

Present: Mr. Bender, Mr. Marino, Mr. Fratterelli, Mr. Penna, Mr. Schauer, Mrs. Mahoney, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Spratt

Regret: Councilman O'Reilly, Mr. Schwaiger

Absent:

Public in Attendance: Mrs. Denise Nevico, Comptroller, Mrs. Beth DiOrio, QPA
Mr. Wayne Roorda, Josh Keubler

Salute to the flag

Mrs. Rutter 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 2026/2027 which schedule was posted on the Authority Bulletin board and filed with the Township Clerk on February 20, 2026."

A motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Bender to appoint Mr. Anthony Fratterelli as Assistant Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Public Portion

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

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Bender and seconded by Mr. Marino to adopt the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of February 18, 2026. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Bender and seconded by Mr. Penna to adopt the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 18, 2026. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Bender moved Resolution No. 42-26 – Designation of Agents to act on the behalf of the MMUA for the renewal of the Water Master Permit. Mr. Penna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Bender moved Resolution No. 48-26 – Designation of Agents to act on the behalf of the MMUA for the resolution approving Form-D application for Oak Manor Pump Station. Mr. Marino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino asked if this was approval for a pump station that was already put in. Mr. Spratt replied that this is for final approval and acceptance. Mr. Marino asked if they had already inspected it and if everything was good. Mr. Spratt replied they had run three pump tests on it and had to change something out on the new pumps. Mr. Roorda did the final test yesterday and it is now good to go. Mr. Marino asked if the MUA will be taking it over at this point. Mr. Spratt replied Yes. Mr. Marino asked Mr. Keubler if he has been out there and everything looks ok. Mr. Keubler said yes and that they had to change the impellers.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 49-26 – Designation of Agents to act on the behalf of the MMUA for the resolution authorizing approval to advertise to receive bids for the Water Main Replacement along Sicklerville Road, from Gordon Avenue to Radix Road. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Schauer asked if this was the project we were going to undertake last year. Mr. Spratt said that is correct. Mr. Schauer wanted to make sure we were going up Radix with 12inch. Mr. Roorda

confirmed we are going to Radix with the 12 and cross over with the 12 to Kent. We are also connecting the 6inch to Kent as well. A 12-inch going across Radix for the future. Mr. Schaurer said we will not need to disturb that intersection if we decide to go further down Radix, that was my main concern. Mr. Schaurer asked if Bryson and Yates would be out inspecting this job. Mr. Spratt replied yes. Mr. Schauer asked if we had As Built for everything. Mr. Spratt said Yes.

Mr. Marino asked if we have responsible bidder language in there. Mr. Roorda replied yes. Mr. Marino said I don't know if the MUA falls under this but there is PLA Language now that used to be a threshold of 5 million or above, maybe it would be wise to investigate it. Mr. Roorda said you're saying for the PLA to apply it would need to be valued at 5 million or more. Mr. Marino replied it used to be, it is no longer that, now there is no threshold. Mr. Roorda said that this project should be roughly a 150,000. It's a smaller project. Mr. Schauer asked if we must accept the lowest bid, can you throw out the lowest and the highest. Mr. Roorda replied we must accept lowest bid. There are certainly things you can ask, if for say someone doesn't have the equipment needed, you can throw that one out.

NJIB Project Report

Mrs. Mahoney asked Mr. Roorda for an update on the tank painting. Mr. Roorda replied that he had an update this morning and it is not going as quickly as he would like. The weather has not been friendly for the contractors. With the most recent storm Monday night they had two tarps rip that they needed to replace. He is hoping they will be blasting in the next week or two. They are cutting in close on the timeline, they were told that this tank needed to be online by Memorial Day. If they hit that target that would be fantastic but they are pushing it. Mr. Schauer stated that the wind is killing those tarps. Mr. Marino asked if they are updating the construction schedule weekly or bi-weekly. Mr. Roorda replied as of right now he has a laundry list of bad weather days. He also has his sub-consultant going through it as well to confirm that their guys were out in the field. He has to update that and incorporate that into an existing change order that has to be formally approved by DEP. I am going to include that construction end date as part of the change order. Mr. Marino asked if that end date had moved. Mr. Roorda answered that verbally it has been moved but on paper it says January 30th. The state is giving us leeway. Mr. Marino would like to see us get on their construction schedule. Mr. Roorda confirmed with them this morning that they are prepared to go into 6-7 workdays for 10 hours if they have to get this completed. They are union guys, so how he works it we are not paying them anything for their overtime. Mr. Marino stated that we are in a critical path because we are almost into April now. Mr. Roorda said that he has made them fully aware. Mr. Roorda said that we had talked internally about liquidated damages but they have not presented it to them till he has all his ducks in a row. It may be coming, we will see.

