

**OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2026**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of June 17, 2026, was called to order at 11:00 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 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.

Commissioner Razzoli started the meeting requesting a point of order. He said that he wanted to go on the record that at the last Council Meeting, the Township Attorney Ken Lozier confirmed that the Mayor, Debbie Walker, is an employee as Public Safety Director. She is the Public Safety Director and is able to take a vehicle. He said that the Nepotism Ordinance is still being ignored, and that Bruce Walker is still on this MUA Board. Mr. Razzoli said that he read into the record what the Nepotism Ordinance said and that he previously notified the Township.

Attorney Jacobs said to bring this up during New Business.

Mr. Razzoli said that Bruce Walker is going to be voting before then. He said that our Hiring Policy is being called into question at this meeting, but yet they selectively enforce their own policies. He will bring the matter up under New Business. He said that he wants the record to reflect this.

Mr. Walker said to Mr. Razzoli that it is odd that your wife works for the Board of Education.

Mr. Razzoli asked what nepotism is that?

Attorney Jacobs said we have to follow the process and discuss this under New Business.

Previous Minutes: **Regular Meeting – February 18, 2026**

A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2026, was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Casserly.

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 that 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 as previously reported, additional work was needed with the Laurence Harbor Water Service Replacement Project on Woodbine Avenue to eliminate a newly found 4" galvanized water line. He said that at this point that work is done, the paving is done, and the project is ready to be closed out. Mr. Roy said that we completed the project within budget, and within the current contract amount, so no change order will be necessary on this project.

Employee Hiring Policy

Mr. Roy said that there is a need for the Authority to establish a formal employment hiring policy for any new hires. Attorney Jacobs' office will assist with developing the language for the policy and the resolution memorializing it. Mr. Roy asked if the Commissioners wanted to take any action at this meeting.

Attorney Jacobs said that if we are going to do anything, it will be a resolution authorizing the development of the new hiring policy.

Attorney Jacob said that we do not have a policy.

Mr. Razzoli asked who handles the hiring now. He asked if it was in the Executive Director's contract? Mr. Razzoli asked if we are going to make a policy that supersedes his contract?

Attorney Jacobs said that we are going to discuss putting in place a policy that sets forth what that process is whether in fact it is the will of the Board to have a vote on it after the Executive Director selects who he wants. He said right now there is no policy in place. There is authority in Mr. Roy's contract for him to select and hire employees. He said that is what we are going to revisit.

Mr. Razzoli said that there is only one Commissioner here qualified who knows anything about the MUA, and that is the Chairman.

Mr. Razzoli said that he has the utmost confidence in our Supervisors and Mr. Roy conducting the interview process like everywhere else. He said that the Council is not involved with hiring in the Township. Mr. Razzoli said that he thinks that it should remain the way it is with Mr. Roy and the Supervisors. They know the talent they need. It should be on them. The Commissioners should have nothing to do with this process.

Attorney Jacobs said that he is going to develop a policy. It might be that the Executive Director makes all the decisions. Nothing has been decided yet.

Mr. Simone asked if the Auditor commented on this?

Attorney Jacobs said I do not know.

Attorney Jacobs said that there are some Authorities that the Executive Director has the ability to hire people but present the recommendation for hiring to the Board. This way they know a position is being filled, and how much it is. Basically, what the option is in coming up with the hiring policy.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed authorize the Board in conjunction with my office to establish a hiring policy for employees of the Authority.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: Razzoli

Absent: None

4 Ayes 1 Nay 0 Absent

Conflict-of-Interest Policy

Mr. Roy said that Attorney Jacobs will review established procedure of behavior of Board Members where there exists conflict of interest during discussion and voting on certain motions.

Attorney Jacobs said that he included a memo in the packet of what a conflict of interest is, and it is really up to the Commissioners themselves to recuse themselves if they have a conflict of interest. He said that if they do not recuse themselves because they believe they do not have a conflict of interest, and it turns out to be a conflict of interest, then there could be some sort of ethical violations. It was in the Commissioners' packages regarding voting or participating in a discussion.

