

# **Franklin Township Sewerage Authority**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

**December 5, 2023**

### **PRESENT**

Chairwoman Ford (by video) called the Monthly Meeting of the Township of Franklin Sewerage Authority to order at 6:33 PM. The following Commissioners were also present (all by video): Mr. Anbarasan, Mr. Farooqi and Mr. Schmidt. Also in attendance were Joseph Danielsen, Executive Director / Special Project Manager (in person), Apryl L. Roach, Administrative Manager / Chief Human Resources Officer (in person); Scott Nocero, Operations Manager (by video); Brian Hak, Esq., General Counsel (by video); William Korosec and Howard Matteson, Consulting Engineers (all by video).

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **NOTES:**

Also, present was the Franklin Reporter

Mrs. Schmidt attended the meeting at 6:43 PM.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Chairwoman Ford 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.

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

The members voted as follows:

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

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

The members voted as follows:

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

## **REVIEW OF THE BOARD MEETNG MINUTES – December 5, 2023**

### **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – November 8, 2023**

Chairwoman Ford asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the meeting minutes from the November 8, 2023 Board Meeting.

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to accept the November 8, 2023, Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Farooqi.

The members voted as follows:

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

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – October 3, 2023**

Chairwoman Ford asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the meeting minutes from the November 8, 2023 Executive Board Meeting.

Mr. Farooqi made a motion to accept the November 8, 2023, Executive Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

The members voted as follows:

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

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

**Consulting Engineer Report - CME**

**Consulting Engineer Report - CDM**

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

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARY**

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

**Operations Report - Scott Nocero**

**Connections Report – CME Consulting Engineers**

**Special Projects Report – Joseph Danielsen**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **NEGOTIATIONS / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Anbarasan proposed the Authority consider exploring other options available relative to healthcare coverage during the next negotiation period.

### **MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

No Report.

### **CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Anbarasan proposed the Authority consider a product review relative to flood prevention at the pump stations. There was an agreement to put this on hold until the Operations Manager is available considering a pending short term leave of absence.

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

No Report.

## **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS**

The approval of some of the Resolutions will be done by the Consent Agenda.  
Chairwoman Ford 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 Acting Chairwoman at this time as to which resolution(s) need to be handled separately and they will be addressed and voted on separately.

<b>Resolution Number 12052023 - 1</b>	<b>Payroll Account \$ 212,834.69</b>
<b>Resolution Number 1205023 - 2</b>	<b>Operating Expense Account \$ 232,234.82</b>
<b>Resolution Number 12052023 – 3</b>	<b>General Fund Expense Account \$ 873,411.50</b>
<b>Resolution Number 12052023 - 4</b>	<b>Renewal and Replacement \$ 16,750.25</b>
<b>Resolution Number 12052023 - 5</b>	<b>Escrow Fund Account \$ 19,795.00</b>

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

The members voted as follows:

<b>VOTE:</b>	Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
	Ms. DeVeaux	-	Absent
	Mr. Farooqi	-	Aye
	Ms. Francois (Alt. #1)	-	Absent
	Mr. Schmidt	-	Aye
	Chairwoman Ford	-	Aye

## **AND ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION(S): MOTION FOR EACH ONE**

### **Resolution Number 12052023 – 6**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER OF  
THE SUM OF \$600,000.00 TO THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PURSUANT TO  
THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES FISCAL CONTROL LAW**

MOVER: Mr. Anbarasan  
SECONDER: Mr. Schmidt

AYES: All Present

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ms. DeVeaux, Ms. Francois

ABSTAIN: Mr. Schmidt

**Resolution Number 12052023 – 7**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CME ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE SHIRLEY AVENUE PUMPING STATION PROJECT**

MOVER: Mr. Anbarasan  
SECONDER: Ms. Ford

AYES: All Present

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ms. DeVeaux, Ms. Francois

ABSTAIN:

**Resolution Number 12052023 – 8**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CME ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PERFORM A SURVEY OF AN EASEMENT TO BE POTENTIALLY ACQUIRED FROM PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY (PSE&G) FOR THE WESTON CANAL ROAD PUMP STATION PROJECT**

MOVER: Mr. Anbarasan  
SECONDER: Mr. Farooqi

AYES: All Present

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ms. DeVeaux, Ms. Francois

ABSTAIN:

**Resolution Number 12052023 – 9**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CAPACITY ALLOCATION AND DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPER OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 468.01, LOT 34 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

MOVER: Mr. Anbarasan

SECONDER: Mr. Farooqi

AYES: All present

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ms. DeVeaux, Ms. Francois

ABSTAIN:

**Resolution Number 12052023 – 10**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAID SEWER CHARGES ON ACCOUNT NUMBER 06440.00 FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 87 BAYBERRY DRIVE, SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY**

MOVER: Mr. Anbarasan

SECONDER: Mr. Farooqi

AYES: All present

NAYS:

ABSENT: Ms. DeVeaux, Ms. Francois

ABSTAIN:

**Resolution Number 12052023 – 11**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE REMOVAL OF ACCOUNT NUMBER 08058.00 LOCATED AT 1865 Amwell Road, BLOCK 42.01, LOT 1.01 FROM BILLING WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF \$92.11 IN PRINCIPAL. THIS ADDRESS WAS CAPPED.**

MOVER: Mr. Anbarasan  
SECONDER: Mr. Schmidt

AYES: All Present  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: Ms. DeVeaux, Ms. Francois  
ABSTAIN

**Resolution Number 12052023 – 12**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A  
CONTRACT WITH MULVEY ELECTRIC, INC. TO PROVIDE SURGE  
PROTECTORS IN THE AUTHORITY’S BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 70  
COMMERCE DRIVE, SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY**

MOVER: Mr. Schmidt  
SECONDER: Mr. Farooqi

AYES: All Present  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: Ms. DeVeaux, Ms. Francois  
ABSTAIN

**Resolution Number 12052023 – 13**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT  
WITH CME ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FINAL DESIGN, NJDEP  
AUTHORIZATION SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES  
FOR THE COMMERCE DRIVE PUMP STATION UPGRADES PROJECT**

MOVER: Mr. Schmidt  
SECONDER: Mr. Anbarasan

AYES: All Present  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: Ms. DeVeaux, Ms. Francois  
ABSTAIN

## **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Hak said the Board, Dr. Roach, Mr. Nocero, Mr. Korosec and Mr. Matteson with the General Counsel participating, will go to the Executive Session related to discuss two (2) projects with possible litigation. There will be no action taken thereafter.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:12 PM seconded by Mr. Farooqi.

The members voted as follows:

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

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:24 PM seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

The members voted as follows:

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

There was no action taken at the return to the General meeting.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

The members voted as follows:

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



Respectfully submitted,

*Apryl L. Roach*

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