

EVESHAM MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2026

Authority Board, Professionals and Staff in Attendance

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

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

Authority Board via Video Teleconferencing:

Commissioner Druss

Members of the Public:

None

Chairman Waters called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Opening Statement:

Vice-Chairman Tencza 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

August 5, 2026 – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2026.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only)

None

FINANCIAL

Resolution 2026-95: Payment of Bills – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-95** approving the payment of the August 2026 bills.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Druss, Kipness, Tencza, Waters*
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: Waters* - Purchase Order #27-00295
 Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt

*Chairman Waters advised that he must abstain approval of purchase order number 27-00295 for Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0 For Bill List items except P.O. #27-00295
 3-0-1 For Bill List item P.O. #27-00295

Resolution 2026-96: Refunds, Credits & Cancellations – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-96** approving the August 2026 refunds, credits & cancellations.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Booth advised the Board that there were no violations this month, however; we do have a few pending. The State will notify us if we have any fees associated with these violations. Executive Director Booth advised the Board that there were two watermain breaks since our last meeting and both were repaired in-house.

There was one discolored water complaint but there were no odor in the water complaints this month. We tested the water and it came back in compliance.

Executive Director Booth reminded the Board of a conversation last month about a shared service agreement with the Township of Evesham concerning Text My Gov. He advised the Board that he spoke with Township Manager Miller about some of the questions that they had. He confirmed that the design is for residents only, but whomever would like to sign up can do so. They also discussed the possible overages over the 1.5 million texts. Township Manager Miller confirmed that the Township will pay for the overages. The Authority will not have to pay more than our contribution. There will be two Township representatives and two MUA representatives (Office Manager Krimmel and Asset Manager Vandenberg). The duration of the contract is 3 years and the cost per year for the Authority is \$8,625.00.

Resolution 2026-97: Authorizing the renewal of membership in the New Jersey Authorities Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Tencza, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-97** authorizing the renewal of membership in the New Jersey Authorities Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) for a three-year period, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending January 1, 2030.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Resolution 2026-99: Authorizing Entry into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Evesham – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Tencza, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-99** authorizing Entry into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Evesham for Text My Gov Public Notification System.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Executive Director Booth advised the Board that the Lincoln Drive Water Tower rehabilitation project is almost complete. It has met all its regulatory sampling requirements. In the next week or so, we will drain the tank completely and fill it back up with water and then start feeding our service lines again.

Executive Director Booth advised the Board that the Woodstream tank project is significantly delayed but there is still progress on going every day. The delays are based on the stainless-steel manufacturer. The Woodstream headworks project is still in the

final process with the I-Bank study concerning the energy savings with the cost associated with what we have to pay back.

Executive Director Booth advised the Board about the coalition we entered into with Mount Laurel MUA a few months ago concerning a New Jersey American Water rate increase. We did not get a full judgement on our end; however, they wanted a 17% increase we were able to get it down to 5.8%. He believes it's a good venture to have with Mount Laurel MUA.

Executive Director Booth informed the Board that we will be participating in the annual Evesham Harvest Fest which will be on September 26, 2026 and we will be giving out our popular compost and seed starter kits.

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 – The equipment is going into test mode next week. The technician that came to finalize the entire electronic connections that the manufacturer did not finish and to assess the damage from the flood determined that there was very little damage from the flood and no electronics were damaged. Just a few bulbs were damaged from the flood waters. If the testing goes well, it could go into full operation before the month is out.

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

Update: Elmwood WWTP Generator Replacement – A preconstruction meeting was held in July. Work on site will not start until the third quarter of 2027.

Update: Kings Grant Drive Water Main Replacement – The contractor is hooking up the side ports to the water main from Taunton Lakes Road and back towards Pineview Drive. They will connect one court at a time. The coordination with the residents has been buttoned up so that the residents can know what to expect and when they may be without water.

Update: Kings Grant Drive Mill and Overlay – This is ready to go out to bid once the PLA is approved.

Update: Well No. 8 Replacement – Phase 1

Resolution 2026-98: Approval of Change Order #2 – On motion by Druss, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to approve **Resolution 2026-98** approving Change Order #2

in the amount of \$83,310.00 to Uni-Tech Drilling, Inc. for Well No. 8 Replacement – Phase 1.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

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 – Nothing new to report.

Update: Cambridge Park Water Main Replacement – We are working with the utility companies to plot their facilities on the design plan.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

General Counsel Agostini had nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Druss wished everyone a happy Labor Day. He mentioned that he will be attending WEFTEC for professional reasons and he looks forward to seeing anyone that will be attending.

Commissioner Kipness expressed appreciation to the entire team. He believes they do a great job. He reminded everyone that kids are back at school and for our drivers to be aware of that and look out for our children at bus stops.

Commissioner Tencza expressed appreciation to our professionals, our administration, our supervisors and operating group for all their hard work. He believes they are the best in the State.

Chairman Waters wished everyone a happy Labor Day. He expressed appreciation to the professionals, the management team, supervisors and all our employees for their hard work throughout the summer. He also appreciates all the employees that will participate in the fall festival that will be held this month.

There was a motion to adjourn by Tencza, seconded by Kipness. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

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

Christine Krimmel
Office Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: _____