Attorney Jacobs said ultimately it is with the Commissioners to recuse themselves.

Health Benefits

Mr. Roy said that there will be a discussion on Health Benefits in Executive Session, which may be followed by Board action.

Old Bridge Day – Mark Your Calendar

Mr. Roy said that he wanted to remind everyone to mark your calendar early for Old Bridge Day on September 26, 2026. The MUA has a big presence at Old Bridge Day and a lot of things for people to come to see.

Mr. Roy said that concludes his Executive Director's Report.

A motion to accept the Executive Director's Report was made by Dr. Greenberg, and it was seconded by Mr. Weber.

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

Society Hill, County Place and Lakeridge West Sewage Pump Station Connection Realignment Feasibility Study

Mr. Roy said that this project has evolved. It started out with the Society Hill Force Main breaking several times along Cottrell Road. He said that the most recent pipe break closed a portion of Cottrell Road for a day. Mr. Roy said that we wanted to take a look at the condition of the force main, which is bad, and what it would cost to replace it. He said that initially we looked at just replacing the force main which is a mile and a quarter long on both Cottrell and Ticetown Roads to our sewer trunk line that crosses Rt. 9.

Mr. Roy said that the cost to replace that entire force main is about \$2 million dollars. He said that we also want to see if we could shorten the force main similar to what we did on Morganville Road with the Cedar Ridge force main. At the time that the Cedar Ridge development was built, there was nowhere to go before Yardly Manor was built. He said that the developer of Cedar Ridge had to go all the way down Ticetown Road to discharge their sewage to the Authority sewage system.

The Authority authorized a project to redirected the Cedar Ridge force main up Morganville Road to connect into the force main from Yardley Manor Pump Station which flows to Laurence Harbor. We got rid of that whole force main pipe on Ticetown Road which was a mile and a half long. He said that we wanted to see if we could tie Society Hill force main into Norman Lane and shorten it up the distance from pump station to the point of discharge.

Mr. Roy said that the problem with this plan is that there were some sewer pipes downstream that are undersized. Part of this plan would therefore be

to modify the sewer system. One way is to make some of the downstream sewer pipe bigger, but that cost is more than replacing the entire pipe, or about two and a half million dollars.

He said that we tried to take the flow from what is contributing to this undersized pipe and removing it and redirecting it somewhere else. He said that the Country Place Pump Station was built in 1990. Oakwoode at Old Bridge was built in 1995. He said that at the time, Country Place could only go up to Morningside or Ticetown and tie into where that flow was contributing to the undersized pipe. He said if you take the flow out of Country Place and redirect it, now there is room for Society Hill to come into this sewer system.

In addition to that, we could also eliminate the Country Place Pump Station with cost savings from electric, labor and maintaining it. All of those costs would disappear. He said if we go to the I-Bank, DEP loves when you save electrical costs. We very likely could get loan forgiveness from them in the same way that we got it for the fuel facility during Sandy. He said that we saw that as a big advantage.

Mr. Roy said that the Lakeridge Pump Station is also old and contributes to the under sizing of that gravity line by Norman Lane. He said that there is a possibility that we could get rid of two pump stations. He said that we have a proposal from R3M that includes \$20,000 worth of metering that was in addition to what was previously authorized. They needed three meters instead of two, and they went over budget.

Mr. Roy said that we are authorizing in this proposal \$53, 375 but some of this work has already been done. R3M Engineering prepared a draft report of their findings, and this authorization will help them finish this report up. We will be able to identify the exact location of these gravity lines, and any easements or environmental permits that we need. R3M Engineering needs to do a little bit more study on where these new sewers are going to actually be located.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion for resolution is needed authorizing engineering services to R3M Engineering for additional services for Phase 3 of the Society Hill, Country place and Lakeridge West Sewage Pump Station Projects in accordance with Mike Roy's June 12, 2026, Report.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Bioxide Chemical Supplies – Sewer Division, Contract No. S25-239, Extension of Annual Contract for 1 Year

The Sewer Division uses Bioxide Chemical Supplies for odor control in their pump stations to control odors. Mr. Roy said that we awarded this contract last year, and it can be extended for two additional years upon mutual agreement. The vendor has agreed to extend the contract, and we do not have a problem with it. They are performing well, and Mr. Roy recommends that we give them a one-year extension based on the index rate that the State allows, which is 3.5%. He said that the price will go from \$3.19 per gallon to \$3.30 a gallon which is about a \$5,500 annual increase in costs to us.

