

**OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2025**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of April 16, 2025, was called to order at 11:16 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement: Chairman Blair announced that this meeting is being held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice has been published in the Asbury Park Press, and in the Home News Tribune on January 19, 2025. 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:

James Blair, Chairman
Frank Weber, Vice Chairman
Anita Greenberg, Treasurer
Edward Casserly, Secretary
Mark Razzoli, Commissioner
Bruce Walker, Commissioner
Perry Simone, Commissioner

Also Present:

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

Previous Minutes: **Reorganization Meeting – February 5, 2025**
A motion to approve the Reorganization Meeting of February 5, 2025, was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Regular Meeting – February 19, 2025

A motion to approve the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2025, was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Weber.

There was no discussion.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor, except Mr. Walker who abstained because he was absent from the meeting.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Budget Workshop – March 17, 2025

A motion to approve the Budget Workshop of March 17, 2025, was made by Mr. Weber and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Chairman's Report: James Blair, Chairman

Mr. Blair said he does not have a report.

Executive Director's
Report:

Michael Roy, P.E.

Mr. Roy said he will start his report with the status of some of our projects.

Status of Various Projects

1. The Disbrow Road Elevated Water Storage Tank is expected to be substantially completed and ready for operation on July 11, 2025, in time to be placed into service by this Summer. Painting is currently ongoing. Mr. Roy discussed the weather conditions that must occur to allow the painting of the tank.
2. The Rt. 34 force main replacement project has begun and involves the directional drilling of a replacement 14" HDPE force main pipe across the

ravine from the Rt. 34 Pump Station to Balmoral Court. This project is expected to be substantially complete and ready for operation on June 1, 2025.

3. Additional work was needed with the Laurence Harbor Water Service Replacement project on Harding Road and Madison Avenue. That work is ongoing and will be completed this month. The paving restoration will be completed after school is out for the summer.

Authorization to purchase a new pump part for the Laurence Harbor Wastewater Pump Station through a New Jersey Cooperative

There is a need to purchase a new pump volute part for Pump #1 at the Laurence Harbor Sewage Pump Station (LHSPS). The LHSPS has been in continuous operation since 1990, and Pump #1 has worn out and needs the replacement of a component for one of the pumps, the labor portion of which can be done in-house.

Enviroolutions, LLC has a contract with the NJWWCP Cooperative, under Contract #B414-9, and the Old Bridge MUA is a member of this cooperative. The price quote #942-11981 from Enviroolutions, LLC dated March 20, 2025 is for a pump volute manufactured by Worthington in the amount of \$20,385.00, includes the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing (NJWWCP) 25% discount under Contract No. B414-9. This purchase will be funded from budget line item #11-103-8151.

Mr. Roy recommended that the Authority authorize the purchase of a Worthington pump volute from Enviroolutions, LLC of Bridgewater, NJ in the amount of their March 20, 2025, price quote #942-11981 in the amount of \$20,385.00 and in accordance with their NJWWCP Contract #B414-9.

A motion for a resolution to authorize the purchase of a new pump part for the Laurence Harbor Wastewater Pump Station through a New Jersey Cooperative was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Walker.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes

0 Nays

0 Absent

Authorization to purchase three sewage pump station grinders through a New Jersey Cooperative

Mr. Roy said on the agenda the request is to purchase two grinders, but it has since been changed to three grinders.

The existing sewage grinders at the Arbors, Lakeridge West and Ram's Field Pump Stations need to be replaced as they are over ten years old and are at or near the end of their useful life including the controls. The grinders protect the pumps from clogging by reducing large objects and cloth from entering the pump housing. The existing grinders are inspected, cleaned, and maintained at least every six months. The new grinders will be installed with in-house labor, and the equipment each cost approximately \$35,600.

The grinders that are proposed will be an upgrade from the existing hydraulically driven grinders to electrical motor driven grinders. Most of the Authority's existing thirty-five (35) sewer pump stations have grinders that are electrically motor driven except for five (5) pump stations. Two pump stations have already been completed, and this authorization will upgrade the other three (3) remaining pump stations. The electric motor driven grinders operate better, eliminate the need for hoses, are less noisy, and are provided with better service from the vendor.

