OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 2026

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of May 20, 2026, was called to order at 11:20 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following the Public Rate Hearing.

Announcement: Chairman Blair announced that this meeting is being held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act. 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:

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

Also Present:

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

Previous Minutes: **Regular Meeting – December 17, 2025**
A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2025, was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Walker.

There were no corrections.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Regular Meeting – January 21, 2026
A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2026, was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Chairman Blair.

There were no corrections.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Reorganization Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2026
A motion to approve the Reorganization Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2026, was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Chairman Blair.

There were no corrections.

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Blair said he does not have a report at this time.

Executive Director's Report: Michael Roy, P.E.

Status of Various Projects

Mr. Roy said that the work on our Disbrow Road Elevated Water Storage Tank is finally completed.

Mr. Roy showed a model of the tank that was provided by Chicago Bridge and Iron who built the Disbrow Tank.

Mr. Roy said that the paving restoration is the only remaining work to be done with the Laurence Harbor Water Services Replacement project. He said this in an I-BANK Low interest loan project, and this project cannot be closed out until this work is done.

Should the Authority go to Monthly Billing?

Mr. Roy said that this is a question that the staff would like to present to the Commissioners at a future Board Meeting. We will provide both the advantages and disadvantages from our perspective as best we can, and the Commissioners can decide how to proceed in future billing of our ratepayers.

Mr. Roy said that we just talked about a rate increase. He said that the average user went from $45.00 a month to $47.25 a month. Mr. Roy said for that customer cost, we produce water from eight groundwater wells that are a hundred to four hundred feet underground. He said that we remove the iron and any contaminants that are in the groundwater. The EPA has passed oversight to the New Jersey DEP of over a hundred contaminants that we have to monitor for and remove if they are over certain levels. He said that we find very few of them in our groundwater. We provide safe drinking water to our customers, and we provide them with this water to their household fixtures with booster stations that provide the necessary pressure to pump through 250 miles of water main to each home. People have safe drinking water for under $50 a month.

Mr. Roy said that the same service is provided to our customers with the sewer service. He said that we have different pipes in the ground, but we collect all the wastewater from homes and properly dispose of it. There are 35 sanitary sewer pump stations, two major sewer trunk lines to the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) that treat the wastewater. Mr. Roy said all of that wastewater service is done for under $50 per month. So, drinking water service and wastewater collection service is performed by the Old Bridge MUA for under $100 a month.

Mr. Roy said that the Commissions may not want to do this, but we want to go to monthly billing, but we want to put it out there for discussion. He said that if there were smaller monthly bills, there may be more people willing to pay.

Mr. Roy said that we want to make this presentation and see what everyone thinks.

Sewer Division Vehicle Purchase Through the ESCNJ Cooperative, Co-Op Contract #65MCESCCPS

Mr. Roy said that the Sewer Division needs to purchase a new pick-up truck at a cost of $57,137.10, in which the funds are available for this. Mr. Roy said that this vehicle for the Sewer Division will replace a 2014 Ford F-350 pick-up truck with 93,768 miles that is in despair and requires a lot of maintenance and is recommended to be auctioned off on the website www.gov.deals.

Mr. Roy said that we are in the Middlesex Co-Op, ESCNJ Cooperative of which a new pick-up truck that would suit the Authority's needs is available under Contract ESCNJ 23/24-11.

Mr. Roy said that one resolution is needed for the purchase of the pick-up truck, and the other resolution is needed to auction off the 2014 Ford F-350 when we get this replacement vehicle.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for resolution for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-350 Super Duty SRW 4x4 Super Cab pick-up truck for use in the Sewer Division through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative (ESCNJ 23/24-11 at a total cost of $57,137.10.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker 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

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for a resolution where the Authority is authorizing the auctioning off of a 2014 Ford F-350 pick-up truck on Gov.Deals.com.

A motion was made by Dr. Greenberg 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

Sewer Division Vehicle Purchase Through the Bergen County Cooperative, CO-OP Contract 24-43 and Contract 24-06

Mr. Roy said that the Sewer Division needs to purchase a new utility body truck with a crane for the safe removal of pumps and valves at the thirty-five sanitary sewer pump stations through the Township. The cost of the vehicle is $221,518.37, which the funds are available.

