



# Public Meeting Minutes of the Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority

FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AT 6:30PM

An advertised Public Meeting of the Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority was called to order by Chairman Brian Kubiel in the Plumsted Township Public Meeting Room, 121 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, New Jersey at 6:30p.m. The meeting was held in-person at the Plumsted Township Municipal Hall. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, an opening statement regarding the "Open Public Meeting Act" pursuant to the Laws of 1975 was recited.

Chairman Kubiel requested a roll call. Those present included Cynthia MacReynolds, Recording Secretary, PMUA; Kelsey McGuckin-Anthony, Esq, DMM Law Firm; Benjamin Weller, PE, CME, ERI; Brian J. Brach, PE, QPA, MRRSA and the following Commissioners as per the roll call:

## ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
ABSENT: None

## **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2023 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Ruppel, seconded by Mrs. Kimmick.

DISCUSSION: None

## ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

## **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2023 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Mrs. Kimmick, seconded by Mr. Grosso.

DISCUSSION: None

## ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

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**MOTION TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADJUSTMENT OF 2024 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING RATES**

Moved by Mr. Ruppel, seconded by Mrs. Kimmick

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

Refer to the attached transcript of proceedings for the Public Hearing details.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AND RESUME PUBLIC MEETING**

Moved by Mr. Ruppel, seconded by Mrs. Kimmick.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16 ESTABLISHING 2024 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES RATES AND CORRESPONDING REVISIONS TO THE AUTHORITY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Moved by Mr. Ruppel, seconded by Mr. Grosso.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

**T&M ASSOCIATES PROJECT UPDATE**

No update.

**ERI UPDATE**

ERI's monthly report has been attached for the record. Mr. Weller had no other updates.

## **VEOLIA REPORT**

Veolia's written report had been provided within the Board's meeting package and that there was nothing further.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT METRICS REPORT**

There was no update.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Brach indicated there was no update.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Executive Director Report has been attached for the record. Mr. Brach had no other updates.

## **APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE NOVEMBER 2023 BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,300.28**

Moved by Mr. Ruppel, seconded by Mr. Grosso.

DISCUSSION: None

## ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DISQUALIFY: None

ABSENT: None

## **MOTION RECOMMENDING PAYMENT OF T&M INVOICE NO. SAB452056 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68.50 BY PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP CONDITIONED UPON CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

Moved by Mrs. Kimmick, seconded by Mr. Ruppel

DISCUSSION: None

## ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DISQUALIFY: None

ABSENT: None

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**MOTION RECOMMENDING PAYMENT OF T&M INVOICE NO. SAB453289 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182.67 BY PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP CONDITIONED UPON CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

Moved by Mr. Grosso, seconded by Mr. Ruppel.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Grasso asked Mr. Brach if he knew how much is “in the pool” for T&M. Mr. Brach said that he will report back with an answer once he receives it.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17 AMENDING BILLING CYCLES AND ESTABLISHING GRACE PERIODS AND INTEREST POLICY FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS**

Moved by Mr. Grosso and seconded by Mrs. Kimmick.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18 AUTHORIZING A 12-MONTH EXTENSION TO WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR “YEAR 4” OF THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES CONTRACT IN A MAXIMUM AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$500,000.00**

Moved by Mr. Ruppel, seconded by Mr. Grosso.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Brach noted that the Authority is in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the five (5) year contract and that the resolution was deliberately written to reflect that the Authority is “generally” satisfied with Waste Management’s services but not completely satisfied. Mr. Brach commented that moving forward, an evaluation of the benefit to the municipality and residents will be conducted prior to future extension(s).

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19 RATIFYING STAY OF ACCELERATED TAX SALE FOR DELINQUENT AUTHORITY ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Mr. Grosso, seconded by Mrs. Kimmick.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Brach informed the Board that the Township is on an accelerated tax sale schedule and that residents who are delinquent on all “municipal charges”, which includes trash and sewer, as of November 13, 2023 are eligible to be placed on the tax sale. The forensic analysis conducted by Suplee, Clooney & Co. found that ~785 out of the ~1,800+ Authority accounts were delinquent as of this year’s tax sale deadline. Mr. Brach noted the effect that this has on the revenues to the Authority. Mr. Brach suggested that there were several factors contributing to the delinquencies and he felt that the annual billing statements with coupons were a contributing factor (ie: residents lost their coupons and simply forgot to pay). Mr. Brach suggested that the Authority “stay” the 2023 tax sale and attempt to improve timeliness of ratepayer payments.

### ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20 RATIFICATION OF THIRD PARTY PAYROLL SERVICES PROVIDED BY PRIMEPOINT**

Moved by Mr. Ruppel, seconded by Mr. Grosso.

DISCUSSION: None

### ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21 AUTHORIZING THE NOTICE OF “FAIR AND OPEN” REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR 2024 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Moved by Mrs. Kimmick, seconded by Mr. Grosso.

DISCUSSION: None

### ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22 AUTHORIZING PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP TO RECORD A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON A CERTAIN PROPERTY PARTICIPATING IN THE AUTHORITY'S LOAN ASSISTANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Moved by Mr. Grosso, seconded by Mr. Ruppel.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Ruppel acknowledged and thanked Mr. Brach for his hard work and efforts in enhancing the Board and leading them on the right track.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bernard Bahnam of 370 E. Millstream Rd., Cream Ridge, NJ addressed the Board.

Mr. Bahnam asked the Board why they are involved with garbage collection for the township and is it up to the residents to work directly with their own solid waste contractors? Mr. Brach explained that solid waste and recycling services through the Authority was voluntary for Township residents and provided context as to how the Authority had started with the program and past benefits to the Township. Mr. Brach noted that the Authority's contract with Waste Management provided competition, at the very least, which helps to keep all haulers honest throughout the Township.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Moved by Mr. Ruppel, seconded by Mrs. Kimmick.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
DISQUALIFY: None  
ABSENT: None

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23 AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Mrs. Kimmick, seconded by Mr. Ruppel.

DISCUSSION: None

### ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DISQUALIFY: None

ABSENT: None

## **MOTION TO ENTER INTO REGULAR SESSION**

Moved by Mr. Ruppel, seconded by Mrs. Kimmick.

DISCUSSION: None

### ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DISQUALIFY: None

ABSENT: None

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING**

Moved by Mr. Ruppel, seconded by Mrs. Kimmick.

### ROLL CALL

AYES: Mr. Grosso, Ms. Kimmick, Mr. Ruppel, Chairman Kubiel

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

DISQUALIFY: None

ABSENT: None

The public meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

DocuSigned by:

*Cynthia N. MacReynolds*

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Cynthia N. MacReynolds, Secretary

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**ERI Engineer's Report (November 2023)**



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## **PLUMSTED MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY ENGINEER'S STATUS REPORT November 10, 2023**

### Asset Management Plan

- Environmental Resolutions Inc. (ERI) is awaiting any feedback from Mr. Brach and/or Mr. Earle before issuing a final copy of the Asset Management Plan.

### 74 & 78 Maple Avenue Major Subdivision

- ERI has analyzed the dataset and has provided a draft copy of our findings to Mr. Brach for review. There are a couple outstanding issues that should be addressed with the Authority prior to final issuance of the report.

### Township Sewerage Connections

- Plumsted Township approved their contractor to proceed with making the connection to the PMUA's forcemain on Evergreen at their November 2 meeting. It was requested that the Contractor submit their final details to our office for review and approval.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**Veolia O&M Report (November 2023)**



# Monthly Operating Report

*Presented to:*

**Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority**  
**October 2023**

11/21/2023

## Overview

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Veolia Water Contract Operations USA continued operations at the Plumsted, NJ wastewater treatment facility located 947 Monmouth Rd. Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 during the month of October 2023.

