-2026 Year.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Mr. Roy said that the Sewer Division is requesting a new Septic Truck Purchase through the ESCNJ Cooperative, CO-OP Contract #65MCESCCPS. The Sewer Division needs to purchase a new septic truck which is used in the operation of the Authority's Sewer Collection System at a total cost of \$189,785.71, which the funds are available in budget line item #11-103-9100 for this purchase.

This new septic truck equipment for the Sewer Division will replace a twenty-three-year-old 2001 Septic Truck manufactured by International that needs a lot of repairs and has surpassed its useful life and it is recommended to be auctioned off on the website www.gov.deals.

Mr. Roy said that the new Sewer Division septic truck with the appropriate options that would meet the Authority's needs is available through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative (ESCNJ), CO-OP #65MCESCCPS, Contract for Class 4-8 Trucks, ESCNJ 23/24-04, of which the Authority is a member.

The septic truck will be purchased from two different vendors that are in the cooperative under Contract No. 23/24 Class 4-8 Trucks. Gabrielli Truck Sales of Ridgefield Park, NJ will be providing the chassis and cab which will be a 2025 Kenworth T280 Tanker. After delivering this portion of the septic truck to us, we will then deliver it to Tri-State Environmental Services, LLC of Frenchtown, NJ who will install the body which will be a Dyna-Vac 1500 Steel Vacuum Truck Body.

Mr. Roy said that two separate Purchase Orders will be needed to accomplish the complete assembly of the septic truck. Gabrielli Truck Sales' price quote for the chassis and cab are \$135,200.45, that includes a 5% Co-op discount, and Tri-State Environmental Services' price quote for installing the body is \$54,585.26, that includes a 3% Co-op discount.

Mr. Roy said that he recommends that the Authority purchase a new septic truck in accordance with the price quotes from Gabreilli Truck Sales of Ridgefield Park, NJ dated September 30, 2024, at a price of \$135,200.45, and from Tri-State Environmental Services, LLC. of Frenchtown, NJ dated October 21, 2024, through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative (EDCNJ), CO-OP #65MCESSCCPS, Contract for Class 4-8 Truck, ESCNJ 23/24-04.

Mr. Roy said that he also recommends that the Authority be authorized to auction off the 2001 septic truck that is being replaced, when the time comes, as surplus equipment on the website www.gov.deals.

Attorney Jacobs said that a resolution is needed to purchase under Contract No. 23-24-04, Class 4-8 Tuck through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative from Gabreilli Truck Sales of Ridgefield Park, NJ, a Chassis and Cab for the 2025 Kenworth T280 Tanker at a cost of \$135,200.45.

The motion was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Walker.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli		
Nays:	None		
Absent:	Blair		
5 Ayes	0 Nays	1 Absent	

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for a resolution to purchase through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative a Dyna-Vac1500 Steel Vacuum Truck Body at a cost of \$54,585.26 from Tri-State Environmental Services, LLC of Frenchtown, NJ.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for a resolution authorizing the Authority to advertise to auction off the 2001 Septic Truck that is being replaced by this new purchase on Gov.Deals.com.

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

There was no discussion,

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Mr. Roy said that the Sewer Division needs to purchase one new vehicle at a cost of \$65,743.40, in which the funds are available in budget line item #11-103-9100 for this purchase.

This vehicle for the Sewer Division will replace a 2019 Ford F-150 pick-up truck that burns oil excessively and has transmission gear shifting problems which requires a lot of repairs and is recommended to be auctioned off on the website www.gov.deals.

The new Sewer Division vehicle with the appropriate options that would meet the Authority's needs is a 2024 Ford F-250 Crew Cab 4 X 4 XL pick-up truck at a price of \$65,743.40 from Paramus Ford, Inc. (d/b/a ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS), 375 Route 17 South, Paramus, NJ through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative (ESCNJ), CO-OP #65MCESCCPS, Contract #ESCNJ 23/24-11, of which we are a member.

Mr. Roy said that he recommends that the Authority purchase the 2024 Ford F-250 pick-up truck in accordance with the price quote dated October 28, 2024, at a price of \$65,743.40 from Paramus Ford, Inc. (d/b/a ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS), 375 Route 17 South, Paramus, NJ through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative (ESCNJ), CO-OP #65MCESCCPS, Contract #ESCNJ 23/24-11.

