

Franklin Township Sewerage Authority

Minutes of Meeting

April 2, 2024

PRESENT

Chairwoman Ford (by video) called the Monthly Meeting of the Township of Franklin Sewerage Authority to order at 6:31 PM. The following Commissioners were also present (all by video): Mr. Anbarasan, Ms. Francois, Mr. Kovacs and Ms. Davenport. Also in attendance were Joseph Danielsen, Executive Director / Special Project Manager (in person), Dr. Apryl L. Roach, Administrative Manager / Chief Human Resources Officer (in person); Scott Nocero, Operations Manager (by video); Mr. Philip George, Esq., General Counsel (by video); William Korosec and Howard Matteson, Consulting Engineers (all by video).

ROLL CALL

Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
Mr. Farooqi	-	Absent
Ms. Francois	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt	-	Absent
Mr. Kovacs (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
Ms. Davenport (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
Chairwoman Ford	-	Aye

Note: Mr. Schmidt joined the meeting at approximately 6:35 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

The members voted as follows:

Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
Mr. Farooqi	-	Absent
Ms. Francois	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt	-	Absent
Mr. Kovacs (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
Ms. Davenport (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
Chairwoman Ford	-	Aye

Mr. Anbarasan moved to close the meeting for Public Comments, seconded by Ms. Francois

The members voted as follows:

Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
Mr. Farooqi	-	Absent
Ms. Francois	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt	-	Absent
Mr. Kovacs (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
Ms. Davenport (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
Chairwoman Ford	-	Aye

REVIEW OF THE BOARD MEETNG MINUTES – April 2, 2024

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – March 5, 2024

Chairwoman Ford asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the meeting minutes from the March 5, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Ms. Francois made a motion to accept the March 5, 2024 Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Anbarasan.

The members voted as follows:

Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
Mr. Farooqi	-	Absent
Ms. Francois	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt	-	Abstain

Mr. Kovacs (Alt. #1) - Aye
Ms. Davenport (Alt. #2) - Aye
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

COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Joseph Danielsen

In conclusion of the reports presented by Executive Director Joseph Danielsen, he extended an open invitation for the two (2) newly appointed Commissioners Davenport and Kovacs to meet with him at their convenience to review any of the reports and/or address any additional questions they may have.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEGOTIATIONS / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No Report.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Commissioner Francois said the committee is currently working on the Municipal Budget and there will be a line item relative to the annual FTSA appropriation by statute.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

No Report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No Report.

Note: Mr. Schmidt left the meeting at approximately 7:07 PM.

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 Chairwoman at this time as to which resolution(s) need to be handled separately and they will be addressed and voted on separately.

- Resolution Number 04022024 - 1 Payroll Account \$ 195,362.52**
- Resolution Number 04022024 - 2 Operating Expense Account \$ 474,141.68**
- Resolution Number 04022024 – 3 General Fund Expense Account \$ 15,025.00**
- Resolution Number 04022024 - 4 Renewal and Replacement \$ 54,709.13**
- Resolution Number 04022024 - 5 Escrow Fund Account \$ 17,530.00**

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Francois.

The members voted as follows:

- Mr. Anbarasan - Aye
- Mr. Farooqi - Absent
- Ms. Francois - Aye
- Mr. Schmidt - Absent
- Mr. Kovacs (Alt. #1) - Aye
- Ms. Davenport (Alt. #2) - Aye
- Chairwoman Ford - Aye

AND ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION(S): MOTION FOR EACH ONE

Resolution Number 04022024 – 6

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF FOUR (4) COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS WITH B-SAFE SECURITY, INC.

MOVER: Ms. Francois
SECONDER: Mr. Anbarasan

AYES: All present
NAYS:
ABSENT: Mr. Farooqi, Mr. Schmidt
ABSTAIN:

1. Resolution Number 04022024 – 7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAID SEWER CHARGES ON ACCOUNT NUMBER 09747.00 FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 71 MARCY STREET, SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY

MOVER: Mr. Anbarasan
SECONDER: Ms. Francois

AYES: All present
NAYS:
ABSENT: Mr. Farooqi, Mr. Schmidt
ABSTAIN:

2. Resolution Number 04022024 –8

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE MATERIALS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE BUYBOARD NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR EXTRANEIOUS INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (I&I) REPAIRS TO THE AMWELL ROAD GRAVITY SEWER

MOVER: Ms. Francois
SECONDER: Mr. Anbarasan

AYES: All present
NAYS:
ABSENT: Mr. Farooqi, Mr. Schmidt
ABSTAIN:

3. Resolution Number 04022024 – 9

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MONIES RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORITY FROM THE LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

MOVER: Mr. Anbarasan
SECONDER: Ms. Francois

AYES: All present
NAYS:
ABSENT: Mr. Farooqi, Mr. Schmidt
ABSTAIN:

4. Resolution Number 04022024 – 10

**RESOLUTION RELEASING THE PAYMENT OF MONIES IN
ESCROW TO PSE&G AS TO OIL SEPERATOR REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

MOVER: Ms. Francois
SECONDER: Mr. Anbarasan

AYES: All present
NAYS:
ABSENT: Mr. Farooqi, Mr. Schmidt
ABSTAIN:

5. Resolution Number 04022024 – 11

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BOB’S FOR BUSINESS AS AN AUTHORIZED
VENDOR FOR THE AUTHORITY**

MOVER: Mr. Anbarasan
SECONDER: Ms. Francois

AYES: All present
NAYS:
ABSENT: Mr. Farooqi, Mr. Schmidt
ABSTAIN:

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

N/A

Mr. Anbarasan made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM seconded by Ms. Francois.

The members voted as follows:

Mr. Anbarasan	-	Aye
Mr. Farooqi	-	Absent

Ms. Francois	-	Aye
Mr. Schmidt	-	Absent
Mr. Kovacs (Alt. #1)	-	Aye
Ms. Davenport (Alt. #2)	-	Aye
Chairwoman Ford	-	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Apryl L. Roach

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