

**SOUTHEAST MONMOUTH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 8, 2024**

**9:30 AM**

The Southeast Monmouth Municipal Utilities Authority members met on July 11, 2024. Present were Wall Township representative Jeff Bertrand, Brielle Borough representative Tom Nolan, Sea Girt Borough representative Michael McArthur, and Spring Lake Borough representative Bryan Dempsey. Also present were attorney Mark Kitrick, Steve Mayer, NJWSA Plant Manager Paul McKeon and NJWSA Edward Otreba. Spring Lake Heights Borough representative Joe May was absent.

Bryan Dempsey called for the Salute to the Flag followed by a moment of silence.

Roll-call was taken by Lauren Lazar.

Bryan Dempsey called for a motion to approve the August Bill List in the amount of \$247,670.50.

Mike McArthur made a motion to approve the August Bill list.

Tom Nolan seconded the motion and upon roll-call the members voted as follows:

Tom Nolan	Yea
Michael McArthur	Yea
Joseph May	Absent
Jeffry Bertrand	Yea
Bryan Dempsey	Yea

There being 4 yeas and no nays, Bryan Dempsey declared the August bill list approved.

Bryan Dempsey called for a motion to approve the July meeting minutes.

Jeff Bertrand made a motion to approve July meeting minutes.

Tom Nolan seconded the motion and upon roll-call the members voted as follows:

Tom Nolan	Yea
Michael McArthur	Yea
Joseph May	Absent
Jeffry Bertrand	Yea
Bryan Dempsey	Yea

There being 4 yeas and no nays, Bryan Dempsey declared July meeting minutes approved.

Bryan Dempsey called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-07 Notice for Bidding.

Mike McArthur made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-07.

Tom Nolan seconded the motion and upon roll-call the members voted as follows:

Tom Nolan	Yea
Michael McArthur	Yea
Joseph May	Absent
Jeffry Bertrand	Yea
Bryan Dempsey	Yea

There being 4 yeas and no nays, Bryan Dempsey declared Resolution No. 2024-07 approved.

Bryan Dempsey called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-08 SMMUA Annual Audit Certification.

Jeff Bertrand requested a change to the Resolution to correct Jeff Bertrand as the Executive Director and remove Beth Gates from the resolution.

Tom Nolan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-08.

Mike McArthur seconded the motion and upon roll-call the members voted as follows:

Tom Nolan	Yea
Michael McArthur	Yea
Joseph May	Absent
Jeffry Bertrand	Yea
Bryan Dempsey	Yea

There being 4 yeas and no nays, Bryan Dempsey declared Resolution No. 2024-08 approved.

In old business, Stephanie DeCotiis provided an update for the Northwest Wall improvements, stating the contractor is currently in hiatus at the main site of the tank, but is expected to be back at the main station in September; there was a delay in material delivery. She also stated the change orders will be formatted and finalized in order to process payments. Jeff Bertrand stated there had been an issue coordinating electric at the site; they have been working with JCPL to determine the most advantageous and cost effective method to place temporary poles and service to the site.

In new business, Paul McKeon stated July was a good month at the plant, with no major issues. They have entered into a joint funding agreement with USGS for PFAS study for river water sampling. There is a meeting set up with DEP to go over feasibility study with H2M and

find a solution as opposed to putting in new system. Paul McKeon further stated they have changed out carbon in 2 virgin vessels and regenerative carbon in other 2; they would like to inspect the vessels. They would like to take out old carbon, regenerate and store so that, going forward, it is already on site if needed.

In further new business, Mark Kitrick stated he needs to coordinate with Joe May to go over new bids; the contracts from last year are ending and need to secure new bids in September.

There being no further old or new business and no public comment, Bryan Dempsey called for a motion to adjourn and all being in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM.