EVESHAM MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2026

Authority Board, Professionals and Staff in Attendance

Present: Chairman Waters, Commissioners Kipness & Druss
(Not in attendance – Commissioners Tencza, Schmidt & Wilmott)

Authority Board and Professional via Video Teleconferencing:

Commissioners Sweeney

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

Members of the Public:

None

Chairman Waters called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Opening Statement:

Board Secretary Kipness 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 Office Manager of the Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority on February 5, 2026 in the following manner:

1. E-mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post

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

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

<u>April 7, 2026</u> – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 3-0-1

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> (Agenda Items only)

None

<u>FINANCIAL</u>

<u>Resolution 2026-59: Payment of Bills</u> – On motion by Druss, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-59** approving the payment of the April 2026 bills.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Druss, Sweeney, Kipness, Waters*
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Waters* - Purchase Order #26-01758
Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt

*Chairman Waters advised that he must abstain approval of purchase order number 26-01758 for Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0 For Bill List items except P.O.#26-01758
3-0-1 For Bill List item P.O.#26-01758

<u>Resolution 2026-60: Refunds, Credits & Cancellations</u> – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-60** approving the April 2026 refunds, credits & cancellations.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

<u>Resolution 2026-61: Authorizing advertisement for Paving Services: Concrete & Asphalt Repairs</u> – On motion by Druss, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-61** authorizing advertisement for Paving Services: Concrete & Asphalt Repairs. Executive Director Booth explained that the Township of Evesham has always been the lead agent for the cooperative pricing system for these services;

however, they will not be bidding for a new contract. The Authority will need to request bids for paving services.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Resolution 2026-62: Authorizing Entry into an Amended Shared Service Agreement – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-62** authorizing entry into an amended Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Evesham to utilize the gasoline fueling station at Elmwood WWTP. Executive Director Booth advised the Board that this resolution extends the current contract to ten years. The Authority is currently working on upgrades to the fueling station and the Township owes a significant portion. They requested to extend the current agreement to ten years with a second ten-year option.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Resolution 2026-64: Award of a One-Year Contract Extension – On motion by Druss, second by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-64** awarding a one-year contract extension in excess of $53,000 to Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey Inc. (formerly known as Seaside Waste Services) in the amount of $149,968.00 for Sludge Transportation Services. Operations Manager Higgins explained that this will extend the current contract that we have with Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, who hauls out sludge from our wastewater treatment plants.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Motion to Approve a Proposal from Konica Minolta – All Covered Inc. – On motion by Druss, second by Kipness, it was moved to approve a proposal from Konica Minolta – All Covered Inc. in the amount of $91,483.85 for Authority Server Upgrades. Asset Manager Vandenberg explained that this is a necessary hardware/software upgrade that needs to be completed. The current hardware/software has reached its end of life that needs to be upgraded. Commissioner Kipness suggests having the language reviewed before we use the proposal as our binding contract. Deputy Executive Director Puszcz responded that we will work with our General Counsel to make the necessary changes.

The Board agreed to approve the proposal based upon legal review and any potential changes.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Booth advised the Board that there were two main breaks since our last meeting. One was a water main break and the other was a sewer main break on Route 70. The sewer main break on Route 70 occurred on Thursday, April 30, 2026 and lasted 3 days. It started as a system overflow in front of Prince of Peace Church. Once our crew arrived, they realized it was not a simple back-up. It was a twelve-inch transmission line that runs along the highway to the treatment plant. They were able to relieve the back-up. Operations Manager Higgins advised the State. The next day, police dispatch contacted us to advise us that there was another back-up. We tried mitigating the issue further downstream, but were unable to locate the blockage. On Saturday, we contacted R.D. Zeuli (our emergency repair contractor) for assistance. It was a collapsed pipe. They needed to replace 62 feet of pipe. This emergency repair was completed on Monday, May 4, 2026. Although this was a costly repair, we were fortunate that it was rectified before a bigger problem occurred. We will continue watching the line and decide what our next step will need to be. We have two options: reline the pipe or do a pipe burst, which will be more costly. We will need to view the integrity of the line before we make that decision.

Executive Director Booth informed the Board that our CCR report is currently posted on our website. They have been delivered to all the areas that are required by the NJDEP. They are also available at the main office, 100 Sharp Road, for anyone who would like to have a copy.

