

EVESHAM MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2022

Authority Board, Professionals and Staff in Attendance

Present: Chairman Waters, Commissioners Hunter, Druss and Kipness

Not Present: Vice-Chairman Tencza, Commissioners Sweeney and Schmidt

Also Present: Executive Director Booth, Deputy Executive Director Puszcz, Operations Manager Higgins, Asset Manager Vandenberg, General Counsel Grant, Engineer Simpson and Board Secretary Krimmel

Members of the Public:

None

Chairman Waters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Statement:

Commissioner Druss read the opening statement as follows:

Both adequate and electronic notice of this meeting, pursuant to both the Open Public Meetings Act and Emergency Remote Meeting Protocol advised in Local Finance Notice 2020-21, has been given by the Director of Finance, Deputy Executive Director of the Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority on February 8, 2022 in the following manner:

1. E-mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, Courier Post, and Central Record
2. Posting written notice on the official Evesham MUA website
3. Filing written notice with the Clerks of Evesham and Medford

This statement shall be entered into the minutes of this meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 7, 2022 – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to approve the minutes of September 7, 2022.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Kipness, Druss, Hunter
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: Waters (Not in attendance)

MOTION CARRIED: 3-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only)

None

FINANCIAL

Resolution 2022-113: Payment of Bills – On motion by Druss, seconded by Hunter, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2022-113** approving the payment of the September 2022 bills.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Kipness, Druss, Hunter, Waters
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Resolution 2022-114: Refunds, Credits & Cancellations – On motion by Druss, seconded by Hunter, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2022-114** approving the September 2022 refunds, credits & cancellations.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Kipness, Druss, Hunter, Waters
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Resolution 2022-115: Authorizing Award of Contract through OMNIA Partners National Cooperative Purchasing Program – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2022-115** authorizing award of contract through OMNIA Partners National Cooperative Purchasing Program to Safeware, Inc. in the amount of \$31,961.99 to purchase additional security cameras, including installation at Elmwood and Woodstream WWTP's. Executive Director Booth explained that these additional cameras will be installed in our operator labs in accordance with our safety program.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Kipness, Druss, Hunter, Waters
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Resolution 2022-117: Award of Contract in excess of \$6,600 – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Hunter, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2022-117** awarding a contract to Prism Color Corp. in the amount of \$17,094.00 for the printing of the 2023 EMUA calendar. Executive Director Booth advised the Board that this is the annual calendar that the MUA sends out to Evesham residents. The calendar is very informative and the residents really enjoy receiving them.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Kipness, Druss, Hunter, Waters
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Resolution 2022-118: Award of Contract in excess of \$44,00 – On motion by Hunter, seconded by Druss, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2022-118** awarding a contract to Caterina Supply Inc. in the amount of \$90,641.94 for 26 fire hydrants and 10 traffic repair kits. Operations Manager Higgins explained that these fire hydrants are in the FY-23 budget and needed to keep inventory up to demand.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Kipness, Druss, Hunter, Waters
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Booth informed the Board that there were four water main breaks since our last meeting. They were repaired in-house. There were six discolored water complaints which were caused by the hydrant flushing. The residents were asked to flush their lines which resolved their concerns. There was one odor complaint.

Executive Director Booth advised that hydrant flushing is almost complete. The only remaining lines are the blow-offs which are dead end mains. There are currently ten hydrants out of service and we have crews working on them.

Executive Director Booth advised the Board he would like to discuss PFAS and Nitrate limits at both Woodstream and Elmwood Plants, but he would like the entire Board in attendance. This discussion will take place at the next Board meeting.

Executive Director Booth informed the Commissioners that the AEA Conference will be held November 15th and 16th. He advised the Board to contact Chris Krimmel if they would like to attend.

Executive Director Booth received a note from Chief Miller of the Evesham Police Department expressing appreciation for the EMUA participating in National Night Out.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Review of Engineer's Status Report

Update: South Side Water Storage Tank – Nothing new to report.

Update: Route 70 Water Main – Nothing new to report.

Update: Route 70 Sewer Main – Insituform Technologies is currently out working during the night hours this week. The project should be complete within the next two weeks.

Update: Heritage Village (Phase 2) Water Main Replacement – MSP Construction Corporation continues installing the water main. They are making good progress.

Update: Elmwood Storage Building – Nothing new to report.

Update: Well No. 7 Building –

Resolution 2022-116: Approval of Change Order #2 – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to approve Resolution 2022-116 approving Change Order #2 in the amount of \$14,498.58 to Eagle Construction Services, Inc. for Well No. 7 Building.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Kipness, Druss, Hunter, Waters
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Update: Kings Grant Effluent Force Main Replacement – Coastline Construction is scheduled to commence work in mid-October. The work will take approximately two weeks.

Update: Well No. 6 Building – A contract for the building repairs has been awarded to MBE Mark III. They will commence demolition work during the first week in October.

Update: Well No. 6 Redrill – A.C. Schultes will begin the redrill work in approximately two months.

Update: Heritage Village (Phase 3) Water Main Replacement – Nothing new to report.

Update: Elmwood UV Disinfection – Nothing new to report.

Updated: Taunton Lakes Road Water Main Relocation – The design is ninety percent complete. We will request authorization to advertise for bids at next month’s meeting.

Updated: Heritage Village Sewer Main Rehabilitation (Phase 2) – The design is ninety percent complete. We will request authorization to advertise for bids at next month’s meeting.

Motion to approve S-3/W-3 for Raising Cane’s Restaurants, LLC– On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to approve S-3/W-3 for Raising Cane’s Restaurants, LLC – 800 Route 70 West

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Kipness, Druss, Hunter, Waters
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Motion to approve S-3/W-3 for Nothing Bundt Cakes – On motion by Druss, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to approve S-3/W-3 for Nothing Bundt Cakes – 101 Route 73 South

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Kipness, Druss, Hunter, Waters
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT

General Counsel Grant had nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Druss stated that there is an emerging technology that makes the testing more affordable for PFAS called Superoxide and he knows two vendors who are using it. He would like to discuss it further off-line. He expressed condolences for the passing of former Governor Florio and expressed appreciation for everything that he accomplished.

Commissioner Kipness expressed appreciation to the MUA team for resolving the water main breaks that occurred in his development last week. He appreciates everything that they do and said to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Hunter expressed appreciation to the entire staff of the Authority. She apologized for not attending in person and appreciates the quick accommodations to participate by Zoom. She expressed appreciation to Deputy Executive Director Puszcz for her report on FY-22 and to Christine Krimmel for her response about the conference in November.

Chairman Waters expressed appreciation to everyone who participated in the Evesham Harvest Fest. He also expressed appreciation to the entire staff for all of the work that they do.

There was a motion to adjourn by Kipness, seconded by Druss. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Kipness, Druss, Hunter, Waters
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

The next meeting of the Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority is scheduled for November 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Christine Krimmel
Office Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: _____