There are grinders manufactured by Franklin Miller and supplied by Pumping Services, Inc. (PSI) of Middlesex NJ that would suit the Authority's needs. PSI has a contract with the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative (NJWWCP) that provides a 5% price discount. The Authority has previously joined and purchased through the NJWWCP which is managed by the Passaic Valley Sewerage Authority (PVSC).

PSI's price quotes #039857 dated February 17, 2025, and #040023 dated March 17, 2025, to supply three sets of Franklin Miller grinder equipment along with the appurtenances to be used for the Arbors, Lakeridge West and Ram's Field Sewage Pump Stations under their NJWWCP cooperative Contract #B364-2 for the total amount of \$107,076.23. This purchase will be funded from budget line item #11-103-8151.

Mr. Roy recommended that the Authority authorize the purchase of a three Franklin Miller Titan Twin Shaft Grinders along with the associated motor, drive and accessories from Pumping Services, Inc. of Middlesex,

NJ in accordance with their price quote #039857 dated February 17, 2025, and price quote #040023 dated March 17, 2025, in the total amount of \$107,076.23 under the NJWWCP Cooperative Contract #B364-2.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

New Jersey Water Environment Association (NJWEA)
Trade Show Conference

The annual Wastewater Trade Show Conference conducted by the New Jersey Water Environment Association is scheduled for May 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th. Authority employees will be in attendance to gain Continuing Education Credits for their State Operating licensing, and to visit the various vendors in the Exhibit Hall. The Commissioners are encouraged to attend to become better familiar with the issues facing the wastewater industry.

New Jersey Water Environment Association (NJWEA)
AWARD

As previously mentioned, Mr. Roy has been notified that the Old Bridge MUA will receive an award from the NJWEA at their annual conference in May. The award is presented annually to recognize organizations for their outstanding support to enhance the training and continuing education of licensed professionals within the State of New Jersey. The Old Bridge MUA does a good job of that. The award will be presented on Monday, May 5th, during the annual conference and trade show at Harrah's Resort.

Mr. Roy said that the rooms have already been booked. He requested that the Commissioners fill out the registration form indicating the classes and days they want to register. Mr. Roy said to make sure the Commissioners sign up for the President's Award Ceremony on Monday to attend it for

our award, and also the Tuesday evening event, and give it to Ronnie. Mr. Roy said that we can save money by doing it a la cart.

Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The Annual Consumer Confidence Report has been prepared and has been posted on the Authority's website <http://obmua.com>. All the Authority's customers will be notified on their next billing statement that the CCR is available online. If any customer wishes to receive a hard copy of the CCR, we will mail it to them upon request. The note on the billing statement will provide contact information to request a hard copy. The CCR has been made available to our customers before the mandatory due date of July 1, 2025.

Brunetti Connection Fee Case

The decision from the court regarding the Brunetti Connection Fee lawsuit will be discussed by Mitch Jacobs in Executive Session.

Old Bridge MUA Condolences to the family of Jorge Yasin on his Passing

The Old Bridge MUA sends their condolences to the family of Jorge Yasin on his passing on March 27, 2025, at the age of 59. Jorge was employed with the Authority working in the Sewer Division.

A motion to accept Mr. Roy's Executive Director'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.

Engineering Reports: Michael Roy, P.E.

REPORT UPON DEVELOPER'S APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Woodhaven Village Section 3/Woodhaven Village, Inc., W24-728, Tentative Water

The Woodhaven Village Section 3 Development is on the east side of Englishtown Road, between John Wall Road, Woodhaven Boulevard and

Texas Road, and consists of 364 (72 Patio Homes and 292 Single Family Homes).

The development will require the construction of approximately 18,520 LF (3.5 miles) of on-site eight-inch (8") DIP water main to connect to the existing twelve-inch water main on John Wall Road and Woodhaven Boulevard to service 364 Single-family units.

Mr. Roy said that a map is in his report showing the different sections of Woodhaven. He said that Woodhaven Section 3 is on for approval now.

Mr. Roy said that the Tentative Review fees have been paid.

