

ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
March 18, 2021 – 3:00 PM
6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ

PRESENT FOR THE AUTHORITY

Marvin Embry	Chair
Peter Sarkos	Member - zoom
Fred Akers	Member - zoom
John Lyons	Member - zoom
Judy Ward	Member - zoom
Richard Dovey	President
Brian Lefke	Senior Vice President of Solid Waste & Authority Secretary
Joseph Pantalone	Vice President Wastewater
Linda Bazemore	Vice President of Administration & Finance/CFO
Matthew DeNafo	Vice President of Centralized Maintenance & Asset Management
Thomas Ganard	Chief Engineer
Patricia Keeper	Assistant Board Secretary

ALSO PRESENT - by zoom:

Keith Davis, Esq.	Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein
Robert Chilton	Gabel Associates
Larry Watts	Lawrence Watts Consulting, LLC (EHT)

Chairman Embry called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and announced that the notice of the 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule was mailed to the Atlantic City Press, The Daily Journal, The Clerk of Atlantic County, and The Clerk of The Atlantic County Board of Commissioners on February 22, 2019 in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, *et seq.* and it was posted on the bulletin board of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority in the administration building, and Notice of Live Streaming of this meeting was mailed to the Atlantic City Press, The Daily Journal, The Clerk of Atlantic County, and The Clerk of The Atlantic County Board of Commissioners on Thursday, March 4, 2021 and both notices were posted on the bulletin board of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority in the administration building.

Flag Salute

Roll call was taken by Brian Lefke which reflected a quorum was present.

Chairman Embry	present
Peter Sarkos	present
Fred Akers	present
Andrew Berenato	absent
John Lyons	present
Judy Ward	present
Laura Pfrommer	absent

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2021 MEETING – voted on and approved by all members.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

BOARD COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Watts of Egg Harbor Township expressed his concerns about the Shared Services Agreement between the ACUA and the CMCMUA for disposal of solid waste (Res. 21-3-80). He questioned the math and said the budgeted figures do not add up. He said the Authority is not being transparent concerning this matter, and wanted to know if the ACUA is going to increase the rates, and what that would mean to the municipalities, and also how it would affect the (EHT) Host Community Benefits agreement. Mr. Dovey invited Mr. Watts to meet with him at a later date to review the budget and discuss the matter further.

NEW BUSINESS: An excellent overview of the Wellington Avenue Force Main Emergency was presented by Joe Pantalone, Matt DeNafo, and Tom Ganard. They discussed the status of the sewer main break and repair, and also asset management.

Joe Pantalone said that we were very fortunate to have the City of Ventnor as a partner. He said Lafayette Utilities and Garrison were amazing. And kudos to the ACUA Staff especially Authority Relations.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ALL RESOLUTIONS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION COMMENTS:

Resolution 21-3-80: Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the Atlantic County Utilities Authority and the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority for the Provision of Solid Waste Disposal Services.

Explanation: The ACUA will dispose of solid waste at the CMCMUA's Security Sanitary Landfill for a five-year term at the rate of \$78.39 per ton. The estimated cost for the first year is \$1,567,800.00.

Mrs. Ward asked if recycling would be affected (it will not). Mr. Lyons asked if this is time-sensitive and can this resolution be tabled and voted on at a later date. Mr. Dovey said that it is time-sensitive, because the next step would be to go out to bid in order for the hauling to commence in a timely manner. This has been fully accounted for in our budget and in our rates. Chairman Embry added that this was discussed at the committee meetings and also with County Administration.

Mrs. Ward abstained from voting. Mr. Lyons voted no.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Lefke
Board Secretary

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
SEWER LEAK REPORTED 3 PM		PUMPS DELIVERED AND ACTIVATED. FLOODING DIRECTED TO BAY		BYPASS ASSEMBLY COMPLETED		BYPASS ACTIVATED 1:03 AM LEAK STOPPED
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March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	LEAK UNCOVERED		CUSTOM REPAIR PARTS ORDERED			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			CUSTOM REPAIR PARTS DELIVERED		INSTALLATION COMPLETED, INITIAL TESTING, ADJUSTMENT	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
REPAIR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED		EXCAVATIONS BACKFILLED IN PREPARATION FOR PAVING				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			ANTICIPATED DATE FOR ROADWAY OPENING			
28	29	30	31			

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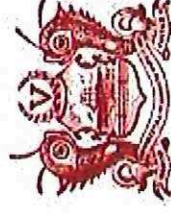
- **Strong Partnerships**
- **Good Communication**
- **Preparation**

Collaboration with our Partners:

- City of Ventnor Administration
- City of Ventnor Police
- City of Ventnor Emergency Management
- City of Ventnor Public Works and Water and Sewer Departments
- NJ Department of Environmental Protection for their overall assistance
- Atlantic County Health Department for their testing assistance
- Lafayette Construction - Emergency Contractor
- Garrison Enterprises - Line taps and bypass taps
- Xylem - Bypass piping (fusing) and temporary pumping/piping to bay



- Systems Team for clean-up
- ACUA lab for testing
- ACUA Engineering for coordination and planning
- Jeff Smith for outstanding inspection and chronicling
- Centralized Maintenance for assisting with pump mobilization
- Authority Relations for updates and news releases
- Kevin Whitney & Instrumentation Staff for flow data
- Drone Crew for fly overs



ACUA

TO: Brian G. Lefke, Secretary
Atlantic County Utilities Authority

FROM: Honorable Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive

RE: Minutes of Meeting – January 21, 2021

I. The Minutes of the above referenced meeting were submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:41A-37 et seq. on March 19, 2021.

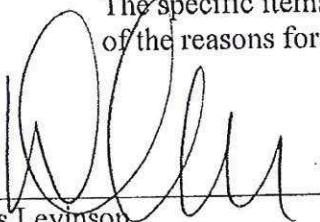
- (a) by the end of the fifth business day following the meeting.
- (b) as soon as practicable following the meeting where emergency action has been taken.
- (c) beyond the statutory period for submission.

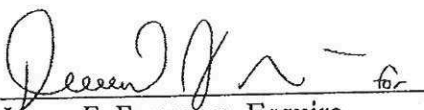
II. I hereby return the Minutes of the above referenced meeting to the Authority and to the Board of Freeholders, on the date set forth above, which is

- (a) within ten days of delivery.
- (b) within twenty-four (24) hours of delivery where the action at the meeting was deemed by the Authority to be in response to an emergency situation.

III. The following action is taken on the Minutes:

- (a) Approved in all respects.
- (b) Vetoed in all respects. A written explanation of the reasons for the veto is attached.
- (c) Approved in part and vetoed in part.
The specific items which are vetoed and a written explanation of the reasons for the veto or vetoes is attached.


Dennis Levinson
Atlantic County Executive


James F. Ferguson, Esquire
Approved as to Form and Entry

Date:

cc: Sonya Harris, Clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders

ATTACHMENTS: Minutes
 Veto Message