Mr. Roy said that this vehicle will replace a 2014 Ford F-550 utility body truck with 55,819 miles that is in disrepair and requires a lot of maintenance and is recommended to be auctioned off on the website www.gov.deals.

Mr. Roy said that this vehicle is from a different Co-Op and supplier. He said it is from Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, NJ under the Bergen County CO-OP. Mr. Roy said that we have a proposal from them dated February 20, 206, and revised on April 23, 2026, at a price of $221,518.37 from Winner Ford under the Bergen County Co-Op.

Mr. Roy said that authorization is needed to auction off the 2014 Ford F-550 utility body truck that is being replaced, when the time comes as surplus equipment on the website www.gov.deals.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion for a resolution is needed authorizing the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-550 at the price of $221,518.37 from Winner Ford through the Bergen County Co-Op.

Dr. Greenberg asked if there was training to use the crane.

Mr. Gillins said that when the new vehicle is delivered, they show us how to properly use it.

A motion was made by Dr. Greenberg 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

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for a resolution authorizing the Authority to auction off the existing 2014 Ford F-550 utility body truck on www.gov.deals.

A motion was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Chairman Blair.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Annual Contract for the Laboratory Testing of Industrial Sewage, Contract No. S26-247

Mr. Roy said that we need to advertise a goods and services contract for public bids for the laboratory testing of industrial sewage in the Sewer Division.

Mr. Roy said that the current contract will expire at the end of July and has already been extended for an additional two years and can no longer be extended. He said that we are now required by law to advertise for public bids to solicit a new annual contract, and we need a resolution to authorize this advertisement.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed to advertise the Annual Contract for the Laboratory Testing of Industrial Sewage, Contract No. S26-247.

A motion was made by Dr. Greenberg 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

Annual Contract for Water and Sewer Supply Materials, Contract No. WS26-248

Mr. Roy said that we need to advertise a goods and services contract for public bids to purchase various water and sewer supply materials for our field crews that perform repairs and field services.

Mr. Roy said that the current contract will expire at the end of July, and the current vendor Ferguson Water Works Supply is not willing to extend the contract for another year at the current NJDCA Index Rate of 3.5% due to increases in their wholesale prices that exceed that percentage.

Mr. Roy said that the cost of metal went up, and the vendor could not hold his prices, so we have to go out to bid.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for a resolution authorizing the Authority to Advertise the Annual Contract for Water and Sewer Supply Materials, Contract No. WS26-248.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

Mr. Roy said that he gave a copy of the Annual Consumer Confidence Report to each Board member at the last meeting. He said that the customers are being given a notice one their utility bill at each one of the three billing cycles that the CCR is available online. He said that the customers want a hard copy, we will mail it to them upon request. Mr. Roy said that it has been made available to our customers before the mandatory due date of July 1, 2026.

Old Bridge MUA Condolences to the Family of Gary Brown on his Passing

Mr. Roy said that the OBMUA sends their condolences to the family of Gary Brown. He died on May 7, 2026 at the age of 67. Gary was employed with the Authority working in the Water Division for 36 years and retired in 2023. He was well liked among his coworkers and friends.

Mr. Roy asked for a Moment of Silence for Gary Brown.

Old Business:

CME (Artheon) and R3M Geographical Information System (GIS) Update

Mr. Roy said that representatives for both CME (Artheon) and R3M will make a short presentation on the status of the GIS mapping and Asset Management Program of the Authority's Water Distribution and Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems.

Mr. Roy said that they will give you a progress report on what they have accomplished in the past year.

CME (Artheon) and R3M each gave a short presentation and update.

Handouts were given to the Commissioners to follow their presentation.

Mr. Roy said that the information now being presented to the Board, can be seen and obtained in the field by employees from a computer tablet.

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.

Executive Session: Attorney Jacobs said that we are going into Executive Session for two topics. He said that there are nine topics allowed to be discussed in closed session outside of public attendance. Attorney Jacobs there are two topics on the agenda. He said one is attorney/client advice and pending litigation regarding the condemnation of the Ticetown Road Property and the other one is discussion on Health Care Benefits for Commissioners.

Attorney Jacobs said that there are Commissioners who are currently receiving Benefits, and in his professional opinion, it would be a conflict for any Commissioner who is currently receiving benefits to participate in Executive Session or to participate if we come out of Executive Session to take action.