Mr. Roorda wanted to give a quick update on Deschler Farms pump station. You may or may not be aware, there was an issue with the one force main riser on pump one. There is a clamp on the piping now. The gasket is starting to go. They were trying to figure out when to swap everything out knowing that we have issues and it has become worse. We are going to move forward in replacing the piping in the wet well through the valve chamber. There will a second phase that will come later in regard to changing the gate valve as well as adding another riser and replace the piping from the riser out. There are new pipes on order and will be coming in for Deschler Farms pump station. When we drop the new pumps, we will drop new piping, because of the issue we have we are going to accelerate the new piping now and get that taken care of. Hopefully in July we will be dropping the new pumps in. Mr. Schauer asked if both sides will be done. Mr. Roorda confirmed that was correct. Mr. Marino asked if the MUA will be doing this. Mr. Roorda replied that no, he is going to three quote that. He received a rough price of 20,000 dollars for the piping. The first part of the piping for the wet well into the valve chamber. Between that and Sicklerville Rd. pump station, I am anticipating opening bids April 1st. Hopefully you guys can award something at the April 2nd meeting. And same thing is for Deschler Farms Pump station. Mr. Marino asked if Blaze Mill was tying into existing pump station. Mr. Spratt answered that he believes it's tied in already. The first part of the development is a gravity system and yes is tied in already through the cull-d sac. Mr. Marino asked about the other private pump station that they wanted the MUA to take over. He wanted to confirm that we were still not doing that. Mr. Spratt answered that it is correct. The agreement says that they are going to own it.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 40-26 – Resolution awarding JWC Environmental for the purchase of a Muffin Monster and Motor Controller for the Mink Lane Pump Station in the amount of \$39,831.00. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 41-26 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority amending the Capital Budget appropriating \$65,000.00 of unrestricted net assets for Lead Service Line Replacement. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino asked if this is additional money because we are not getting grant money. He questioned if other towns were getting grant money. Mrs. Mahoney replied that she did not hear that the DEP approved of any grant money. Some towns are deferring the costs to the customer. We decided early on that we were not going to do that. The entire program must be completed by 2031. I do believe you have to complete roughly 10% of the properties every year. We have done 18 so far this year. We are still doing them. We have budgeted 100,000 dollars and we have gone over budget on that.

Mr. Marino said we budgeted \$100,000 and we are at \$165,000 now. Mr. Marino asked how many homes you think we can get completed with that amount.

Mrs. Mahoney said we are still working on that.

Mrs. DiOrio said that they are trying to do three a week.

Mr. Marino asked if these properties were all over.

Mrs. DiOrio said yes, they are all over. We are trying to do the people that call back. There is a couple on Saybrook, we are trying to get all of them done in one shot. Mostly older homes.

Mr. Fratterelli asked what it is being replaced with. Mrs. Mahoney answered Copper. Mr. Fratterelli asked if that is standard. Mrs. Mahoney stated that is how the superintendent began this project. I recently heard that some of the other surrounding towns are not doing that, they are putting in Poly. Mr. Spratt commented on its Authority standard but it's not mandated. Mr. Fratterelli asked if the cost would come down. Mrs. Mahoney said yes it would come down. It is something moving forward we can explore.

Mr. Schauer asked how many homes do we have left, you think. Mrs. Mahoney said that starting out we had 2,500 but a lot were unknown and they needed to determine if they were galvanized. There were some on that list that didn't need to be on there. Anything after a certain year we knew was not galvanized. Mr. Fratterelli asked if someone was going to investigate that, it's an option and it will knock down the cost of labor as well.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 43-26 – Resolution establishing members of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Bender moved Resolution No. 44-26 – Resolution authorizing officers to sign and endorse checks. Mr. Penna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 45-26 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority authorizing temporary employment agreement for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Consultant. Mr. Penna seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Mahoney wanted to add that this has been working out great and at the capacity that I had wanted it to. Mr. Bender asked how many hours? Mrs. Mahoney replied, 20 hours.