Attorney Jacobs asked for a motion for a resolution authorizing the extension of Contract No. S25-239 to Bioxide Chemical Supplies in accordance with Mr. Roy's June 10, 2026, Report.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Madison Park Sewage Pump Station Upgrades – Contract No. 2025-1, Award Contract

Mr. Roy said that Alaimo Associates was previously authorized design services in May 2024. We worked closely with them to make sure that we

got everything into the design that we wanted. We received authorization to advertise this year in March and went out to bid. There was only one bidder, Municipal Maintenance Company at \$514,247.00. Mr. Roy said that Alaimo Associates recommends that we award this contract to them. He said we budgeted \$750,000, and the bid is way under the budgeted amount for this line item.

Mr. Roy said that Alaimo Associates recommends the award, and he agrees with the recommendation to award this contract to Municipal Maintenance Company.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion for resolution is needed to award Contract No. 2025-1 to Municipal Maintenance Company for the Madison Park Sewage Pump Station in accordance with the recommendations from Alaimo Associates on June 10, 2026.

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

Sanitary Sewer Ravine Crossing – Contract No. 2026-1, Award Contract

Mr. Roy said that this action will award a contract for the Sanitary Sewer Ravine Crossing project behind the Tennis Club on Rt. 34. He said that Alaimo Associates was authorized to design this project in September 2023. He said that we have been working closely with them to make sure everything was being done to our standards. Mr. Roy said that this project involves temporary easements, so there was a little delay in getting this project ready and out to bid. Mr. Roy said that we advertised this project for bids in March of this year.

Mr. Roy said that we had four different bidders. The low bid came in at \$648,54.00. He said that we budgeted one million dollars, and this bid was way under the Engineer's estimate and our budget line item and is a good price.

Alaimo Associates is recommending that we award this contract to Marlin Construction Services, and he also agrees with this recommendation.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for a resolution awarding Contract 2026-1 for Sanitary Sewer Ravine Crossing Project to Marlin Construction Services in accordance with Mr. Roy's recommendation and Alaimo Associates' recommendation in their June 10, 2026, Report.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Walker, Weber, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Old Bridge WTP Clarifier Bearing Replacement, Contract No. W26-245 – Final Quantities Change Order

Mr. Roy said that this is a minus change order for a reduction of the contract amount to replace the bearing at the Old Bridge Water Treatment Plant Clarifier. There was an allowance in the Contract Documents for other needed items during the work, but we did not need to use it. He said that we are reducing this contract amount by \$5,000.00 from the original contract amount of \$56,000.00 to \$51,000.00.

Mr. Roy said that he is recommending that this project be authorized to have an amended contract amount through this change order.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion is needed for a resolution authorizing a Final Quantities Change Order for Contract No. W26-245 which is a negative change order for the Old Bridge Water Treatment Plant Clarifier Replacement in accordance with Mr. Roy's recommendation in his June 10, 2026, report.

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

Mr. Roy said that concludes his report.

A motion to accept Mr. Roy's Engineering Reports 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
Reports:

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

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

Mr. Walker asked why the Oak Street & Marlboro Road is double for 2026 in the Monthly Water Distribution May Report and asked if that was normal for this time of year.

Mr. Totten said that during this time of year the flow is going to be a lot more.

Mr. Roy said that when we were doing this bearing repair work at the Old Bridge WTP, we had to empty the clarifier and the whole treatment plant was shut down.

Mr. Totten said they used to say Middlesex Water provides us with 40% of our water, but it was over 60% last year. He said that the Middlesex Water portion is just going to keep going up each year.

A motion to accept the three Superintendents' Reports 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.