### I. Staffing

At its current Average daily flow rate, the WWTP is fully staffed. Veolia's local and technical support Staff includes:

Richard Erving - Lead Plant Operator  
Keenan Morin - Plant Operator (on leave)  
Temporary staff - Plant Operator  
Chris Pope - Environmental Health Safety and Compliance Coordinator  
Christopher Earle – Regional VP of Operations  
Kevin Shoudt – Project Manager  
Alexandra Noriega - Project Manager  
Ceren Arlap - Senior technical Director  
Jason Kiernan - License holder of record

### II. Operational Overview

Universal PAC process blower #2 unit was repaired on September 19th and placed back in service. However, upon inspection of blower #1, the service tech noticed an issue with the bare blower leaking oil internally. The unit was sent to the manufacturer and Veolis is waiting for an RCA report. We are also requesting a quote for the replacement of the bare blower that was used. Veolia noticed the check valve was inoperable for blower #1. The replacement part was ordered and is scheduled to be replaced by the end of November.

The Odor Control Vessel was out of service due to a belt malfunction. The v-belt was replaced and the vessel was placed back into service.

The 6" plug valve for wasting in train 2 (pre-anoxic) was inoperable. Tomar is scheduled to be onsite on November 1st to make the necessary repairs.

Continue process control of the facility treatment operations.

Continue percentage solids testing.

The automatic samplers are run and reset weekly.

Maintain Fine Screen Solid Removal Systems. The brush one Ro9/500 screen needs to be replaced. There was a delay with the delivery of the gantry crane lift ordered for the replacement and after the gantry was assembled the technicians did not have room to make the repairs. A beam was ordered and the Veolia Asset and Maintenance Manager is scheduled to be onsite at the end of November to assist with the replacement.

Performed preventative maintenance on all of the operating equipment.  
Maintain the grounds at the facility.

### III. Facility Overview

Weather- In New Egypt, October's accumulated precipitation was 1.63 in inches of rain.

Flows – The Total flow of effluent for October was 2,769,090 gallons. The highest daily flow of 126,031 gallons was recorded on October 2nd. The daily average flow for the month was 95,486. The minimum daily flow was 67,473 gallons on October 26th.

<u>October</u>	<u>Gallons/Day</u>	<u>Inches of Rain</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>Gallons/Day</u>	<u>Inches of Rain</u>
1-Oct	111,130	0.00 in	18-Oct	74,813	0.00 in
2-Oct	126,031	0.00 in	19-Oct	107,799	0.00 in
3-Oct	99,122	0.00 in	20-Oct	125,203	0.42 in
4-Oct	111,059	0.00 in	21-Oct	101,144	0.20 in
5-Oct	78,618	0.00 in	22-Oct	105,587	0.00 in
6-Oct	-	0.15 in	23-Oct	91,295	0.00 in
7-Oct	111,842	0.08 in	24-Oct	102,657	0.00 in
8-Oct	88,122	0.00 in	25-Oct	90,244	0.00 in
9-Oct	88,415	0.00 in	26-Oct	67,473	0.00 in
10-Oct	91,713	0.00 in	27-Oct	79,466	0.00 in
11-Oct	92,360	0.00 in	28-Oct	93,234	0.00 in
12-Oct	100,070	0.00 in	29-Oct	95,190	0.00 in
13-Oct	-	0.00 in	30-Oct	73,717	0.07 in
14-Oct	81,220	0.49 in	31-Oct	76,336	0.02 in
15-Oct	93,315	0.10 in	Avg	95,486	
16-Oct	111,326	0.10 in	Sum	2,769,090	
17-Oct	100,589	0.00 in	Sludge	57,700	
			% Sludge	2.08%	

Sludge – 57,700 gallons of liquid sludge hauled from the facility in October by United (Russel Reid).  
2.08%

## IV. Compliance Overview

On October 27, 2023, Veolia submitted the corrective and remedial plan to the NJDEP for the Notice of Violation received on September 29, 2023. NJDEP has not provided feedback at this time.

All required sampling was conducted for the month of October.

Monthly Average						
Parameter	BOD (mg/l)	TSS (mg/l)	Ammonia mg/l	Nitrate mg/l	E. Coli #/100ml	Phosphorus kg/d
Influent	286.6	141				
Effluent	3.5	ND	15	.38	ND	ND.1

On October 20, 2023, the contract lab notified Veolia that ammonia had exceeded the daily limit authorized by the NJPDES permit. Veolia notified the NJDEP hotline and submitted the 5-day follow up letter.