Mr. Marino moved Resolution No. 46-26 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority authorizing the sale of surplus property/equipment no longer needed for Public Use on "Gov Deals" an online Auction Website. Mr. Bender seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Mahoney said these are vehicles on the list. Mr. Marino asked these are currently vehicles we no longer operate. Are we going to have to replace something with getting rid of these. We have a fleet management program that we can look at every year. We will put vehicles in the budget proposal but not 5 vehicles. We do not need to replace every one of them, No.

Mr. Schauer replied these are pretty much obsolete, many of them are not even running. Mr. Schauer asked Mrs. DiOrio if she put a reserve on these vehicles. Mrs. DiOrio answered, "I will be, yes. Mr. Schauer asked if there would be a reserve that someone can not just buy something for a buck.

Mr. Fratterelli asked who determines that? Mrs. Mahoney answered that it was done by our purchasing agent along with the operations personnel.

Mr. Marino asked if each one has a different threshold. Mrs. DiOrio answered yes, I will list each one separately. I put a description with what the reserve is. I also can reject it when they come in, we do not have to accept anything and I can re list them.

Mr. Marino said speaking of vehicles, where are we at with the GPS?

Mrs. Mahoney said we have been meeting with the company and we are going to be able to use the company the township uses. They are state contract.

Mrs. Mahoney wanted to add that she wants to welcome Mr. Penna to the board. Mr. Fratterelli is going to go on a tour of our facilities on Wednesday March 25th at 9am. Mr. Paparo is going to be doing that tour. She would like to invite anyone else.

Mr. Schauer would like to welcome Josh Keubler. He has been appointed temporary operations manager down at the plant. Does anyone have any questions on what goes on down at the plant? You can address them to Mr. Keubler.

Mr. Schauer asked Mrs. Mahoney if she wanted to talk about the odor control. Mrs. Mahoney said that Mr. Keubler is prepared to talk about that. Mr. Keubler answered that he does see what Mr. Jengehino was looking at, the Eco2 system. I do have some other ideas. The problem seems to be coming from Kimberley West and the biggest changeover was the station design. I think with Bioxide and a charcoal filter and adding to stations that haven't been used in a while that might help the odor control issue before investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in a system that might not work.

Mr. Schauer said to make everyone aware that prior to that, it was a Cantex station. We upgraded it to a wet well about 3-4 years ago. It is a bigger wet well. There is more sewage there. Mr. Keubler brought up a good point. The people in Kimberley West have to deal with a million-gallon holding tank that is right behind them. It used to be just bad in summertime but now it is year-round. Mr. Keubler confirmed.

Mrs. Mahoney wanted to add for the new board members that may or may not know, the odor control problem has been ongoing. We are looking at something that has clearly become worse in the past few years. I believe that Mr. Keubler's theory is one that we need to explore.

Mr. Fratterelli asked what we can do to tackle this.

Mr. Keubler said we are looking into a charcoal filter system that we are trying to order. In the Preserves development the Bioxide hasn't worked in a while that pumps to that station too. Getting all that back online will help.

Mr. Schauer stated we used to use Bioxide. We used it in all the problem areas. I just found out that we cut it out. It's expensive to use but it works. You need to regulate what you use or you're just wasting money.

Mr. Spratt mentioned that all the newer stations come with Bioxide.

Mrs. Mahoney said that it started to be used again last year when it was recommended. It was toward the end of the summer. Bioxide was used year-round not just when we have a problem.

Mr. Schauer said Bioxide takes time to work.

Mr. Schauer said the committee report. There was a personnel policy meeting on February 25th.

Mr. Marino was asked for an update.

Mr. Marino said that Mr. Schwaiger was still working on that. We met with Mrs. Mahoney and went through the advertisement and what we wanted, the qualifications, which was big with that position. Mrs. Mahoney pulled some down from Cumberland County and some different areas. I

don't know if we finalized. I think salary range was the next thing. Mrs. Mahoney agreed, otherwise it is ready to go.

Mr. Marino said they will meet with Mr. Schwaiger when he gets back and look at terms and a few other moving parts. They want to make sure someone gets in here in time. The target date is June. Mrs. Mahoney wants to confirm that once the personnel committee is ready and you give me the green light, I can post it and not have to wait for another board meeting if everyone agrees.

Superintendent's Report

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


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

Solicitor's Report

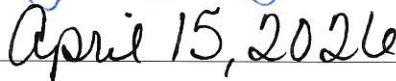
Mr. Fiore had nothing to report.

A motion was made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Fratterelli to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jennifer Rutter

Approved at the meeting on



Attest by



Assistant Secretary