Financial Report: Michelle Smith, Comptroller

Mrs. Smith said her first item is a resolution authorizing the transfer of \$1,500,000 from the Sewer Division Renewal & Replacement Fund to the Water Division Renewal & Replacement Fund. These funds will be used to finance the test wells at the future Ticetown Road Water Treatment Plant site, as these expenditures are not eligible for funding through the I-Bank.

A motion to Authorize the Transfer of Funds was made by was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Dr. Greenberg.

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 she also attached to her report the Preliminary Revenue and Expense Schedule for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2026. These figures are subject to change pending year end adjustments and accruals. She said that at this time, the Water Division is projected to utilize approximately \$0.13 million of the \$1.37 million in budgeted retained earnings, while no retained earnings are projected to be used in the Sewer Division.

Mrs. Smith said that is all that she has.

A motion to accept 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 that the Bills and Claims for this month are \$1,983,435.40.

A motion to approve the Bills and Claims for this month was made by Mr. Casserly 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

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

Old Business: Chairman Blair asked if there was any Old Business.

There was none.

New Business: Mr. Razzoli said that he still maintains, as stated earlier, that he needs clarification from either the State Controller's Office or the AG's Office about the Nepotism Ordinance.

Open to the Public: Chairman Blair opened the meeting to the public at 11:25 a.m.

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

Attorney Jacobs said for the record no public was wanting to speak.

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

Executive Session: Attorney Jacobs said to put on the record that the Open Public Meetings Act allows for an Executive Session outside of public involvement. He said that there are nine different categories that fall within the matters that can be discussed in closed session.

Attorney Jacobs said that one of the categories is Attorney/Client Privilege. We are going to be discussing in Executive Session the Attorney/Client Privilege information regarding a possible change to the Healthcare Benefits for Authority Commissioners. We expect to be in closed session for approximately 15 to 20 minutes, at which time we will come out of closed session and into open session and may take action. He said that it is now 11:26 am.

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Mr. Simone 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 11:26 a.m.

Commissioners Walker, Weber and Casserly could not participate in Executive Session because they recused themselves since they are currently receiving Healthcare Benefits from the Old Bridge MUA.

Resumption of Open Session:

The Board returned to open session at 11:30 a.m.

A motion to go back into public 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.

Attorney Jacobs said that we have one matter to vote on. He said that it is a resolution clarifying Healthcare Benefits afforded to Commissioners. He said that there is a resolution on the table. Attorney Jacobs said that it is already determined that Authority Commissioners do not get health benefits. He said that this resolution clarifies that Commissioners who are currently receiving benefits will only receive those benefits through the end of their existing term with the Old Bridge MUA. He said that there will be no benefits whatsoever for any new reappointments.

Any Commissioner currently receiving benefits will continue to receive them only through the date of the expiration of their current term as Commissioner of the Old Bridge MUA. He said to the extent that they are reappointed, they will not be receiving any health benefits. Commissioners from this date forward or from the date of the last resolution that was passed will also not be able to receive any retirement benefits.

Attorney Jacobs said Commissioners Walker, Weber and Casserly could not sit at the table while the Board was going to vote on a change in the Healthcare Benefit Coverage for the Old Bridge MUA Commissioners' Resolution since they recused themselves.

Attorney Jacobs said that a motion for resolution is needed to pass a revised policy on the entitlement and non-entitlement to regular and retirement health benefits afforded to Commissioners of the Old Bridge MUA.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Greenberg, Razzoli, Simone, Blair

Nays: None

Absent: None

4 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Attorney Jacobs said that for the record we did have three recusals from both the Executive Session and from this vote. The ones who recused themselves are not sitting at the dais to avoid any appearance of impropriety. He said that he is stating for the record that they voluntarily reused themselves because they are currently receiving some sort of health benefits from the Authority. Mr. Walker, Mr. Weber and Mr. Casserly did not participate or vote on this matter, since they had recused themselves.

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

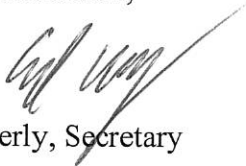
The voice vote was as follows:

All Commissioners were in favor.

No Commissioners were opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ed Casserly', written over the printed name.

Edward Casserly, Secretary