

## Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority Minutes

June 16, 2020

Chairman Bronson called the June 16, 2020 Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority Meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Flag Salute. Attorney McGuckin read the Open Public Meetings Act. The public was allowed to participate in the meeting thru ZOOM.

Those in attendance were Walter Bronson, Edward Weirsky, Robert Minter, Ricky Brown and Nancy Lawrence.

### Treasurer Report

Mr. Ylvisaker reported the Escrow Account with Investors had no activity. The balance remains at \$5,408.23. He also reported the General Checking Account with Investors had an opening balance in May 2020 of \$121,034.04, with expenses of \$37,619.24 and deposits of \$6,556.00 ending with a cleared balance of \$89,970.80 and an un-cleared balance of \$62,408.61. The check register balance as of June 16, 2020, with payment of the items listed on the Bill List, is \$31,103.49. He further noted that there are sufficient funds available to pay the bills.

Mr. Bronson asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions or comments on the Treasurer's Report. On a motion of Mr. Weirsky, seconded by Mr. Minter, the Treasurer's Report was approved. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

### Bill List

Mr. Bronson asked if there were any questions or comments on the Bill List. There were no questions or comments on the Bill List. On a motion of Mr. Minter, seconded by Ms. Lawrence, the Bill List was approved. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

### Minutes

Mr. Bronson noted that the Minutes from the May 19, 2020 meeting were included in the meeting packet. Mr. Bronson asked if there were any questions or comments on the May 19, 2020 Minutes. There were no questions or comments. On a motion of Mr. Minter, seconded by Mr. Brown, the May 19, 2020 Minutes were approved. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

### T and M Associates Monthly Report

Stephen Schreiber from T and M Associates was present to provide their monthly status report for May 2020. The report is dated June 9, 2020. Given the level of detail of his report, the Engineer's Report for May 2020 is attached to the Minutes.

Mr. Bronson asked if there were any questions or comments on the Engineer's Report. There were no questions or comments on the Engineer's Report.

#### NSU Status Report

Mr. Streleckis of NSU stated that Tomar Construction is making progress on the base slab excavation. Tomar has reached full-depth excavation for approximately 75% of the base slab, adding stone as they go. This week, rebar will be delivered and Tomar will begin the base slab. He also reported that Tomar is approximately four weeks behind schedule. Mr. Streleckis stated that he has discussed with Tomar, condensing their schedule and adding additional labor on-site, to expedite the rebar installation and remain on schedule. Mr. Minter asked if Tomar has attempted to extract the sheeting. Mr. Streleckis responded that based on Tomar's experience, the equipment will not be able to extract the sheeting. Tomar had contacted the equipment companies to find a solution. The companies have responded that they do not have a solution to this problem and they cannot guarantee the equipment. Mr. Bronson questioned as to why Tomar would not be able to remove the sheeting based on the ground conditions at the site. Mr. Streleckis stated he is waiting to hear from crane operators and heavy equipment operators to see what can be done to possibly remove the sheeting.

#### Kleinfelder Status Report

Ray Ferraro was present (ZOOM) to give a status report on the Kleinfelder Study. Mr. Ferraro stated that in regards to the phosphorus limitations; he is waiting to receive more data from the DEP. The DEP has not been able to recover all of their data from their Watershed-wide Study of Crosswicks Creek from 10 years ago. As they recover data, they will forward to Mr. Ferraro.

Mr. Ferraro stated there has been progress in regards to the dissolved oxygen limitations and that the model is up and running. They were able to verify the baseline condition and the projection simulations that were conducted many years ago. Mr. Ferraro reported that they took the model and completed a series of new simulations to look at different effluent limitations. This affects primarily 3 parameters: BOD, Dissolved Oxygen and Ammonia. The new simulations were able to demonstrate that relaxed effluent limitations are possible. Mr. Ferraro stated that he had met with the DEP to share some of the initial results. After receiving positive feedback from the DEP, Mr. Ferraro went back and fine tuned some of the simulations. He then shared those results with Adam Stern of NSU to get the design Engineer's prospective what the preference would be in terms of priorities in regards to BOD, versus Dissolved Oxygen, versus Ammonia. Mr. Ferraro stated he will meet with DEP to share the findings. Mr. Ferraro stated based on the simulations conducted, he is hopeful to get the Oxygen limit relaxed from the current limit of 8mg/liter to 6mg/liter; the BOD limit relaxed from the current limit of 1mg/liter to 4mg/liter; and the current Ammonia

limit is 1 mg/liter. After speaking with Adam Stern, Mr. Ferraro believes the current Ammonia limit is achievable. Mr. Ferraro is consulting with the DEP to relax the effluent limitations from the current limit of 600,000gal/day to 300,000gal/day and restructure the permit to have “step limits.” Mr. Ferraro stated he is hopeful to have these limit modifications completed by year’s end. Mr. Weirsky asked Mr. Ferraro to forward all of his correspondence with the DEP to Mr. Ylvisaker so that the committee can review.

### Executive Director’s Report

#### Solid Waste

Mr. Ylvisaker stated the Solid Waste subcommittee has reviewed and recommends approval of the Uniform Bid Specifications of the Solid Waste Bid with three changes:

1. Four options for solid waste and bulk collection/two options for recycling collection. Solid waste bid options: 3 year and 5 year contract. Bulk collection options: monthly (current schedule) and quarterly, whichever is most cost effective.
2. In response to Waste Management’s concerns regarding bed bugs and Covid19, the PMUA would require mattresses be wrapped in plastic or in a zippered mattress bag.
3. Bulk pickup per household will be limited to a 4’x4’x8’ area and a 50 lb. weight limit as per Section 2.

A Solid Waste Bid Conference will be held.

#### Redevelopment Project

Mr. Bronson asked Mr. McGuckin if operation of the Collection System and WWTP is considered a professional service that needs to be advertised for bid? Mr. McGuckin responded that he will have to look into the matter further.

#### Resolutions

Resolution 2020-35: Memorialize Final 2020/21 Budget Adoption. On a motion of Mr. Weirsky, seconded by Mr. Brown, Resolution 2020-35 was memorialized. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Resolution 2020-36: Authorizing the advertisement of the Solid Waste Bid. On a motion of Mr. Minter, seconded by Mr. Weirsky, resolution 2020-36 was approved. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Resolution 2020-37: Adjusted Budget Resolution. Transfer of funds within the 2019/20 Budget. On a motion of Mr. Weirsky, seconded by Ms. Lawrence, Resolution 2020-37 was approved. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

### Public Comments

(Unable to hear Mayor Marinari's comments)

A resident asked what is "BOD"? Mr. Weirsky responded it is "biological oxygen demand." If the bacterium in the water uses up the oxygen in the water, fish-kills can occur because there is not enough oxygen in the water. Mr. Bronson commented that the MUA is looking into relaxing those limits.

### Adjournment

Since there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2020 at 6:30PM.

Respectively submitted by:

Peter Ylvisaker, Board Secretary

