



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
December 10, 2019**

1. The Chairman called the special meeting to order at 7:37pm.
2. The Secretary read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement
3. Roll Call: The following Commissioners were present: Bonagura, Lo Iacono, Ortega, Plumley and Chairman Kasparian. Commissioners Duch, Kelaher and Mongelli were absent.

Also present were Board Secretary Alison Gordon, Executive Director James Rotundo, Assistant Executive Director John Danubio, Authority Engineer Howard Hurwitz, Superintendent Robert Genetelli, General Counsel Douglas Bern, Esq., Consulting Engineer Nicholas Rotonda and Authority Auditor Robert McNinch. Treasurer Todd Sherer was absent.

4. Salute to the Flag was led by the Chairman.
5. Chairman's Remarks: No Remarks.
6. Discussion on the 2020 Annual Budget: There was no discussion.
7. Public Hearing – 2020 Annual Budget

David May, Mahwah Council President, was in attendance to speak about the odor issues on Chapel Road. Council President May acknowledged the work the Authority has done regarding the issue such as smoke tests, inspections, carbon filter installations but now it is time for the permanent fix of a new municipal sewer line on Chapel Road so homeowners can disconnect from the Authority's line. According to a report provided by Boswell Engineering the estimated cost would be \$600,000 and Council President May has suggested the Authority and the Township share the costs for this installation.

Vince Valentini, resident of Chapel Road, was in attendance to speak of the odor issues experienced at his home. He believes a vacuum effect is created due to his lateral line being connected to the Authority's line which sucks the water out of his toilets and gases then get back into the house.

The Authority's consulting engineer, Nick Rotonda, advised a vacuum should not be created as the lateral runs by gravity to the Authority's line. Further, Mr. Rotonda advised previous smoke tests have confirmed there are no problems with the Authority's line, however issues were detected with the homes and the nearby school. Mr. Rotonda noted there are several explanations unrelated to the Authority's line that may be causing odors.

There are many homes in the Authority's system that are connected directly to the Authority's lines and there's no issues with odors. Chairman Kasparian is reluctant for the Authority to spend money to help with the installation of a new municipal line as it is unclear at this point in time what the cause of the odors is. The cause of the problem should be determined first, then figure out how to resolve the issue.

Superintendent Genetelli asked Mr. Valentini if the carbon filter helps with the odors. He said it did not help. Superintendent Genetelli also asked when the last time the carbon had been replaced in the filter. He responded it has not been replaced since the installation of the filter.

It was agreed that the Authority's and Township's consulting engineers have a meeting to figure out the cause of the problem. Then they can determine a solution to the problem.

8. Resolution No. 90-2019 – 2020 Adopted Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 was offered by Commissioner Ortega and seconded by Commissioner Lo Iacono. All present Commissioners voted yes.

Resolution 90-2019 – A public hearing was held on December 10, 2019 to receive any public commentary or questions concerning the Authority's Fiscal Year January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 Budget. The Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects total revenues of \$14,516,012, Total appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$14,516,012 and Total Unrestricted Net Position utilized of \$0. The Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$5,891,000, where total Renewal and Replacement Reserve and Debt Authorization are planned to be utilized for funding thereof, \$781,000 and \$4,550,000, respectively, and Total Unrestricted Net Position planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$560,000. The Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program of the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 is hereby adopted. The Annual Budget and Capital Budget program as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file copies of the Annual Budget with the Trustee, the Consulting Engineer and the participants.

9. The special meeting adjourned and the Board moved on to the Regular meeting at 8:09pm


Alison Gordon, Secretary