# Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority SPECIAL Meeting Minutes January 25, 2023

The meeting of the Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, via Zoom Webinar. Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and requested that everyone pledge allegiance to the flag.

#### Roll Call

Title, Name	Present	Absent
Chair Carl Turner	Х	
Vice Chair Darvis Holley	Х	
Commissioner Webster Evans		Х
Commissioner Pat Lindsay-Harvey	Х	•
Commissioner Kevin McIntosh	Х	
Commissioner, First Alternate, James Boyer	Х	
Commissioner, Second Alternate, William Weston	Х	

Commissioner Evans was not in attendance. Chair Turner called upon First Alternate, James Boyer, to stand in as a voting member.

#### **Others Attending as Panelists**

James Mackie, Executive Director Sharon Anderson, Board Secretary Mark Moore, PCH Technologies Mike Riley, Solicitor Ryan Scerbo, Special Counsel

#### **Open Public Meetings Act Reading**

The Secretary read:

Public notice of the meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given by the Authority in the following manner:

- A. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board of the Authority building.
- B. Mailing written notice to the Municipal Clerks of Willingboro and Westampton Townships; the Secretary of the Edgewater Park Sewerage Authority and the Executive Director of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority.
- C. Publishing a Public Notice in the Burlington County Times and Courier-Post.
- D. Directing the Secretary to enter this public announcement into the minutes of this meeting.

# Chair's Statement Regarding Well 5A PFOS Status

# Public Comment - Agenda Items Only - None

### Motion to Accept the Payment of Bills

Moved: Cmmr. McIntosh Seconded: Cmmr. Lindsay-Harvey

Discussion: Cmmr. Lindsay-Harvey inquired about the expense for a tank for the Jet-Vac as compared to the purchase of a new Jet-Vac truck. ED Mackie clarified the new aluminum tank replaces a leaking plastic tank on the jet truck. WMUA has no vacuum capability. ED Mackie: Check #93176 Division of Pensions check is comprised of two payments (2022 & 2023). The 2022 payment was made in April, but had not appeared on a prior Bill List and the Edmunds system.

**Roll Call:** Cmmr. Holley: Yes; Cmmr. Lindsay-Harvey: Yes; Cmmr. McIntosh: Yes; Cmmr. Boyer: Yes; Chair Turner: Yes. 5 affirmative, 0 negative. Motion passed.

#### Comments From the Public

Toni Mathis, 26 Medford Lane: "What are you all doing about delinquent accounts?"

ED Mackie reported that the WMUA is not performing shut-offs at this time. Delinquent accounts continue to accrue 1.5% interest per month on outstanding balances. The state is expected to provide assistance to some low-income households through New Jersey's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). They inquired about ~100 accounts that may be eligible as determined by the state on 12/12/22. The state did not report how many people applied, only that these accounts might receive assistance. Account balance information was provided by the WMUA to the state on Dec. 14. There has been no action since that time.

Commissioner Weston said that he is interested in promoting the program on his social media connections if it is still available. ED Mackie reported that the program is still being advertised but there is no further information as to its actual availability.

# Executive Session - Contracts, Litigation and Personnel and Contracts

Moved: Cmmr. Lindsay-Harvey Seconded: Cmmr. McIntosh Discussion: None

Roll Call: Cmmr. Holley: Yes; Cmmr. Lindsay-Harvey: Yes; Cmmr McIntosh: Yes; Cmmr. Boyer: Yes; Chair

Turner: Yes. 5 affirmative, 0 negative. Motion passed.

Executive Session: 6:23 pm thru 8:53 pm

#### **Motion to Exit Executive Session**

Moved: Cmmr. Lindsay-Harvey Seconded: Cmmr. McIntosh Discussion: None

Roll Call: Cmmr. Evans: Yes; Cmmr. Holley: Yes; Cmmr. Lindsay-Harvey: Yes; Cmmr McIntosh: Yes; Chair

Turner: Yes. 5 affirmative, 0 negative. Motion passed.

#### Commissioner Comments

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Cmmr. Weston: Thank you to anyone who has stayed through the meeting. I hope we are moving in the right direction. It is a process.

Cmmr. Boyer: Appreciate the public attending and, in particular, the question raised in public comment. Thank you to the staff for addressing the question.

Cmmr. McIntosh: Appreciate all attending, and the hard work of commissioners as well as the employees and professionals. Look forward to taking care of business in the new year. I encourage folks to look at employment opportunities on our website.

Cmmr. Lindsay-Harvey: Thank you to the public. Great discussion tonight. Congratulations to Pam King and Jim Procopio. Condolences to employee, Gary Sharpe, who lost his mother.

Cmmr. Holley: Look forward to seeing everyone at the Reorganization meeting next week.

Chair Turner: Thank you all for coming out. See you at the Reorganization meeting.

## Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Cmmr. Lindsay-Harvey

Seconded: Cmmr. McIntosh

Discussion: None

Voice vote: Unanimous.

# Meeting Adjourned 8:56 pm

#### **Certification of Minutes**

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of the approved Minutes of the January 25, 2023, SPECIAL Megting of the Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority.

Sharon L. Anderson

Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: 2/15/23

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