Mr. Roy also recommended that the Authority be authorized to auction off the 2019 Ford F-150 pick-up truck that is being replaced, when the time comes, as surplus equipment on the website www.gov.deals.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Mr. Roy said that the next resolution is for a Cost Sharing Agreement with the Township of Marlboro Regarding a Purchase Water Adjustment Clause (PWAC) Middlesex Water Company Water Rate Increase. MWC has notified us of a PWAC pass through water rate increase because of a New Jersey American Water Company (NJAWC) water rate increase. MWC purchases bulk water from NJAWC near Metro Park to supplement their water production to meet their water demands. When MWC bulk purchase costs increase, they pass through the additional expense to all their customers. The pass through this time is not large, so we may just end up paying this new PWAC charge under protest.

We have, however, consulted with our Legal and Rate Expert professionals on this rate increase because of our past legal objections, so that there are some expenses that we will incur, and as long as Marlboro is willing to split these costs, we need to have a cost sharing agreement in place each time we are faced with a new water rate increase notification from MWC.

Attorney Jacobs said that the PWAC share to Old Bridge MUA is \$21,000 and suggested that we pay that under protest.

Mr. Roy said that the lower Court Judge threw it out because they said Middlesex Water Company has a right to do that, and that is in appeal. He said that if we win the Appeal then we can have our day in Court. He said that if we lose the Appeal then they will not let us argue it. We have never paid any of that PWAC from last time, so we can pay that prior amount under protest as well.

Attorney Jacobs said that we need a motion for a resolution approving the Shared Services Agreement with Marlboro Township.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Mr. Roy said that his last two items can be brought up in the Executive Session. He said one item is a discussion on Remote Meeting Participation and the second item is an Update on the Brunetti Francise Area Litigation.

Dr. Greenberg said that she has spoken to the people on Millburn Court, and they said that Kiely is doing an exceptional job. She said that they said that Kiely is so professional, and they are impressed with how they do their work.

Mr. Roy said that he wishes that we could hire Kiely for every job, but we have to go with the low bidder.

A motion to approve Mr. Roy's Executive Director's Report was made by Mr. Casserly.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Engineering Reports: Michael Roy, P.E.

REPORT UPON DEVELOPER'S APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL

NONE

OTHER ENGINEERING REPORTS

1. 2G Poor Farm Road, LLC, Old Bridge Pointe, W22-703, S22-553, Water and Sewer Bond Reductions

Mr. Roy said that the 2G Poor Farm Road, LLC applicant has requested a reduction of the Water and Sewer Performance Guarantees for the Old Bridge Pointe Development, which consists of thirty-five homes (Seventeen Duplex plus one SF unit) being constructed off Poor Farm Road.

He said that in accordance with the Authority's Rules and Regulations, performance guarantees of more than \$100,00 can be reduced by a maximum of seventy percent (70%) of the original bond amount.

Mr. Roy said that the installation of the water and sewer main construction is complete. The final punch-list items for the water and sewer utility improvements remain outstanding and will be completed after the final top pavement.

The acceptance of the "As-built" Record Drawings for the water and sewer utility improvements remains outstanding. We have received as-built record drawings, and our comments to date have been addressed. The as-built record drawings will not be considered approved until all the homes have been built and the triangulation dimensions from the water curb boxes and sewer clean outs to the building foundation corners have been shown on the as-built drawings. At this time, we will hold onto the drawings until those dimensions can be made and added to the as-built record drawings.

Mr. Roy said that the formal acceptance of the water and sewer utility improvements by resolution remains outstanding. The posting of the

Water and Sewer Maintenance Guarantees remains outstanding and will be required after the recommendation of the water and sewer Performance Guarantees are released.

The water and sewer escrow accounts have sufficient funds currently. There is a credit of \$11,458 in the water escrow account and \$14,387 in the sewer escrow account as of September 31, 2024.

Mr. Roy said that with the satisfactory completion of the water main installation for the Old Bridge Pointe Development, he recommends that the Water Improvements Performance Guarantees be reduced by seventy percent from \$171,766.98 to a new surety bond amount of \$51,530.09, and the water cash bond be reduced from \$19,085.22 to a new water cash bond amount of \$5,725.57.

Mr. Roy said that he also recommends, with the satisfactory completion of the sanitary sewer main installation for the Old Bridge Pointe Development, that the Sewer Improvements Performance Guarantees be reduced by seventy percent from \$205,322.04 to a new surety bond amount of \$61,596.61 and the sewer cash bond be reduced from \$22,813.56 to a new sewer cash bond amount of \$6,844.07. He said that this amount should safely protect the Authority regarding the performance of the remainder of the Old Bridge Pointe Development work.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for a resolution for 2G Poor Farm Road, LLC, Old Bridge Pointe, W22-703, for a reduction in the Water Performance Guarantee in accordance with Mr. Roy's November 13, 2024, Engineering Report.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Attorney Jacobs said a motion is needed for a resolution for 2G Poor Farm Road, LLC, Old Bridge Pointe, S22-553, for a reduction in the Sewer Performance Guarantee in accordance with Mr. Roy's November 13, 2024, Engineering Report.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

2. MATAWAN ROAD (Rt. 516) Sewer Main Replacement, Contract No. 2023-3, Change Order No. 1

Mr. Roy said that Change Order No. 1 to Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. represents the increase in cost of the referenced project and the reason for the changes to the Contract Documents.