The Veolia technical and performance team is conducting a root cause analysis into ammonia exceedance and has identified the following listed issues so far in the operation and is monitoring the influent for any unusual inorganic ammonia load into the system.

- Malfunctioning DO sensors and
- Diffuser head clogging in the post anoxic zone tank

The DO Probes were installed through a conduit that is too small to remove the probe end out of the tanks to clean and calibrate. We need to have a larger diameter conduit installed. Tomar was onsite on October 23rd, to core drill through the concrete and install a vertical conduit, so we can remove the probes regularly. Tomar replaced the DO Probe in the Post Aeration Tank. Tomar will return in the beginning of December to replace the DO Probes in the Aerobic Tanks. In the meantime, Veolia purchased a handheld DO meter to perform daily readings.

To facilitate the inspection and necessary repairs in Train 2, we plan to transition the biological process to Train 1. This will ensure the continuity and efficiency of wastewater treatment during the repair.

We are conducting a comprehensive analysis to better determine influent characteristics. These actions will be taken promptly to address immediate concerns and prevent potential environmental and/or operational impacts. We will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation and Veolia will continue to keep the NJDEP and PMUA informed of any further findings.

### Odor Complaints/Customer issues Overview

There were no odor complaints in October.

## **V. Health and Safety Compliance**

Environmental Health and Safety training was completed throughout the month of October.

The following safety improvements were made:

1. Labeled Chemical Room on the door
2. Ordered a Chemical spill kit
3. Added floor signage to keep pathway clear to eye wash station in chemical room
4. Labeled Arc Flash Warning on the lighting panels in SCADA room

All Veolia North America safety training has been loaded into our system and the staff is actively working on them. Topics include PPE, ladder safety, slips trips and falls, power tools, fire extinguishers, electrical, and rigging. Lockout/Tagout, Hazcom, and bloodborne pathogens have also been added. The plant staff performs near miss/unsafe conditions reporting with corrective action plans.

## **VI. Repairs and Preventative Maintenance Overview**

Asset management of all the equipment is set up in a new CMMS system called Job Plus Meeting and training is scheduled with the Asset Management Manager in October.

Chemical Inventory management is in the process of being set up in Job Plus.

This will aid in purchasing of frequently used materials, lab supplies, consumables, etc.

Veolia Asset and Maintenance Manager is scheduled to be onsite at the end of November to train the new Lead Operator.

## **VII. Capital Plan**

Veolia has not submitted a Capital plan to the MUA at this time.

**ATTACHMENT C**

**Executive Director's Report (November 2023)**



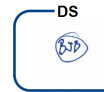


# Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority

COMMISSIONER BRIAN KUBIEL, CHAIR  
 COMMISSIONER STEVEN GROSSO, VICE CHAIR  
 COMMISSIONER BETH KIMMICK  
 COMMISSIONER MICHAEL RUPPEL

## Memorandum

DATE: November 17, 2023  
 TO: PMUA Commissioners  
 FROM: Brian J. Brach, PE, QPA, Interim Executive Director  
 RE: Summary of Executive Director's Report Items  
 October 17, 2023 Public Meeting  
 CC: Cyndi MacReynolds, Secretary, PMUA (via email)



Commissioners,

In an effort to streamline discussion at the meeting, below is a concise summary of several matters I would like to bring to the attention of the Board:

