

## **Mount Holly Municipal Utilities Authority Regular Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Mount Holly Municipal Utilities Authority was held at 37 Washington Street on Thursday August 16, 2018; at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Thiessen called the meeting to order with the following roll call:

PRESENT: Mr. Jules Thiessen, Chairman  
Mr. Christopher Banks, Commissioner  
Ms. Gina LaPlaca, Commissioner  
Mr. Robert G. Maybury, Executive Director  
Mr. Tom Coleman, Raymond Coleman Heinold, LLP  
Mr. Dave Skibicki, R. A. Alaimo Associates, Engineer  
Mr. Richard Wells, Esq The Garty Law Firm  
Mr. Joel Hervey, Operations Superintendent  
Mr. Anthony Stagliano, Safety Director & Special Projects  
Mr. Michael B. Dehoff, Finance Administrator/Treasurer  
Mrs. Brandy C. Boyington, Board Secretary

ABSENT: Mr. Robert Silcox, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Jason Jones, Commissioner  
Mr. Armando Riccio, Labor/Employment Counsel

### **Verification of Notice**

Executive Director Maybury verified that "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: Notice of this meeting was published in the Courier Times on February 21, 2018 and the Courier Post on February 21, 2018. On Monday August 06, 2018 advanced written notice of this meeting was posted on the Administrative Bulletin Board at the Township Building and advanced written notice of this meeting was mailed to all persons who, according to the records of the Authority, requested such notice."

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Public Comments on Action Items**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner LaPlaca moved for the approval of Regular Meeting Minutes and the Executive Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2018. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. At the call of the roll the vote was:

Ayes: Chairman Thiessen, Commissioner LaPlaca, Commissioner Banks

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Commissioner Silcox, Commissioner Jones

### **New Business**

Resolution 2018-80	A resolution authorizing collective bargaining agreement with Supervisor Unit and the Mt. Holly Municipal Utilities Authority.
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Executive Director Maybury explained this resolution is to memorialize the agreement that has been finalized for several months. Language differences were worked out in the agreement between the Commissioners and the Supervisor Unit and it has been signed. Approval of this resolution ratifies the agreement by the Authority.

Commissioner LaPlaca moved for the approval of resolution 2018-80. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. At the call of the roll the vote was:

Ayes: Chairman Thiessen, Commissioner LaPlaca, Commissioner Banks

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Commissioner Silcox, Commissioner Jones

Resolution 2018-81

A resolution of the Mt. Holly Municipal Utilities Authority confirming the findings of the New Jersey Local Finance bond.

Mr. Dehoff stated this resolution is in connection to the Authority's refunding bonds. The Authority appeared before the Local Finance Board and they passed a resolution after the meeting saying the Local Finance Board has no issues and the Authorities could move forward. Approval of this resolution acknowledges their conclusion.

Commissioner LaPlaca moved for the approval of resolution 2018-81. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. At the call of the roll the vote was:

Ayes: Chairman Thiessen, Commissioner LaPlaca, Commissioner Banks

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Commissioner Silcox, Commissioner Jones

Resolution 2018-82

A resolution of the Mt. Holly Municipal Utilities Authority awarding an extraordinary unspecifiable service contract for the HSI Turbo Blower

Executive Director Maybury stated approval of resolution 2018-82 authorizes the repair of the HSI Turbo Blower in lieu of a new replacement unit. The Authority opened sealed bids on May 2<sup>nd</sup> this year and the bids received exceeded the engineers' estimate. The Authority worked with the manufacturer and others to achieve an affordable alternative, but could not find a new replacement at this time. Based on the expense of the current technology, the manufacturer of the blower is willing to rebuild the failed blower with six upgrade options for a total of \$62,540. This rebuild will get the Authority back into operation with the necessary standby units at a cost savings of nearly \$200,000.00. The Authority has learned a lot about turbo blower technology in the past several months and will be working with Alaimo Associates to study more cost-effective future alternatives with longer useful lifecycles.

Commissioner LaPlaca moved for the approval of resolution 2018-82. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. At the call of the roll the vote was:

Ayes: Chairman Thiessen, Commissioner LaPlaca, Commissioner Banks

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Commissioner Silcox, Commissioner Jones

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

"All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine by the MHMUA and will be enacted by one motion. Should a Commissioner wish to discuss a consent agenda item separately, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence."

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| *Resolution 2018-31 | A resolution approving the operating expenses for the month of July 2018.                                 |
| *Resolution 2018-32 | A resolution approving the sewer refunds for the month of July 2018.                                      |
| *Resolution 2018-33 | A resolution approving the expenditures for the month of July 2018 from the escrow fund.                  |
| *Resolution 2018-34 | A resolution approving the expenditures for the month of July 2018 from the improvement replacement fund. |

Commissioner LaPlaca moved for the approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

Ayes: Chairman Thiessen, Commissioner LaPlaca, Commissioner Banks

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Commissioner Silcox, Commissioner Jones

**Communications** None

**Matters to be presented by the Public** None

**Report of the Executive Director** The Report of the Executive Director was received. Executive Director Maybury informed the board members that a press release was assembled for the bond restructuring since it was such a financial success. The press release was sent to the news media for publication, but has not been run by any as of today. The Authority will post the press release on its website, Facebook page and other social media outlets to share this great news.

**Report of the Engineer** The Report of the Engineer was received. Mr. Skibicki stated that Alaimo's permitting Engineer has determined that the extended driveway needed for the Garden Street Pump Station off of Garden Street will require a transitioning waiver. Alaimo Associates is working on developing the scope and trying to work around the fact that the pump station footprint is larger than the existing. Executive Director Maybury explained that the Authority met with Saif and Charlie Fooks from Alaimo, reviewed the survey and found the wetlands delineation line runs right through the middle of the project. This project will have a couple of hurdles to clear prior to finalizing. Mr. Coleman interjected stating the Authority will need approval for Master Plan Consistency from Mount Holly Township. Chairman Thiessen asked if this will impact the new developments that are coming into the area. Executive Director Maybury stated the Garden Street Pump station is adequate, but based on age and safety concerns the Authority will move forward with the project. Executive Director Maybury continued confirming the larger of the developments will be built in phases and this will give time to work out the details of the new pump station design and permitting.

**Report of the Operations Superintendent** The Report of the Operations Superintendent was received. Nothing to add

**Report of the Safety Director and Special Projects** The Report of the Safety Director and Special Projects was received. Nothing to add.

**Report of the Solicitor** The Report of the Solicitor was received. Mr. Coleman explained a bill was signed August 10, 2018 that will affect Authorities providing connection fee credits for commercial buildings. A law stating a 50% reduction for affordable housing units is mandatory as long as the units are in their townships inclusionary plan.

*Reference: Assembly Bill A2779 and Senate Bill S1247 - (Matching Bills)*

**Report of the Finance Administrator/Board Treasurer** The Report of the Finance Administrator/Board Treasurer was received.

### **Other New Business**

#### **Matters to be presented by Commissioners**

A moment of silence and remembering John Edwards. Chairman Thiessen recognized Mr. Edwards for his 30 years of service on the Authority Board where he served as Chairman of the Board for more than 25 years. Chairman Thiessen referenced Resolution 2014-33 from the April 10, 2014 meeting, previously recognizing John for his dedicated service to the Authority.

#### **Adjournment**

Commissioner LaPlaca moved for adjournment. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. Chairman Thiessen adjourned the meeting at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brandy C. Boyington, Secretary