Executive Director Booth informed the Board that the Authority has completed our PFAS testing which shows non-detected. Once we become non-detected, we should be able to move to a modified sampling schedule. However, the New Jersey DEP has not reviewed the Authority's sampling, so they are advising us to continue the schedule as is at the cost of the Authority.

Executive Director Booth expressed appreciation to the Commissioners who attended the AEA conference.

Executive Director Booth advised the Board that a few of our employees will be attending the NJWEA training in Atlantic City next week.

Executive Director Booth informed the Board that we donated water for Marlton Relay for Life and the Mayor's Wellness festival this past month.

Executive Director Booth informed the Board that he, along with the Township Manager, have agreed to sell the Township some of our older vehicles. This resolution will be placed on the June Board meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Review of Engineer's Status Report

Update: South Side Water Storage Tank – We have been working with the Pinelands Commission and the New Jersey Conservation foundation to acquire a small piece of the ground. We also have been working with a tank manufacturer to see how much of the lot would need to be cleared. They will need the entire 1 ½ acre cleared in order to build the tank. This will require a major application process to the Pinelands including a 2 year study for endangered species. We will let the Conservation Foundation and the Township work towards reserving the lot for the EMUA. If it ever comes to be an acceptable lot to build a water tower, we will look at our options.

Update: Route 70 Water Main – JVS Contractors will be out next week to finish the restorations.

Update: Elmwood UV Disinfection – Everything is installed; however, there are some loose wires in the control panel. The control panel manufacturer will be out sometime next week to make the correction.

Update: Cinelli Farm Lift Station – Nothing new to report.

Update: Elmwood WWTP Generator Replacement –

Resolution 2026-66: Award of Contract in excess of $53,000 – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to adopt **Resolution 2026-66** authorizing an award of contract in excess of $53,000 to Ranco Construction, Inc. in the amount of $1,336,850.50 for Elmwood WWTP Generator Replacement.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Update: Kings Grant Drive Water Main Replacement – The contractor has completed their mark outs. They intend to start work on site in early June.

Update: Well No. 5 Redevelopment and Pump Repairs – This project is complete.

<u>Update: Well No. 8 Redrill</u> –

<u>Resolution 2026-63: Approval of Change Order #1</u> – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to approve **Resolution 2026-63** approving Change Order #1 in the amount of $21,900.00 to Uni-Tech Drilling, Inc for Well No. 8 Redrill.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

<u>Update: Pine Grove Pump Station Rehabilitation</u> – The DEP has requested us to go to the Pinelands Commission for a certificate of filing before they will approve the treatment works application.

<u>Update: Cambridge Park Water Main Replacement</u> – The survey will be performed this month.

<u>Motion to approve S-3/W-3 for Flagship Car Wash – 235 North Maple Avenue</u> – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to approve S-3/W-3 for Flagship Car Wash – 235 North Maple Avenue

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

<u>Motion to approve S-3/W-3 for Marlton Crossing LLC – 108 E. Centre Blvd</u> – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to approve S-3/W-3 for Marlton Crossing LLC – 108 E. Centre Blvd

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

<u>GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT</u>

<u>Resolution 2026-67: Releasing Bond in Relation to Municipal Mechanic's Lien</u> – On motion by Druss, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-67** releasing the bond in relation to a Municipal Mechanic's Lein against Nacom Companies Inc. for the Elmwood WWTP Storage Building Project. General Counsel Agostini explained that an employee of Nacom Companies filed a municipal mechanic's lien related to the project. Nacom Companies had to secure a bond to assure the Authority that it would be taken care of. Since the project is now complete, we can release the Bond.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 3-1-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Druss expressed appreciation to the Authority staff and R.D. Zeuli crew who repaired the sewer main break. He will be attending the NJWEA conference next week.

Commissioner Sweeney expressed appreciation to everyone who repaired the sewer main break. He believes everyone does a great job.

Commissioner Kipness expressed appreciation to everyone who repaired the sewer main break. He believes they do a great job.

Chaiman Waters expressed appreciation to the employees who worked on the sewer main break. He also expressed appreciation to Executive Director Booth for coordinating with Mayor and Council to have Public Works assist with the job to have it completed a lot quicker. He appreciates everyone's effort.

There was a motion to adjourn by Kipness seconded by Druss. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

The next meeting of the Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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Christine Krimmel
Office Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: __________