

SOUTHEAST MONMOUTH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2024

9:30 AM

The Southeast Monmouth Municipal Utilities Authority members met on November 7, 2024. Present were Wall Township representative Jeff Bertrand, Brielle Borough representative Tom Nolan, Sea Girt Borough representative Michael McArthur, and Spring Lake Heights representative Joe May. Also present were attorney Mark Kitrick, Steve Mayer, and NJWSA Plant Manager Paul McKeon. Spring Lake Borough representative Bryan Dempsey was absent.

Jeff Bertrand called for the Salute to the Flag followed by a moment of silence.

Roll-call was taken by Mark Kitrick.

Jeff Bertrand called for a motion to approve the November Bill List in the amount of \$466,362.13.

Tom Nolan made a motion to approve the November Bill list.

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

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

There being 4 yeas and no nays, Jeff Bertrand declared the November bill list approved.

Jeff Bertrand called for a motion to approve the October meeting minutes.

Mike McArthur made a motion to approve October meeting minutes.

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

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

There being 3 yeas and no nays, Jeff Bertrand declared October meeting minutes approved.

Jeff Bertrand opened the 2025 Budget Adoption Public hearing.

Jeff Bertrand requested any comment from the public. No comment from the public.

Jeff Bertrand called for a motion to close the 2025 Budget Adoption Public hearing.

Joe May made a motion to close the 2025 Budget Adoption hearing to the public.

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

Tom Nolan	Yea
Jim Gant	Yea
Joseph May	Yea
Jeffry Bertrand	Yea
Bryan Dempsey	Absent

There being 4 yeas and no nays, Jeff Bertrand closed the budget hearing.

Jeff Bertrand called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-13 Extension for Limited and Temporary Construction Access Agreement.

Joe May made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-13.

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

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

There being 4 yeas and no nays, Jeff Bertrand declared Resolution No. 2024-13 approved.

Jeff Bertrand stated that Resolutions 2024-14, 2024-15, 2024-16, 2024-17, 2024-18, and 2024-19 are all part of the bidding process for various supplies. It is suggested to take all of the resolutions in one action.

Jeff Bertrand called for a Resolution to consider Resolution No. 2024-14, 2024-15, 2024-16, 2024-17, 2024-18, and 2024-19 as one action.

Joe May made a motion to approve Resolution for multiple Resolutions as one action.

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

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

There being 4 yeas and no nays, Jeff Bertrand declared Resolution for multiple Resolutions as one action approved.

Jeff Bertrand called for a motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2024-14, 2024-15, 2024-16, 2024-17, 2024-18, and 2024-19.

Tom Nolan made a motion to approve Resolutions.

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

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

There being 4 yeas and no nays, Jeff Bertrand declared Resolution No. 2024-14, 2024-15, 2024-16, 2024-17, 2024-18, and 2024-19 approved.

In old business, Stephanie DeCotiis provided an update for the Northwest Wall Tank progress. The tank is full; it was filled to do a leak test to then back-fill the area around the tank. Pump station construction is progressing; changed construction inspector. Significant amount of electrical work that needs to happen at primary tank site and electrical station on Route 34. They are working with the constructor to figure out the new extension of time. Stephanie further stated there is a change order prepared to do the temporary electric; it will be needed to power the site.

Stephanie further stated, regarding pilot study and PFAS at the plant, they have been progressing based on authorization from SMMUA and ordered necessary hardware (small cannisters to test GAC in series with resin); test small versus large scale.

In new business, Paul McKeon stated October was stable at the treatment plant. There was some algae clogging the filter at the reservoir and they treated the reservoir, which was successful. Paul further stated they are going to rehab the four filtered water pumps; they went out to bid for the first for a new pump. Paul requested a verbal vote to proceed and memorialize via formal resolution at the next meeting.

Jeff Bertrand called for a motion to approve the request and memorialize at the next meeting.

Tom Nolan made a motion to approve the request.

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

Tom Nolan	Yea
Michael McArthur	Yea

Joseph May	Yea
Jeffry Bertrand	Yea
Bryan Dempsey	Absent

There being 4 yeas and no nays, Jeff Bertrand declared request approved and memorialize at the next meeting.

In further new business, Paul McKeon stated they are out to bid for 120,000 lbs of carbon; bids are due by end of November and will be able to decide at the December meeting whether to move forward.

In further new business, Jeff Bertrand asked for confirmation that, due to our lack of rain, we are not concerned regarding lack of water. Paul confirmed they are at 50% capacity and are fine, with no restrictions at this time.

There being no further old or new business and no public comment, Jeff Bertrand called for a motion to adjourn and all being in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.