

# **Franklin Township Sewerage Authority**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

**October 5, 2021**

### **PRESENT**

Chairwoman DeVeaux (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. Ford Ms. Francois and Mr. Schmidt. Also in attendance were Apryl L. Roach, Administrative Manager (in person); Scott Nocero, Operations Manager (by video); Christian Santiago, Staff Engineer (in person); Joseph Daniels, Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager (in person); Eric Bernstein Esq., General Counsel (by video); Howard Matteson and Michael McClelland, Consulting Engineers (all by video).

### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Alcazar	-	Absent
Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
Ms. Ford	-	Aye
Ms. Francois (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt	-	Aye
Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT:**

Chairwoman DeVeaux 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**

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

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

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

The members voted as follows:

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

## **REVIEW OF THE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – September 7, 2021**

Chairwoman DeVeaux asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the minutes from September 7, 2021 Board regular meeting.

Ms. Ford made a motion to accept the September 7, 2021 minutes, seconded by Mr. Schmidt.

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A roll call was taken as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar	-	Absent
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Ms. Francois (Alt. #1)	-	Abstain
	Mr. Schmidt	-	Aye
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	Aye

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARY**

Presented By: Joseph Danielsen, Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager

**Operations Report** - Scott Nocero

**Connections Report** – Christian Santiago

**Special Projects Report** – Joseph Danielsen

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

Presented by: Joseph Danielsen, Interim Executive Director / Special Project Manager

**Consulting Engineer Report** - CME

**Consulting Engineer Report** - CDM

**General Counsel Report** – Eric M. Bernstein, Esq.

## **REPORTS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **NEGOTIATIONS / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

There are two (2) conditional offers of employment pending.

#### **MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

#### **CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

#### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

## **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

Chairwoman DeVeaux 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.

<b>Resolution Number 10052021 - 1</b>	<b>Payroll Account \$ 194,776.12</b>
<b>Resolution Number 10052021 - 2</b>	<b>Operating Expense Account \$ 1,923,062.96</b>
<b>Resolution Number 10052021 - 3</b>	<b>Renewal and Replacement \$ 314,072.77</b>
<b>Resolution Number 10052021 - 4</b>	<b>North Tract Crossing \$ 25,110.15</b>

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

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

**The following Resolutions were voted upon:**

**1. Resolution Number 10052021 - 5**

Resolution to acknowledge change in position for Mary Ann Sokolowski to Senior Billing/Accounting Clerk, effective September 27, 2021.

Ms. Ford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt.

The members voted as follows:

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

## **PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW VEHICLES**

Ms. Francois made and motion for the Interim Executive Director / Special Projects Manager to purchase two (2) new vehicles as presented (John Deere 344L High Lift Wheel Loader and a John Deere Mini Compact Excavator) from Jesco through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Pricing System contingent upon the Authority Auditor's approval, seconded by Mr. Schmidt.

The members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Bernstein announced that the Authority will go into Executive Session to discuss the position of the Interim Executive Director. Mr. Bernstein said Mr. Danielsen had waived his rights under the Rice Notice. Mr. Bernstein said Mr. Danielsen and Ms. Roach would be excused from this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Bernstein said pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) (attorney-client privilege) relative to matters regarding the same. Formal action may be taken at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

WHEREAS items on the agenda fall under paragraphs 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.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to go into the Executive Session at 7:51 PM, seconded by Ms. Francois.

The members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to come out of the Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Francois  
at 8:25 P.M.

The members voted as follows:

VOTE:	Mr. Alcazar	-	Absent
	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. Ford	-	Aye
	Ms. Francois (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
	Mr. Schmidt	-	Aye
	Chairwoman DeVeaux	-	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. All other participants were in person at Authority headquarters.

Mr. Bernstein said Mr. Danielsen and Ms. Roach are back for the public session and they were not present for the Executive session.

Mr. Bernstein said the Board had a conversation regarding the ongoing negotiations between the Authority and the Interim Executive Director and respective Counsel. Mr. Bernstein asked for allowance of the Board Chair and Secretary to execute an Employment Agreement between the Authority and Mr. Danielsen to serve as the Executive Director of the Franklin Township Sewerage Authority and to finalize a few minor items. Mr. Bernstein said the Board has discussed these items and gave directions so that Mr. Danielsen can have the "Interim" taken away and he can move forward as the Executive Director of the Authority.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

The members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM, seconded by Ms. Francois.

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