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Present: Mr. Marino, Mr. Schauer, Mr. Neri, Mrs. Mahoney, Mr. Cossabone, Mr. Fiore (via phone), Mr. Spratt, Mr. Roorda

Regret: Mr. Schwaiger, Councilman O'Reilly

Absent: Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Simone

Public in Attendance: Mrs. Beth DiOrio, QPA

Salute to the flag

Mrs. Seeley read the Opening Statement, "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by said act has been provided by adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the year 2025/2026 which schedule was posted on the Authority Bulletin board and filed with the Township Clerk on February 28, 2025."

Public Portion

A motion was made by Mr. Schauer and seconded by Mr. Marino to open the meeting to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Schauer to close the meeting to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Schauer to adopt the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of May 21, 2025. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call.

A motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Schauer to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2025. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call.

A motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Schauer to adopt the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of July 16, 2025. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 100-25 - Resolution for Form C approval for Ayaans Flex Space for All project. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 101-25 - Resolution for Form C approval for water and sanitary sewer in Section 3 of the Morgan Landing project. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 102-25 - Resolution for Form D approval for Phase 1 only of the Holy Estates project. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 104-25 - Resolution approving Form B application for Blaze Mill Development – Phases 6-12 project. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 105-25 - Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign any of the forms stipulated on said resolution and other related documents to be sent to the NJDEP for the Blaze Mill – Phases 6-12 project. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 106-25 - Resolution authorizing the Engineer to submit plans to the NJDEP for the Blaze Mill – Phases 6-12 project. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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NJIB Project Report

Mr. Roorda stated we issued a notice to proceed with the intent to start construction after Labor Day. Mr. Marino questioned if there was a preconstruction meeting out there. Mr. Roorda stated we did with the DEP and contractor a while back. Mr. Neri questioned if the materials had already been purchased. Mr. Roorda stated that I don't know. If they did, they aren't asking to be paid yet. Mr. Roorda stated as you may be aware, the Authority is in the process of closing on a short-term loan on Friday. I know there is paperwork the DEP asked me for which I emailed to them.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 103-25 - Resolution authorizing the Execution of a Settlement agreement between the MTBOE v MMUA. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Mahoney thanked the entire board and Mr. Fiore for their assistance throughout the whole matter and settling this.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 93-25 – Resolution approving United Rentals as a supplier for operational supplies and equipment through Sourcewell Contract #040924-URI period covering August 21, 2025, through June 11, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 per year. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 94-25 – Resolution to terminate the contract with 70il Company, Inc. for the supply and delivery of hearing oil and diesel fuel. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion.

Mr. Cossabone stated Mrs. DiOrio did a lot of work with 70il and this is a price they just can't commit to. Mrs. DiOrio stated when they put in the bid they realized after the fact that they did under bid. Mr. Neri questioned if the contract was awarded to them. Mrs. DiOrio stated yes, we did. Mr. Neri stated under public bid law, their hands are to the fire right now, we could go after them for damages. Not that we want to or need to. Mrs. DiOrio stated, I don't think they did this with ill intent. It was their first time they submitted a bid.

Mr. Cossabone questioned Mr. Fiore if a company can say they messed up and the price just can't be honored. Mr. Fiore stated technically they can. Mr. Cossabone stated so we rather have them cancel the contract than us. Mr. Fiore stated yes, we would rather have them cancel it than us. Mr. Neri stated this way they can't come back and say why are you canceling our contract.

Mr. Marino and Mr. Schauer rescind their motions on Resolution No. 94-25.

Mr. Neri tabled Resolution No. 94-25.

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 95-25 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority requesting board approval to go out for bid for heating oil. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote contingent upon the current company canceling their contract.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 96-25 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority requesting board approval to go out for bid for diesel fuel. Mr. Schauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote contingent upon the current company canceling their contract.

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 97-25 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority to award a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Joseph Fazzio, Inc. for the purchase of operational supplies in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Schauer moved Resolution No. 98-25 – Resolution awarding Caterina Supply Inc. the contract for construction materials for the period covering August 21, 2025, through August 19, 2026, in the

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amount of \$425,000.00. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Chairman

Mr. Neri stated I am glad the BOE situation is off the table now and I'm glad to move forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Schauer and seconded by Mr. Marino to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Schauer and seconded by Mr. Marino for approval of the Bills. The motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Fiore stated I want to commend Mrs. Mahoney on the great job she did with the mediation and litigation.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 99-25 - Resolution authorizing Closed Executive Session of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority to discuss matters falling under attorney-client privilege pursuant to N.J.S.A 10:4-12b(7). Mr. Schauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Seeley read the Closed Session Opening Statement "The Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority shall hold a closed meeting from which the public shall be excluded on August 20, 2025, during the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority meeting. The general nature of the subject to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be related to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(7), Attorney-Client Privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his/her ethical duties as a lawyer. The minutes of said closed meeting shall be made available for disclosure to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13, when the items which are subject of the closed session discussion are resolved and a reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

A motion was made by Mr. Schauer and seconded by Mr. Marino to come out of Closed Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Schauer and seconded by Mr. Marino to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.
Respectfully submitted by:
Approved at the meeting on Vestentus 17, 2025
Attest by Wendy Mahous
Assistant Secretary