Preliminary Approval was granted pursuant to the "Agreement Regarding Regional Water System Improvements between Woodhaven Village, Matchaponix Estates, and the OBMUA" dated December 2, 1998. Township Preliminary Planning Board Approval was granted on October 29, 2019.

The Applicant has indicated that all proposed water mains and fire hydrants will be dedicated to the Authority. The size, material and installation of the on-site water service lines are also subject to approval by the Township Plumbing Sub-Code Official.

They have to submit proof of the Fire Official's Approval of hydrant locations and provide a list of outside agency permits required for this project including County Road Opening Permits.

Drawings are to be revised as per the marked-up drawing set sent to the Applicant's Consulting Engineer in a letter dated March 4, 2025.

Applicant is to submit BWSE Permit Application package for processing by our office that includes the plan revisions noted on the marked-up drawing set sent to the Applicant's Consulting Engineer.

Mr. Roy said that he recommends Tentative Water Approval subject to the four conditions that are in his report.

Woodhaven Village Section 3/Woodhaven Village, Inc., S24-608, Tentative Sewer

Mr. Roy said that this development will also require the construction of approximately 14,300 LF (2.7 miles) of on-site eight-inch (8") PVC sewer main connecting to the existing 18" Barclay Brook Trunk Sewer to service

the 364 Single-family units.

Fees sufficient for Tentative Review have been paid.

The Authority granted Preliminary Approval with the 1984 Woodhaven Agreement. Township Preliminary Planning Board Approval was granted on October 29, 2019.

The Applicant has indicated that all proposed sanitary sewer mains will be dedicated to the Authority.

The Applicant is providing service laterals and cleanouts for the existing dwellings on the existing John Wall Road (proposed Woodhaven Boulevard). These service lines shall be made available for Block 23001 Lots 3.11, 3.1210, 11 and 12.11, and Block 22000 Lot 25.11 at no cost to the existing property owners.

3 Drawings are to be revised as per the marked-up drawing set sent to the Applicant's Consulting Engineer with the attached letter dated March 4, 2025.

Applicant is to submit NJDEP Treatment Works Application package for processing by our office that includes the plan revisions noted on the marked-up drawing set sent to the Applicant's Consulting Engineer with said letter.

Mr. Roy recommends Tentative Sewer Approval subject to the four Conditions in his report.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for a resolution for approval of Woodhaven Village Section 3/Woodhaven Village, Inc., 364 Single Family Homes – W24-728, Tentative Water subject to the comments and the four conditions in Mr. Roy's April 11, 2025, Report.

The motion was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Chairman Blair.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None
5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

A motion for approval of Woodhaven Village Section 3/Woodhaven Village, Inc. 364 Single Family Homes – S24-608, Tentative Sewer subject to the comments and conditions in Mr. Roy's report was made by Mr. Casserly and seconded by Mr. Walker.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Dr. Greenberg said that she would like to make a comment and has nothing to do with water and sewer application.

Dr. Greenberg said that when a development of this magnitude is put in, and they don't take into consideration that this is off Texas Road. She said it is a County Road, and she does not know how they can expand it because of wetlands and other restrictions on the side of Texas Road. Dr. Greenberg said that those things have to be considered when you put in a development like this. She said that this has been going on since the early 1990's, and there was plenty of time to find a solution or to reevaluate this.

Mr. Roy said that traffic control is part of the Planning Board's review.

Dr. Greenberg said that the County has to step in and be a voice for these things.

Chairman Blair said when they make these improvements, they have to look at the other towns, not just Old Bridge.

Mr. Roy said that there is also a County Planning Board process.

Mr. Donatelli said that you must get it on the record. All the pipes and poles on Texas Road have to be moved in order to widen Texas Road. He said as a Township we should advocate that the County does something on Texas Road.

Mr. Weber said that the traffic on Rt. 9 has been caused mostly by the towns south of us.

OTHER ENGINEERING REPORTS

Water Division Auxiliary Garage – CME Engineering Services for I-Bank Application for Low Interest State Loan

Mr. Roy said that as previously reported to the Board, there is a need for an auxiliary maintenance garage structure on the Authority's Rt. 516 property that currently serves as headquarters for the Water Division Maintenance Operations. The auxiliary garage will house the trucks and the new Vacuum Excavator Truck that was purchased last year. The garage will prolong the life of this equipment by keeping them out of the harsh winter weather months.

