

Franklin Township Sewerage Authority

Minutes of Meeting

September 1, 2020

PRESENT

Chairman Galtieri (by video) called the Monthly Meeting of the Township of Franklin Sewerage Authority to order at 6:36 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)

Public: Mr. Brian G. Regan

ROLL CALL

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

Ms. DeVeaux arrived at 7:00 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.

RECOGNITION of SERVICE: Brian G. Regan

Comments from Joseph Danielsen and Chairman Galtieri recognizing Mr. Regan's service on the Board of Commissioner's from January 2014 through October 2016 and also as the Executive Director from April 2018 through June 2020.

Various members of the Board wished Mr. Regan well in his retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	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

Comments from Brian G. Regan regarding his past service as a Commissioner on the Board and also as the Executive Director thereafter.

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

The members voted as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	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 – August 4, 2020

Chairman Galtieri asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the minutes from August 4, 2020 Board regular meeting. The minutes were acceptable as written from "Draft" to "Final" format.

Mr. Tiwari made a motion to accept the August 4, 2020 minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

Note: The Board will vote on the Executive Session Minutes from March 2020 through September 2020 during the October 6, 2020 Monthly Board meeting.

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Joseph Danielsen

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Joseph Danielsen

Addition(s) to the Executive Directors Report:

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to implement a one-month extension through October 31, 2020 with regards to rate payer interest, seconded by Ms. DeVeaux.

A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Not eligible to vote
	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 – September 2020

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEGOTIATIONS / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Galtieri said the Union Contract has been signed and the Interim Executive Director contract would be addressed at the October 6, 2020 Board meeting.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mr. Anbarasan said there was nothing to report

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Tiwari said there was nothing to report

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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 09012020-1	Payroll Account \$145,762.72
Resolution Number 09012020-2	Operating Expense Account \$175,035.60
Resolution Number 09012020-3	Renewal and Replacement \$92,849.72
Resolution Number 09012020-4	Escrow \$666.25

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

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

The following Resolutions were voted upon:

FTSA 09012020 - 05 – Resolution to remove account number 02114.00, 619 Somerset Street, Block 163, Lot 19.33 be removed from billing with an adjustment of \$80.25 in principal. This address was capped on 8/11/2020.

Offered by Mr. Tiwari and seconded by Ms. Ford.

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

FTSA 09012020 - 06 – Resolution to remove account number 02115.00, 625 Somerset Street, Block 163, Lot 16 be removed from billing with an adjustment of \$317.77 in principal. This address was capped on 8/12/2020.

Offered by Ms. Ford and seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

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

FTSA 09012020 - 07 – Resolution authorizing to renew membership with the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund for a three (3) year period, beginning January 1, 2021 and ending January 1, 2024.

Offered by Ms. Ford and seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Not eligible to vote
	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 announced that the Authority will go into Executive Session to discuss a matter that has been raised by a member of the Board.

Mr. Bernstein said pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) (attorney-client privilege) 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. Tiwari made a motion to go into the Executive Session at 7:53 PM, seconded by Ms. DeVeaux.

A Roll Call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Not eligible to vote
	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 come out of the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Anbarasan at approximately 8:10 P.M.

A Roll Call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar (Alt. #1)	-	Not eligible to vote
	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 Interim Executive Director / 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 there was a discussion with regards to the recently settled Collective Bargaining Agreement between USWU Local 255 and the Franklin Township Sewerage

Authority related to non-union employees. There was a discussion amongst the Commissioners about same and no formal action needs to be taken.

Mr. Bernstein said the Board was given an update relative to a proposed Employment Agreement to cover Mr. Danielsen in his capacity as the Interim Executive Director. No formal action needs to be taken.

Mr. Bernstein said there was a discussion regarding some legal matters involving COVID-19. 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 8:12 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