

Franklin Township Sewerage Authority

Minutes of Meeting

August 4, 2020

PRESENT

Chairman Galtieri (by video) called the Monthly Meeting of the Township of Franklin Sewerage Authority to order at 6:37 PM. The following Commissioners were also present (all by video): Mr. Anbarasan, Ms. DeVeaux, Ms. Ford, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Tiwari. Also in attendance were Apryl L. Roach, Administrative Manager (in person); Scott Nocero, Operations Manager (by video); Christian Santiago, Staff Engineer (in person); Joseph Danielsen, Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager (in person); Eric M. Bernstein, Esq., General Counsel (by video); Joseph Gemmell, and Howard Matteson, Consulting Engineers. (all by video)

ROLL CALL

Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
Ms. DeVeaux	-	Absent
Ms. Ford	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
Mr. Tiwari	-	Aye
Chairman Galtieri	-	Aye

Ms. DeVeaux arrived at 6:47 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT:

Chairman Galtieri stated that, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 (Open Public Meetings Act) and Chapter 11 of the Public Laws of 2020, all requirements had been met to allow for the electronic meeting of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Ford moved to open the meeting for Public Comments, seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. DeVeaux	-	Absent
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
	Mr. Tiwari	-	Aye
	Chairman Galtieri	-	Aye

No public was in on the audio/ video chat. None spoke.

Mr. Anbarasan moved to close the meeting for Public Comment, seconded by Ms. Ford.

The members voted as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. DeVeaux	-	Absent
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
	Mr. Tiwari	-	Aye
	Chairman Galtieri	-	Aye

REVIEW OF THE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – July 7, 2020

Chairman Galtieri asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the minutes from July 7, 2020 Board regular meeting. The minutes were acceptable as written.

Ms. Ford made a motion to accept the June 2, 2020 minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. DeVeaux	-	Absent
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
	Mr. Tiwari	-	Present - Abstain
	Chairman Galtieri	-	Aye

Chairman Galtieri asked for a motion to change the order of business and do the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Ms. Ford and seconded by Mr. Tiwari.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. DeVeaux	-	Absent
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
	Mr. Tiwari	-	Aye
	Chairman Galtieri	-	Aye

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

The approval of some of the Resolutions will be done by the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Galtieri said that all the items listed below are considered to be of a routine nature, thereby requiring one (1) motion and one (1) second for all items.

If any member wishes to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, please advise the Chair at this time as to which resolution(s) need to be handled separately and they will be addressed and voted on separately. No one made such request to remove.

Resolution Number 08042020-1	Payroll Account \$195,388.34
Resolution Number 08042020-2	Operating Expense Account \$1,666,557.13
Resolution Number 08042020-3	General Fund Account \$10,931.25
Resolution Number 08042020-4	Renewal and Replacement \$219,329.64
Resolution Number 08042020-5	Escrow \$202,326.00

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Ford.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. DeVeaux	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote

Mr. Tiwari - Aye
Chairman Galtieri - Aye

Ms. Ford made a motion to return to the normal order of business, seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE: Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1) - Absent
Mr. Anbarasan - Aye
Ms. DeVeaux - Aye
Ms. Ford - Aye
Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2) - Not eligible to vote
Mr. Tiwari - Aye
Chairman Galtieri - Aye

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Joseph Danielsen

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Joseph Danielsen

Addition(s) to the Executive Directors Report:

Ms. Ford made a motion to implement a one-month extension through September 30, 2020 with regards to rate payer interest, seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE: Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1) - Absent
Mr. Anbarasan - Aye
Ms. DeVeaux - Aye
Ms. Ford - Aye
Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2) - Not eligible to vote
Mr. Tiwari - Aye
Chairman Galtieri - Aye

Ms. Ford made a motion for the Administrative Staff to receive the same healthcare plan contributions as present in the USWU Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE: Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1) - Absent
Mr. Anbarasan - Aye
Ms. DeVeaux - Aye

Ms. Ford	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
Mr. Tiwari	-	Aye
Chairman Galtieri	-	Aye

OPERATIONS REPORT - Scott Nocero presented and discussed the Operations Report – August 2020

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEGOTIATIONS / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Galtieri said there would be a few items covered during the Executive Session.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mr. Anbarasan said there was nothing to report

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Anbarasan said there was nothing to report

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Galtieri said that this was covered during the Operations Report by Mr. Nocero.

Mr. Bernstein announced that the Authority will go into Executive Session to discuss the Authority Travel Policy, retail malls, rate charges and identity theft.

Mr. Bernstein said pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) (attorney-client privilege) relative to anticipated or pending litigation. Formal action may or may not be taken at the conclusion of the meeting Executive Session.

WHEREAS, items on the agenda fall under paragraphs 4, 7, and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and the public shall be excluded from this portion of the meeting. Public disclosures will be made available upon resolution of these matters and confidentiality is no longer necessary.

Chairman Galtieri asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to go into the Executive Session at 7:22 PM, seconded by Ms. Ford.

A Roll Call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
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Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
Ms. DeVeaux	-	Aye
Ms. Ford	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
Mr. Tiwari	-	Aye
Chairman Galtieri	-	Aye

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to come out of the Executive Session, seconded by Ms. DeVeaux at approximately 8:48 P.M.

A Roll Call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. DeVeaux	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt (Alt. #2)	-	Not eligible to vote
	Mr. Tiwari	-	Aye
	Chairman Galtieri	-	Aye

Mr. Bernstein made the following statement as the Board reentered for Open Session:

Let the record reflect that all members of the Board of Commissioners of the Franklin Township Sewerage Authority present at the commencement of the Executive Session were present at the recommencement of the Public Session, as well as the Special Project Manager, the Authority Administrative Manager and the Authority General Counsel. All Board Members were present by video, as well as the Authority Operations Manager. All other participants were in person at Authority headquarters.

Mr. Bernstein said the Board was given an update on a possible litigation related to sewer and flow calculations. Thee Board has been made aware and no formal action needs to be taken at this time.

Mr. Bernstein said there was a discussion regarding a possible identity theft issue involving a member of the staff. The Board was given an update and recommendations were made to the Interim Executive Director by General Counsel. No formal action needs to be taken at this time.

Mr. Bernstein said the Board was brought up to date with the recently enacted quarantine policy instituted by the Authority. Copies of such will be distributed to the Board. Any issues or questions the Board may have will be directed to either the Authority General Counsel or the Interim Executive Director. Formal action to be taken.

Mr. Bernstein said there is an issue of a bankruptcy list and overdue payments from outstanding rate payers. Mr. Bernstein said he and Mr. Danielsen will be continuously monitoring this and will bring the Board up to date as soon as possible what the standings of these matters are. No formal action needs to be taken.

Chairman Galtieri asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM, seconded by Ms. Ford.

All Commissioners present voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Apryl L. Roach

Apryl L. Roach, MBA, MSHRM, PHR, SHRM-CP, Q.P.A., R.P.P.S.

Administrative Manager