CME was authorized to perform the Engineering Services.

Mr. Roy said that we just found out that this project qualifies for funding through the NJ I-BANK low interest loan program.

Mr. Roy said that he recommends that the Authority authorize a low interest loan application to the NJ I-BANK for the Water Division Auxiliary Garage project, and he also recommends that CME Associates be authorized to proceed with the engineering services in connection with this loan application for the referenced project in accordance with their April 7, 2025, proposal and their February 7, 2024, Consulting Engineering Contract.

After the bids for this project have been received, a recommendation to award this construction contract will be made to the Commissioners at a future Board Meeting.

A motion authorizing an application with the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (NJ I-BANK) for the Water Division Auxiliary Route 516 Garage project was made by Mr. Weber and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

A motion authorizing CME Associates to perform engineering Services during the construction of an auxiliary maintenance garage (Route 516 Garage) was made by Mr. Casserly and seconded by Chairman Blair.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

**Oaks at Glenwood, Phase 1D, W86-284D, S86-208D,
Performance Guarantee Reductions**

K. Hovnanian has requested a reduction in their Water and Sanitary Sewer Performance Guarantees for the Phase 1D construction of the Oaks at Glenwood Development. Phase 1D consists of thirty single family homes being constructed by K. Hovnanian on Verbena Lane and Caladium Way within the Oaks at Glenwood Development.

The status of the water and sanitary sewer improvements for Phase 1D of the Oaks at Glenwood Development is that the water and sanitary sewer main construction is complete.

The final punch-list items for the water and sanitary sewer utility improvements remain outstanding. The applicant was requested to complete punch-list work within Phase 1D in a letter dated April 3, 2025.

The "As-built" Record Drawings for the water and sanitary sewer utility improvements remain outstanding. The applicant was requested to revise the as-built record drawings in a letter dated March 18, 2025.

The formal acceptance of the water and sanitary sewer utility improvements by resolution remains outstanding. The language will be prepared for the Deed of Dedication document once the as-built record drawings have been approved.

The posting of the Water and Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Guarantees remains outstanding and will be required in the future after the recommendation of the Water and Sanitary Sewer Performance Guarantee releases.

The water and sanitary sewer escrow accounts for Phase 1D both had shortfalls, but they have since been paid.

With the satisfactory completion of the water main installation for Phase 1D of the Oaks at Glenwood Development, Mr. Roy recommended that the Water Improvements Performance Guarantees (Surety Bond No. 1103112) be reduced by seventy percent (70%) from \$198,901.89 to a new surety bond amount of \$59,670.57, and the water cash bond be reduced from \$22,100.21 to a new water cash bond amount of \$6,630.06.

Mr. Roy also recommended that with the satisfactory completion of the sanitary sewer main installation for Phase 1D of the Oaks at Glenwood Development, that the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Performance Guarantees (Surety Bond No. 1103111) be reduced by seventy percent (70%) from \$260,404.65 to a new surety bond amount of \$78,121.40, and the sanitary sewer cash bond be reduced from \$28,933.85 to a new sanitary sewer cash bond amount of \$8,680.16.

Mr. Roy said this amount should safely protect the Authority regarding the performance of the remainder of Phase 1D work until this application can be closed out.

Mr. Roy said this 70% reduction is being made in accordance with our Rules & Regulations.

A motion was made by Chairman Blair and seconded by Mr. Casserly for Oaks at Glenwood, Phase 1D, W86-284D Performance Bond Reduction.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

A motion was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Casserly for Oaks at Glenwood, Phase 1D, S86-208D Performance Bond Reduction.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Segme GC Warehouses (Fairway Lane Warehouses), W21-702, S21-552, Performance Guarantee Reductions

Segme GC Warehouses has requested, through its principal, a reduction in their Water and Sanitary Sewer Performance Guarantees for the development known as the Fairway Lane Warehouses and consists of Warehouse Building #2, #3, #4 and #5.

