EVESHAM MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2026

Authority Board, Professionals and Staff in Attendance

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

Also Present: Deputy Executive Director Puszcz, Director of Personnel, Safety and Security Locantore, Operations Manager Higgins, Asset Manager Vandenberg, General Counsel Agostini, Engineer Simpson and Board Secretary Krimmel

Authority Board via Video Teleconferencing:

Commissioner Sweeney

Members of the Public:

None

Chairman Waters called the meeting to order at 7:06 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 2, 2026 – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to approve the minutes of September 2, 2026.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 3-0-2

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only)

None

FINANCIAL

Resolution 2026-100: Payment of Bills – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-100** approving the payment of the September 2026 bills.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters*
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Waters* - Purchase Order #27-00470
Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt

*Chairman Waters advised that he must abstain approval of purchase order number 27-00470 for Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0 For Bill List items except P.O. #27-00470
4-0-1 For Bill List item P.O. #27-00470

Resolution 2026-101: Refunds, Credits & Cancellations – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Schmidt, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-101** approving the September 2026 refunds, credits & cancellations.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Executive Director Booth, Asset Manager Vandenberg advised the Board that there were eight main breaks since our last meeting. Seven were repaired in-house and one by our third-party contractor. Three of the breaks were in Cambridge Park which stresses the importance of the water main replacement project currently

being worked on. There were four discolored water complaints and one odor in the water complaint. In all cases, we tested the water and all came back in compliance.

Asset Manager Vandenberg expressed appreciation to the Board for approving attendance to WEFTEC this year. Those that attended brought back valuable insights.

Asset Manager Vandenberg advised the Board that this year's Harvest Fest was cancelled due to the weather. The Authority has 1,000 seed/soil kits that need to be donated. He asked if anyone has any suggestions to where they can be donated, please let him know.

Asset Manger Vandenberg reminded the Board that the AEA conference will be held in Atlantic City on November 16th and 17th.

Resolution 2026-102: Authorizing entry into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Evesham – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-102** authorizing entry into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Evesham for Road Repair and Improvement Services. Deputy Executive Director Puszcz explained that this agreement identifies which entity pays for paving and concrete work.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Resolution 2026-103: Approval of Change Order #2 – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Schmidt, it was moved to approve **Resolution 2026-103** approving Change Order #2 for a contract time extension of 112 days to Dynamic Sandblasting and Painting, LLC for Lincoln Drive Water Tower Rehabilitation. Deputy Executive Director Puszcz explained that this is a no cost change order. This is simply extending the time for completion of this project.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Resolution 2026-104 : Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with Government Workers Union – On motion by Schmidt, seconded by Tencza, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-104** approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Government Workers Union. Director of Personnel, Safety and Security Locantore explained that four years ago our supervisors formed a collective bargaining group with

GWU and their current contract expired on June 30, 2026. This will be a new four-year agreement.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

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: Elmwood UV Disinfection – We were supposed to test the equipment this week, however; the control panel shorted out. We have gone back to the fabricator of the control panel and told them that they need to repair it as soon as possible.

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

Update: Elmwood WWTP Generator Replacement – Nothing new to report.

Update: Kings Grant Drive Water Main Replacement – The new water main is complete. They have abandoned the old water main successfully and have removed all the old hydrants. They are substantially complete except for some minor punch list items.

Update: Kings Grant Drive Mill and Overlay – This project will be completed by the Township under their road program.

Update: Well No. 8 Replacement – Phase 1 – This project is substantially complete.

Update: Well No. 8 Replacement – Phase 2 – This is ready to go out to bid once the PLA is approved.

Update: Pine Grove Pump Station Rehabilitation – The plans and specifications will be given to Authority staff sometime this month so that can go out to bid in the near future.

Update: Cambridge Park Water Main Replacement – We are working to complete the design plan so this can go out to bid in early 2027.

Motion to approve S-3 for Congregation Beth Tikvah Synagogue – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Schmidt, it was moved to approve S-3 Congregation Beth Tikvah Synagogue – 115 Evesboro-Medford Road

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

General Counsel Agostini had nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Sweeney expressed appreciation to Director of Personnel, Safety and Security Locantore for his work on the union agreement. He also expressed appreciation to the entire staff for all their hard work.

Commissioner Druss confirmed that WEFTEC was successful. He appreciated seeing Executive Director Booth, Supervisor Mullen and Supervisor Veith at the conference. He also expressed appreciation to Director of Personnel, Safety and Security Locantore for his work on the union agreement.

Commissioner Schmidt expressed appreciation to Director of Personnel, Safety and Security Locantore for his work on the union agreement. He appreciated the memo that he provided to the Board. He also expressed appreciation to the entire staff.

Commissioner Kipness expressed appreciation to Director of Personnel, Safety and Security Locantore for his clarification of the changes to the union agreement and for the work he did on the agreement. He also expressed appreciation to the entire staff and everyone that contributes to the success of the MUA.

Commissioner Tencza expressed appreciation to our professionals, our administration, our supervisors and operating group for all their hard work. He especially appreciates the staff that took care of all the water main breaks this past month.

Chairman Waters expressed appreciation to the professionals, the management team, supervisors and all our employees for the hard work that they do. He also expressed appreciation to Director of Personnel, Safety and Security Locantore for his work on the union agreement.

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

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

The next meeting of the Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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Christine Krimmel
Office Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: _____