He said that we will do the Ticetown Road Property Condemnation first with all the Commissioners in attendance, and then before we get to the second issue, he will ask the Commissioners that are currently receiving health care benefits to leave the Executive Session due to a conflict that he perceives.

A motion to go into Executive Session 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.

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:47 a.m.

Resumption of Open Session: The Board returned to open session at 12:24 p.m.

REPORT UPON DEVELOPER'S APPLICAIONS FOR APPROVAL

None

OTHER ENGINEERING REPORTS

JBN Warehouse #9 – Approval of Developer's Agreement

Attorney Jacobs said that the Developer has two different LLCs, and the Agreement has to be resigned, and the paperwork done right.

Mr. Roy said this application is being tabled and put on a future agenda.

Lakeridge Embankment Failure – Design and Bid Proposal to Alaimo Associates

Mr. Roy said that a soil embankment behind 27 Greenwood Drive in the Lakeridge Development has failed and a large section of the slope significantly slid due to an intense amount of rainfall. He said that the Authority has a 10" sanitary sewer that brings wastewater down to the Lakeridge Pump Station. He said that a wall next to the easement slid down. He said that initially the work to correct the unstable slope was to put riprap on the side of that wall so that it would not slide down any further on the easement. Mr. Roy said that work was done. He said that what happened is that the whole slope all the way down to the toe of the slope slid from the weight of that riprap.

Mr. Roy said that Alaimo Associates hired a Geotechnical Engineering Specialist to find out what was going on with the slope. He said that based on their report, they recommended certain improvements to be done, so that the slope would not continue to slip.

Mr. Roy said that Alaimo Associates has a proposal just under $25,000 to perform Engineering Services and Bid Services to design a project for public bids. He said that now that we know about the problem, we cannot ignore it, and we must move forward with doing this project.

Mr. Roy said at this time, he needs an authorization for Alaimo Associates to proceed with the Engineering Services to re-design the project in accordance with their May 5, 2026, proposal and Consulting Engineering Contract when they were appointed on February 4, 2026.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed approving the engineering services to Alaimo Associates in accordance with the recommendations made in Mr. Roy's May 15, 2026, report on the Lakeridge Embankment Failure and Bid Proposal to Alaimo Associates.

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, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair
Nays:	None

Absent:	None	
5 Ayes	0 Nays	0 Absent

Bills & Claims: Dr. Greenberg said that she needed to leave the meeting early, so she wanted to approve the Bills & Claims for this month at this point in the meeting. The Bills & Claims are for a total of $3,936,251.81.

A motion to approve the Bills & Claims was made by Chairman Blair 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

Dr. Greenberg had to leave the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Summerfield Force Main Replacement – Design and Bid Proposal for R3M Engineering

Mr. Roy said that this project is also a design and bid engineering services proposal for R3M Engineering.

Mr. Roy said that Summerfield Pump Station is located as your coming over the bridge from Morgan past the Viking Marina. He said that the pump station is on the gas station property. He said that there is a force main that goes down the road which was built when the town was first sewered. Mr. Roy said our infrastructure is getting old.

Mr. Roy said that we had a break in the force main pipe, and it is in really bad shape. He said that R3M has a proposal to replace about 750 feet of force main, and some work inside the pump station. He said that R3M has a proposal for a little over $47,000 for the bid and design work to replace this force main. It is estimated to be about $500,000.

Mr. Roy said that for now he recommends authorization to proceed with the Engineering Services of this project in accordance with their May 1, 2026, proposal and their February 4, 2026, Consulting Engineering Contract.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion for resolution awarding the engineering services for the Summerfield Force Main Replacement – Design and Bid Proposal to R3M Engineering in accordance with Mr. Roy's Engineering Report of May 15, 2026.

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

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

CME GIS Proposal for FYE 2027

Mr. Roy said that these next two issues are to give CME and R3M authorization to continue their GIS work for the fiscal year ending May 2027.

