LOGAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY APRIL 27, 2021-OPEN SESSION

THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED USING MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Russell Burke, Chairman opened the April 27, 2021, Meeting of the Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority at 7:00 pm stating that the meeting is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, with notices of all regularly scheduled meeting dates and place of meetings from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022 published in the Gloucester County Times and the Courier Post and submitted to the Logan Township Clerk for posting in the municipal building.

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence

Roll Call/Attendance:

Russell Burke, Chairman requested a roll call, which revealed the following Members present: William Drew, Brian Toliver and Ray Guy.

Other meeting attendees included: Joseph Slachetka-Solicitor, Christopher Whalen-Superintendent, Carly Schultz-Business Manager and Donna Hughes-Administrative Assistant Timothy Bradley-Engineer via telephone

Other meeting attendees: The Maintenance and Operations employees of the LTMUA: Mr. Terence Kucenski, Mr. Kenneth Neuffer, Mr. Carmen Sceno, Mr. Robert Hawkins, Mr. Dayne Depew and Mr. Michael Collins

Mr. Burke asked the Board if there were any objections to putting the public session to the front of the meeting.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, and Mr. Burke

Nay: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Mr. Burke opened the meeting to the Public at 7:02 p.m.

The MUA's Operations and Maintenance staff were all present. Terence Kucenski spoke regarding the comments he heard outside the MUA, that the LTMUA Board is looking into hiring an Executive Director. The staff spoke and were present to show support for Christopher Whalen to be named the Executive Director. The staff asked the Board, "Why now are you looking for an Executive Director? The past four years, Chris has been doing the job without the title". The unanimous opinion amongst the staff was, Mr. Whalen is a leader who cares about the MUA and his employees. Mrs. Schultz says as the Business Manager and a rate payer, she is concerned how to justify the expense of an Executive Director when current management has absorbed the responsibilities and there is infrastructure that needs to be repaired. Mr. Toliver

says, "It is unfortunate all of this is based on rumors". Mr. Burke says, "It is not a rumor, it was discussed in open session two meetings ago". Mr. Toliver says, "no one is trying to replace Chris. Chris has an opportunity just like anyone else has the opportunity to grow and be the future of this organization. No one is denying the job he has done and how well he has done it".

Mr. Burke thanks all of the employees for coming to the meeting on their own time and to show support for Chris. He appreciates Chris Whalen's management style, his concern for the employees and his ability to administer discipline when needed.

Mr. Hill arrived at 7:03 p.m. in the middle of the Public Session.

On motion by Mr. Drew seconded by Mr. Hill, it was moved to close the meeting to the Public

RECORDED VOTE:

Aye:

Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay: Abstain:

None None

MOTION CARRIED:

5-0-0

The minutes for the March 23, 2021 meeting were presented

On motion by Mr. Drew seconded by Mr. Guy it was moved to approve the minutes for the March 23, 2021 meeting

RECORDED VOTE:

Aye:

Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew and Mr. Hill

Nay:

None

Abstain: Mr. Burke

MOTION CARRIED:

4-0-1

Payment of Bills:

The bills presented for payment of the April 27, 2021 Bill List were reviewed and discussed.

On motion by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Guy it was moved to approve the bill list for all authorized bills

RECORDED VOTE:

Aye:

Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay:

None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED:

5-0-0

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Bradley presented his report via telephone.

Mr. Bradley reports:

Kleinfelder reviewed the F1 application and related documents for the AG Harris Vertical Building F Project located in the Logan North Industrial Park

On motion by Mr. Drew seconded by Mr. Hill, it was moved to approved the F1application for the AG Harris Vertical Building F Project

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Kleinfelder reviewed video inspection of the 15-inch diameter pipe at Beckett Road with defects and made the recommendation to LTMUA that the pipe be lined to prevent further deterioration. Mr. Bradley refers to and explains the Design and Cost Proposal for repairing the Beckett Road Sewer Line Segment

On motion by Mr. Drew seconded by Mr. Hill, it was moved to approve the Design Proposal for repair of the Beckett Road Sewer Line Segment. The total estimated fee of \$9,460 will not be exceeded without the LTMUA's prior approval.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Slachetka presented the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 25-21: AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF ONE (1) SEWER CONNECTION UNIT FROM CENTER SQUARE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT CO., INC. TO HERON SOUTH II, LLC IN LOGAN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

On motion by Mr. Hill seconded by Mr. Guy, it was moved to the authorize the transfer of one (1) sewer connection unit from Center Square Real Estate Development Co., Inc. to Heron South II, LLC

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

RESOLUTION 26-21: AUTHORIZING THE LOGAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

On motion by Mr. Toliver seconded by Mr. Drew, it was moved to authorize the Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

RESOLUTION 27-21: AWARDING A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,318.38 TO GRAN TURK EQUIMENT, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY OF A VACTOR RAMJET JETTER (USJ 2040-750) TO THE LOGAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

On motion by Mr. Drew seconded by Mr. Guy, it was moved to award a contract in the amount of \$76,318.38 to GranTurk Equipment, Inc. for the supply of a Vactor Ramjet Jetter (USJ 2040-750) to the Logan Township Municipal Utilities Authority

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

RESOLUTION 28-21: AUTHORIZING A MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

On motion by Mr. Drew seconded by Mr. Hill, it was moved to authorize a meeting closed to the Public

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay: None Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Whalen reports:

The plant is running well and the Operations Department continue to monitor the plant closely.

Mr. Whalen says, the Pump Station #1 force main was marked out where the proposed Solar System will be located.

Mr. Whalen says he discussed with the Engineer the pipe break on Beckett Road. He asked Kleinfelder to prepare a design and cost proposal to repair the damaged portion of the 15-inch diameter Beckett Road sewer line.

Business Manger's Report:

Mrs. Schultz asks the Board if they have any questions on her report. The Board had no questions.

Correspondence

None

Reports:

None

Personnel Committee Report:

None

Finance & Budget Committee Report

None

Construction & Future Development Committee Report:

Policy Committee:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

On motion by Mr. Drew seconded by Mr. Hill, it was moved to go into closed session at 7:45 p.m.

RECORDED VOTE:

Aye:

Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay:

None

Abstain:

None

MOTION CARRIED:

5-0-0

On motion by Mr. Drew seconded by Mr. Hill, it was moved to go out of closed session at 8:13 p.m.

RECORDED VOTE:

Aye:

Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay:

None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED:

5-0-0

On motion by Mr. Hill seconded by Mr. Drew, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

RECORDED VOTE:

Aye:

Mr. Guy, Mr. Toliver, Mr. Drew, Mr. Hill and Mr. Burke

Nay:

None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED:

5-0-0

William Drew, Secretary/Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Hughes, Administrative Assistant