This Change Order consists of the additional costs related to performing the construction and the remedial work necessary for installing an inside drop sewer pipe inside Manhole #6 due to the severe deterioration of the existing outside drop sewer pipe. This was extra work is not provided for in the Contract Documents but is necessary for a complete job that is done right.

Mr. Roy said that the total cost of the Change Order is \$13,672.42, which is a fifteen-point thirty-eight percent (15.38%) increase from the original contract amount of \$88,888.00 to a new contract amount of \$102,560.42.

Mr. Roy said that this Change Order No. 1 is ready to be considered for approval by the Authority. He said that we will do the Final Quantities Change Order next month and close this job out.

A motion for a resolution to approve Matawan Road (Rt. 516) Sewer Main Replacement, Contract No. 2023-3, Change Order No. 1 was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

3. Old Bridge WTP Lime Silo Cleaning, Change Order No. 1

The attached Change Order No. 1 to Adler Industries Services, Inc. represents the increase in the cost of the referenced project and the reason for the changes to Purchase Order No. 23616.

This Change Order consists of the additional costs related to performing the lime silo cleaning at the Old Bridge Water Treatment Plant due to the amount of compacted hydrated lime in the silo being more than what was anticipated at the beginning of the work. The amount of tons of hydrated lime to be removed from the lime silo and disposed of was approximately 28 tons instead of the anticipated 15 tons of lime.

The total cost of the Change Order is \$7,295.83, which is a forty-two-point three percent (42.3%) increase from the original Purchase Order (contract) amount of \$17,250.00 to a new Purchase Order (contract) amount of \$24,545.83.

This Change Order No. 1 is ready to be considered for approval by the Authority.

Attorney Jacobs said it would have been more expensive if you told them to stop on day one, and someone would come in and remove the additional stuff.

Mr. Roy said yes, plus you cannot breakup a contract with different vendors.

Attorney Jacobs asked if it seemed that it made sense for them to continue the job.

Mr. Roy said that for both reasons of time and money it made sense. It was one extra day of work.

Mr. Roy said that going forward we will do preventive maintenance on the lime silos maybe after ten years, so that these large lime boulders do not form and block up the flow of the hydrated lime chemical.

Mr. Totten said that preventive maintenance will also allow us to take the level of lime down to a low point, so we don't have as much to clean out.

Mr. Roy said that this was an unexpected and unforeseen condition.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed approving the Change Order No. 1 for the Old Bridge WTP Lime Silo Cleaning.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

4. Redevelopment of Well Nos. 6 and 12, Award Contract No. W24-236

Mr. Roy said that he took the old prices from past redevelopment jobs and increased them by 25% as his Engineer's Estimate. He said that even doing that was not enough to account for the new bid prices. They went up 40%. He said that the second lowest bidder is 100% higher than the Engineer's Estimate.

A. C. Schultes is the contractor that does a lot of this redevelopment work. He said that he also puts a lot of items into the Contract, so that we have everything priced out, but then not everything has to be fixed. He said that a lot of times at the end of this redevelopment work, we end up having a Minus Change Order. We should reduce this contract amount after the work of redeveloping these two wells is completed. We used to do these wells for under \$100,000 each, now they are over \$100,000.

Mr. Roy said that he recommends that we award this contract for the Redevelopment of Wells No. 6 and 12 to A.C. Schultes, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder.

A motion to award the contract for Redevelopment of Wells No. 6 and 12 to A.C. Schultes, Inc. was made by Mr. Weber and seconded by Mr. Walker.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli		
Nays:	None		
Absent:	Blair		
5 Ayes	0 Nays	1 Absent	

5. Sewer Rehabilitation Services to Vortex through a National Co-Op

The Authority has a need to perform rehabilitation services on a 24” trunk sewer located near Birch Street that has collapsed due to the deterioration of the asbestos cement pipe over the years. This trunk sewer was originally installed in the 1960s and deterioration has occurred in both the concrete manholes and in this section of unlined 24” sewer pipe which has now collapsed. This pipe collapse has caused a sink hole that was identified previously when five manholes were rehabilitated in this area of Birch Street to restore their structural integrity. The manhole work is completed.