Mr. Roy said that he recommends this based on the status of where they are at this time in their development.

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 sanitary sewer main construction is complete.

The final punch-list items for the water and sanitary sewer utility improvements remain outstanding. The applicant was requested to complete punch-list work in a letter dated January 24, 2025.

The "As-built" Record Drawings for the water and sanitary sewer utility improvements remain outstanding. The applicant was requested to revise the water and sanitary sewer as-built record drawings in a letter dated February 11, 2025.

The formal acceptance of the water and sewer utility improvements by resolution remains outstanding. The language will be prepared for the Deed of Dedication document for the portions of water and sanitary sewer improvements to be dedicated to the Authority once the as-built record drawings have been approved.

The posting of the Water and Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Guarantees for the portion of water and sanitary sewer improvements to be dedicated to the Authority remains outstanding and will be required in the future after the recommendation of the Water and Sanitary Sewer Performance Guarantee releases.

The water escrow account has sufficient funds; the sanitary sewer escrow account has a shortfall, and the applicant was requested to replenish this escrow account in a letter dated February 20, 2025.

With the satisfactory completion of the water main installation for the Segme GC Warehouses, Mr. Roy recommended that the Water Improvements Performance Guarantees (Surety Bond No. 621-102467-7) be reduced by seventy percent (70%) from \$1,691,576.37 to a new surety bond amount of \$507,472.91, and the water cash bond be reduced from \$187,952.93 to a new water cash bond amount of \$56,385.88.

Mr. Roy also recommended, with the satisfactory completion of the sanitary sewer main installation for the Segme GC Warehouses, that the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Performance Guarantees (Surety Bond No. 621-102468-6) be reduced by seventy percent (70%) from \$1,672,025.31 to a new surety bond amount of \$501,607.59, and the sanitary sewer cash bond be reduced from \$185,780.55 to a new sanitary sewer cash bond amount of \$56,734.17.

This amount should safely protect the Authority regarding the performance of the remainder of Segme GC Warehouses work until this application can be closed out.

A motion was made by Mr. Weber and seconded by Chairman Blair for Segme GC Warehouses (Fairway Lane Warehouses), W21-702 for a Performance Guarantee Reduction.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

A motion was made by Mr. Casserly and seconded by Chairman Blair for Segme GC Warehouse (Fairway Lane Warehouses), S21-552 for a Performance Guarantee Reduction.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

Mr. Roy said that concludes his Engineering Report.

A motion to accept Mr. Roy's Engineering Report was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded 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 he submitted his report, and asked if anyone had questions.

There were none.

A motion to accept Mr. Totten's Report was made by Mr. Blair and seconded by Mr. Weber.

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 he submitted his report, and asked if anyone had questions.

There were none.

A motion to accept Mr. Tier's Superintendent's Report was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Chairman Blair.

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 he submitted his report, and asked if anyone had questions.

There were none.

A motion to accept Mr. Gillins' Report was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Financial Report: Michelle Smith, Comptroller

Rate Hearing

Mrs. Smith said that her first item for action is to request authorization to advertise for a Rate Hearing on May 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., as discussed during the Budget Workshop.

A motion was made by Mr. Casserly and seconded by Chairman Blair.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

To Fund the OPEB Liability for the Current Year in Accordance with GASB45

Mrs. Smith said that her next item for action is a resolution to transfer \$488,859 to the Trust for Post-Employment Benefits, which will fund the OPEB liability for the fiscal year. This expense has been included in the current budget.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

To Increase the Deductibles on our Commercial Auto & Property Policies

Mrs. Smith said a resolution is needed to Increase the Deductibles on our Commercial Auto & Property Insurance Policies.

Mrs. Smith said that her next item for action pertains to our current Auto & Property Policies. She said that we renewed both policies last month keeping existing deductible levels in place. However, Selective Insurance provided us with alternative options to consider which she has attached to her report.

Mrs. Smith reviewed the options for the Commercial Auto Coverage:

Option 1:

Current deductible: \$500 per claim

Proposed deductible: \$1,000 per claim

Annual savings from deductible increase: \$4,124

Mrs. Smith said that there are an average of three claims per year. She said this would result in anticipated net savings of \$2,624 per year.