Mr. Roy said that the first proposal is from CME, and their proposal is dated May 1, 2026, in the amount of $74,934.00 for GIS work. Mr. Roy said that this was budgeted for which we do every year. He said that we want to authorize that proposal in accordance with their Consulting Engineer Contract dated February 4, 2026.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Casserly, Blair
Nays:	None

Absent:	Greenberg	
5 Ayes	0 Nays	1 Absent

R3M GIS Proposal for FYE 2027

Mr. Roy said R3M's proposal is dated May 1, 2026, for $74,840.00 for GIS work until the end of FYE 2027, which was also budgeted for and in accordance with their appointment dated February 4, 2026.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Superintendent's Report:

Wally Tier, Superintendent – Distribution – Water Division
Ray Totten, Superintendent – Treatment – Water Division
Walter E. Gillins, Superintendent – Sewer Division

Chairman Blair asked if anyone had any questions on the Superintendents' Reports?

Mr. Weber asked about selling water to Aberdeen.

Mr. Roy said we make a lot of money on Aberdeen. He said that we mark the cost of water up.

Chairman Blair asked for a motion to accept the Superintendents' Reports?

A motion 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

Adopted Budget Resolution – Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2027

Mrs. Smith said that her first item is the Adopted Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2027. She said that now that the rate resolution has been approved, we can move forward with adopting the budget. She said that the figures included in this resolution are the same as those presented during the budget workshop held in March.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for the Adopted Budget Resolution – Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2027.

A motion for the Adopted Budget Resolution – Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2027, was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

OPEB Resolution

Mrs. Smith said that her next resolution is to address the OPEB Liability for the current year, in compliance with GASB 45, by transferring $845,754.80 to the Trust for Post-Employment Benefits. This expense has been accounted for in the budget. Fully funding the Net OPEB Liability for this year will maintain a stable liability level, positively impact our financial standing, and strengthen our ability to meet future obligations.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for a resolution for the Authority to Fund the OPEB Liability for fiscal year 2026 in accordance with GASB 45.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

OPRA Request Form Resolution

Mrs. Smith said that her next item is the new OPRA Request Form Resolution. The State of New Jersey has amended the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), and the Government Records Council has established a revised OPRA request form that Governmental Agencies are required to adopt. She said that attached to her report is the resolution as well as a copy of the updated OPRA request form.

Chairman Blair said that we need a motion and a second to adopt the OPRA Request Form.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Revenue & Expense Reports

Mrs. Smith said that her last item is the Revenue and Expense Schedules for the eleven months ending April 30, 2026, along with projected figures through the fiscal year ending May 31, 2026. She said that based on current projections, we expect to use approximately $0.6 million of the $1.4 million in budgeted retained earnings for the Water Division, and none in the Sewer Division, due to the deferral of capital projects to the next fiscal year's budget.

Mrs. Smith said that concludes her report.

Chairman Blair asked if anyone had questions.

There were none.

A motion to accept Mrs. Smith's Financial 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

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

New Business: Mr. Weber said that the people who are billed quarterly now, do we get a lot of heat from them?

Mrs. Smith said no, not that much.

Mr. Weber said that Mr. Roy mentioned that there were heavy users in the summer. He said my suggestion is to consider offering those people an estimate of what their previous bill was over six months. He said they could pay it off in smaller amounts.

Mrs. Smith said that we would have to change the whole rate.

Mr. Weber said that they could prepay it.

Mrs. Smith said that we do have people that send in monthly payments.

Mr. Weber asked if we can advise them?

Mr. Razzoli said that he would like to hear a presentation by the employees regarding monthly billing.

Mr. Razzoli said that he does not want to decide right now.

Chairman Blair asked if there were any other questions.

Mr. Walker said that he knows that we approved at a previous meeting to install a plaque with Arthur Haney's name on the new tank. He asked if that was still on track to be done.

Mr. Roy said that nothing has been done with that.

Chairman Blair said that we can leave it up to an open discussion at a later date.

Mr. Razzoli said that a point of order on that issue. He said when he was chairman, a matter like that had to be put on the agenda, to give an opportunity for the public to comment. It just can't be voted on, if it was not on the agenda.

Chairman Blair said that we will put it on the agenda.

Attorney Jacobs said that when we name something after someone, there should be a formal resolution of recognition.

Open to Public: Chairman Blair opened the meeting to the public at 12:44 p.m.

Hearing no public wishing to speak, Chairman Blair closed the public portion.

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

The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Casserly, Secretary