

The MINUTES of the meeting of the DELAWARE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY held on February 01, 2023 in the township Municipal Building at 7:30PM.

The meeting started about 20 minutes late because the members were unable to get into the building due to the locked doors while construction is being completed.

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Township of Delaware in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.

Members present:

Chairman	Dwain Floyd	PRESENT
Vice Chairman	Mario Russo	PRESENT
Treasurer	Mario Russo	PRESENT
Executive Secretary	Anthony Abbatiello	PRESENT
Member	Michael Mills	PRESENT
Member	Rosolino Ferrante	PRESENT
First Alternate	Tim Soltis	PRESENT
Second Alternate	Joe Vocke	PRESENT
Administrator	Dianne Rankin	PRESENT

The Board welcomes two new members: Michael Mills and Rosolino Ferrante. MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 05, 2023 MEETING. Mr. Abbatiello seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Mr. Abbatiello, Mr. Floyd and Mr. Soltis who voted for members who were not present at the meeting. Mr. Russo, Mr. Mills and Mr. Ferrante abstained because they were not present for the meeting.

Chairman Floyd stated that this meeting is our annual Reorganization meeting and asked for nominations for new officers and services for the current year.

MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPOINT DWAIN FLOYD TO BE CHAIRMAN.

MR. ABBATIELLO MOVED TO APPOINT MR. RUSSO AS VICE-CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER.

MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPOINT MR. ABBATIELLO AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPOINT DIANNE RANKIN AS ADMINISTRATOR.

MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPOINT RICHARD CUSHING OF GEBHART & KIEFER ATTORNEY.

MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPOINT NSU (Natural Systems Utilities) AS OUR ENGINEER AND PLANT OPERATORS PER OUR CONTRACT.

MR. FERRANTE MOVED TO APPOINT ROBERT BUTVILLA OF SUPLEE, CLOONEY ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR.

MR. MILLS MOVED TO APPOINT PNC BANK AS DTMUA FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

MR. FERRANTE MOVED TO APPOINT HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

MR. MILLS MOVED TO APPOINT DEBRA SZWED AS BOOKKEEPER.

Mr. Ferrante seconded all of the above motions. The appointments were approved unanimously

No professional contracts were available so the approvals were tabled until contracts are available.

Mr. Mazzella of NSU provided a written update on plant operations. The operators have disconnected the injector system at the well because a probe broke and they are now operating the system manually. He provided a quote of \$3151.60 to repair it. Chairman Floyd said that due to all the problems with the system they decided to continue to operate manually. Chairman Floyd said that he asked Mr. Mazzella if the DEP would allow us to discontinue the system because we agreed to place it in operation after a non-compliance issue. He said Mr. Mazzella said he did not think that would be a problem under the current circumstances.

Mr. Mazzella also addressed the sand bed operation at the sewer plant. He said there has been significant rain causing significant build up on the #1 sand bed. Dosing pumps has to be switched to sand bed #2. A new sludge holding tank decant pump was purchased as a back up in case one of the pumps fail. This will prevent down time with operations. He said the effluent meter needs to be replaced because it was providing false readings. The cost will be about \$5700. MR. FERRANTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE COST OF \$5700 TO PURCHASE A NEW EFFLUENT METER. Mr. Russo seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Soltis asked if he and the new members could have a tour of the plants. Chairman Floyd said he would guide them through the facilities if they set up a date.

Administrator Rankin reviewed the monthly report with the Board. She noted that the new payroll company is in place, the post office has been moved to Stockton until another location is found, customers are responding to the recent request for email notifications and billings, and again she recommends placing about \$500,000 in a high yielding CD for no longer than 1 year.

Administrator Rankin told the Board she was resigning as custodian of the records because she does not feel like she can securely control them. She said she would provide more details in a letter at a later time.

Administrator Rankin also said that the electric lines to the new office cannot provide enough electricity to operate the heater and other equipment. She advised the new

director who said she will look into it. Mrs. Rankin also thinks there could be a mold issue. The Board told her not to go to the office until the issues with the electric and mold are resolved.

MR. RUSSO MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST FOR \$30035.31. Mr. Ferrante seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

At 9:05PM MR. RUSSO MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Rankin