This 24” trunk sewer conveys sewage flow from a substantial drainage area of the Township that includes all of Woodhaven Village, Rock Creek, Winding Brook, Matchaponix Hills, Presidential Estates, Country Living, Claridge Court, Pinetree Apartments, Preferred Care at Old Bridge Nursing Facility and the commercial property of Walmart, Wawa and Dunkin Donuts.

We have received a quote to perform this rehabilitation service from a vendor that has a contract with a national cooperative organization called, Houston Galveston Area Cooperative (HGACBuy). The Department of Community Affairs issued guidelines in 2012 for the purchase of goods and services from national cooperative contracts. The State

Legislature in 2011 also passed laws that allow local contracting units, like the Authority, to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement.

The Authority has received price quote dated October 31, 2024, from the local representative of Vortex Services in the amount of \$68,950.00 to perform the necessary trunk sewer rehabilitation work that consists of installing a cured-in-place liner inside the 24” trunk sewer pipe along with the necessary by-pass pumping of the wastewater around the work area during the rehabilitation work. Vortex has previously performed sewer rehabilitation work several times before for the Authority and has performed their work in an acceptable manner.

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. We have received no written response to the advertisement.

Mr. Roy said that he recommends awarding a contract to perform the rehabilitation work on the 24” trunk sewer near Birch Street to Vortex Services, Dover, DE contract vendor to HGACBuy National Purchasing Cooperative in the amount of \$68,950.00 and described in their price quote dated October 31, 2024.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Mr. Roy said that concludes his report.

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

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Superintendent's Report:

Wally Tier, Superintendent – Distribution – Water Division

Mr. Tier said that his report had been submitted, and he asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

A motion to accept Mr. Tier's report was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Walker.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Superintendent's Report:

Ray Totten, Superintendent – Treatment – Water Division

Mr. Totten said that his report had been submitted, and he asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

A motion to accept Mr. Totten's Report was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Superintendent's Report:

Walter E. Gillins, Superintendent – Sewer Division

Mr. Gillins said that his report had been submitted and asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

A motion to accept Mr. Gillins' report was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Chairman Razzoli.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Financial Report: Michelle Smith, Comptroller

Mrs. Smith said that her first item is the renewal of our Public Official and Employment Practices Liability Insurance. Westchester Fire Insurance Company came in with the best quote of \$41,930, which is an increase of 4% over the expiring policy.

A motion for a resolution for the renewal of the Public Official and Employment Practices Liability Insurance to Westchester Fire Insurance Company for \$41,930 was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Mrs. Smith said that her next item is about our current electricity supplier contract with Freeport Energy, which is expiring soon, so we must procure electricity for next year. She said that she would like to receive authorization to hold an online reverse auction and award the contract to the supplier that submits the winning bid. The company that will hold the auction is EMEX, LLC, and they are an approved State vendor. Mrs. Smith said that she attached a copy of the resolution for the passage of this authorization.

A motion was made by Mr. Casserly and seconded by Mr. Walker for a resolution authorizing the purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Mrs. Smith said that her next item is the authorization to advertise a Connection Fees Rate Hearing to be held on December 18, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. She said that this is always done at the completion of the Annual Audit.

A motion was made by Mr. Casserly and seconded by Mr. Walker to hold a Rate Hearing on December 18, 2024, for Water and Sewer Connection Fees.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

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

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Bills & Claims:

Dr. Greenberg said that the Bills and Claims this month are for a total of \$5,613,143.33.

A motion to approve the Bills and Claims for a total of \$5,613,143,33 was made by Mr. Casserly and seconded by Mr. Walker.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Legal Report: Mitchell B. Jacobs, Esq.

Attorney Jacobs said he does not have a Legal Report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Open to Public: Chairman Razzoli opened the meeting to the public. He said that it is limited to a Maximum Period of Three Minutes per person.

Seeing no public wishing to speak, Chairman Razzoli asked for a motion to close the public portion.

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

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Executive Session: Attorney Jacobs said that we are going to go into Executive Session for a Matter of Attorney/Client Communications. He said that we are also going to discuss a litigation matter which is also Attorney/Client Privilege. He said that we may be in the Executive Session for 15 to 30 minutes and may or may may not act when we come back out to the public meeting.

A motion to go into the Executive Session was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Weber, Walker, Casserly, Razzoli

Nays: None

Absent: Blair

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:38 a.m.

Resumption of
Open Session:

The Board came back to Open Session at 12:10 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Dr. Greenberg.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward Casserly".

Edward Casserly, Secretary