- **Township Tax Sale Update:** The PMUA, with the assistance of Suplee Clooney & Co. (SCC), prepared a preliminary delinquency report to gauge impact of accounts in arrears that would be eligible for the Township's accelerated tax sale. Said report indicated approximately 785-accounts in arrears for a total outstanding balance circa \$285,000! Upon collaboration with Township staff, PMUA professionals and the PMUA Finance Committee member, the decision was made to forego the tax sale at the current moment. Refer to Resolution No. 2023-19 for details. Process and notification changes shall be implemented to better position Authority accounts. However, let it be noted that the number and value of delinquent accounts is a significant issue for Authority solvency.
- **SCC Financial Analysis Update:** SCC has continued to make progress on the forensic financial analysis effort. The tax sale analysis, an important initiative that was not within the initial scope of work, has taken precedence over the past weeks and assisted in identifying utility account discrepancies that require reconciliation. The Board is advised that additional time was spent on the tax sale effort and this *\*may\** be reflected in SCC's final fees.
- **I-Bank Financing:** After much discussion, collaboration and correspondence, the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank has required the Township to finance *\*known\** WWTF eligible costs within the December 2023 bond pool. The idea of a future supplemental I-Bank loan to finance remaining additional costs (potential Tomar change order, sludge hauling, etc.) has not been guaranteed. The exact mechanism, or ability, for the Township to finance these additional costs is unknown. The Township and PMUA are discouraged by the I-Bank's position on this financing. Exact impacts are unknown and the Board will be kept updated accordingly.
- **I-Bank Requirements:** As a condition of the forced December 2023 bond pool closing, the I-Bank further required that the PMUA have full access to Renewal and Replacement ("R&R") Funds; and that the Township and PMUA enter into an Operating Agreement no later than February 1, 2024. The Board will be kept advised of next steps.



- **Assemblyman Sauickie Letter**: Attached is an October 20, 2023 correspondence from Assemblyman Sauickie to the Authority expressing constituents' concerns as to the billing practices of the PMUA. No official response from the PMUA has been contemplated. An appropriate response (or lack thereof) shall be considered upon guidance from the Board.
- **Sewer Loan Liens Update**: As has previously been reported to the Board, approximately (100) outstanding sewer loan applications have been considered incomplete and the County of Ocean will not permit recording of liens against the said properties. A number of these properties have recently been sold and the Township did not recover loan funds. The gross amount of unrecorded loans exceeds \$400,000, which is unacceptable to the Township. DMM Law has contacted the Ocean County Clerk, at the request of the PMUA, and a meeting shall be scheduled in short order to inquire if there are remedies short of having each loan recipient execute and notarize new applications. The Board will be kept updated but the possibility exists of having to re-process these (100) applications.
- **NJDEP Notice of Violation**: As previously reported, the NJDEP issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) on September 29, 2023 resulting from a compliance evaluation conducted at the Authority's Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility on June 6, 2023. A copy of the NOV response from Veolia has been attached for the Board's reference.
- **NJDEP Case #23-10-20-1252-09**: Veolia has been experiencing operational and process issues at the PMUA Advanced WWTF, namely in the form of elevated ammonia levels. Attached is a copy of an October 25, 2023 correspondence notifying the NJDEP of certified lab results confirming the presence of elevated ammonia levels. This is part and parcel of the notification provided to the Board in Executive Session at the October 17th meeting.
- **WWTF Contract Closeout Update**: Discussion has been ongoing with Tomar with little to no progress to report upon at the moment.
- **Manchester Community Energy Aggregation Program**: Gabel Associates convened an update call with Manchester Township and the PMUA on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Attached is a "Program Update" provided by Gabel Associates that describes the current transition back to the JCP&L tariff (for the time being). This notice will be posted on the Township's website and available for those residents with questions. The tentative plan is to advertise for another energy bid circa 2/26/24 and receive those bids circa 3/27/24. The Board will be kept advised as Gabel Associates continues to monitor the energy market.
- **Lennar's "Venue at Crosswicks" Reported Water Pressure Issues**: Although potable water is not within the jurisdiction of the PMUA, complaints from residents with regards to water pressure issues within the Lennar neighborhood continue to be reported. The PMUA is uncertain if these are actual or perceived issues. However, the PMUA contacted NJAW representatives to ensure that the water company was aware of these complaints so they could address them appropriately. Attached is the PMUA's November 8, 2023 email to NJAW representatives; and the resulting NJAW correspondence (from January 2022) that was provided in response. PMUA trusts that NJAW and Lennar will address any public health and safety issues accordingly. No action is required or contemplated from the PMUA.

Feel free to contact me if you'd like to discuss any of these matters further.

Respectfully,  
Brian