The break-even point is eight claims per year.

Mrs. Smith said that if we have fewer than eight claims, this option will save us money.

Option 2:

Current deductible: \$500 per claim

Proposed deductible: \$2,000 per claim

Annual savings from deductible increase: \$12,550

Mrs. Smith said that there are an average of three claims per year.

She said the anticipated net savings would be \$8,050 per year with a break-even point of eight claims per year.

Mrs. Smith then reviewed the Commercial Property Coverage:

Option 1:

Current deductible: \$5,000 per claim

Proposed deductible: \$10,000 per claim

Mrs. Smith said that the proposed deductible results in an annual savings of \$20,446.

She said that we typically do not have any claims filed under this Policy, so the break-even point is four claims per year.

Option 2:

Current deductible: \$5,000 per claim

Proposed deductible: \$25,000 per claim

Annual savings from deductible increase: \$60,156

Average claims per year are zero with an anticipated Net Savings of \$60,156 per year.

The break-even point is three claims per year.

She said these are the available options, and if you decide to proceed with any of them and adjust our policy, a resolution will be needed.

Attorney Jacobs asked Mrs. Smith which Option she is recommending?

Mrs. Smith said that she would go with Option 2 for both of them which saves the most on the premium and keep the expense line budget amount the same in case we have any deductibles, we would have enough to cover it. She said that she hasn't seen eight claims on the auto. Usually, the range is one to five with the average being three. She said that she would take the chance.

Chairman Blair asked if there were any other questions. There were none. He said we need a motion and a second.

Attorney Jacobs said that the resolution would be for adopting Option No. 2 for both the Commercial Insurance and Auto and Property Coverages as proposed by Michelle Smith.

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, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Mrs. Smith said that lastly, she attached to her reports of the Revenue and Expense Schedules through March 31, 2025, with Year-End Projections. In the Water Division, we expect to use \$6.6 million of the \$8.6 million in Retained Earnings that were budgeted to break even for the year. In the Sewer Division, Revenues are currently exceeding expenses by approximately \$1 million; mainly, because several capital projects have been deferred to next year's budget.

Mrs. Smith said that concludes her report.

A motion to approve Mrs. Smith's Financial 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.

Bills & Claims: Dr. Greenberg said the Bills & Claims are for a total of \$3,077,647.41.

Chairman Blair asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

A motion to approve the Bills & Claims in the amount of \$3,077,647.41 was made by Mr. Casserly and seconded by Mr. Weber.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Legal Report: Mitchell B. Jacobs, Esq.

Attorney Jacobs said that he has no Legal Report. He said, as Mr. Roy previously said, we will be having a discussion in Executive Session regarding the Brunetti Litigation.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Open to Public: Chairman Blair opened the meeting to the public at 11:47 a.m.

Chairman Blair said it is limited to a maximum period of three minutes per person.

Mr. Razzoli said since there was no public wishing to speak, he made a motion to close the public session.

There was no second.

Chairman Blair asked for a voice vote:

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Executive Session: Attorney Jacobs said that the Open Public Meetings Act allows for Nine Different Types of Topics to be discussed in Executive Session Outside of Public Attendance. He said one is pending litigation.

He said that we will be discussing in Executive Session the Brunetti matter. We expect to be in Executive Session for about 10 to 15 minutes, and after we come out of Executive Session, we may end up taking action.

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

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed..

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:48 a.m.

Resumption of
Open Session:

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:06 p.m.

Attorney Jacobs said that we need a motion for a resolution to Authorize Elliot Ostrove, Esq, to appeal the decision in the matter of Midtown Water Company – Brunetti Organization – John J. Brunetti v. Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority under Document No. MID-L-7031-23.

A motion was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Chairman Blair.

The roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair,

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Razzoli and seconded by Chairman Blair.

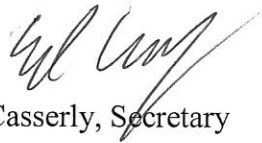
The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ed Casserly', written in a cursive style.

Edward Casserly, Secretary