

**Present:** Mr. Dilks, Mr. Manfredi, Mr. Neri, Mr. Pesotski, Mr. Schauer, Mr. Simone, Mrs. Mahoney, and Mr. Cossabone

**Excused:** N/A

**Public in Attendance:** Mr. Fooder, Ms. Chamberlain  
Salute to the flag

Mrs. Seeley read the Opening Statement, "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by said act has been provided by adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the year 2021/2022 which schedule was posted on the Authority Bulletin board and filed with the Township Clerk on February 25, 2021."

A motion was made by Mr. Pesotski and seconded by Mr. Simone to open the meeting to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Dilks to close the meeting to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Manfredi and seconded by Mr. Dilks to Adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2021. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote with Mr. Simone and Mr. Neri abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Dilks and seconded by Mr. Manfredi to Adopt the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of June 16, 2021. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote with Mr. Simone and Mr. Neri abstaining.

**Engineer, James Spratt**  
Mr. Spratt had nothing to report.

**Executive Director, Wendy Mahoney**

Mrs. Mahoney requested the Board adopt Resolution No. 74-21 – Resolution approving the agreement for Time Clock System support from TimeTrak Systems, Inc. using State Contract #A41264 from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$614.50

A motion was made by Mr. Manfredi and seconded by Mr. Simone to adopt Resolution No. 74-21 – Resolution approving the agreement for Time Clock System support from TimeTrak Systems, Inc. using State Contract #A41264 from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$614.50. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Mahoney requested the Board adopt Resolution No. 75-21 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority amending the Board of Directors handbook.

A motion was made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Manfredi to adopt Resolution No. 75-21 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority amending the Board of Directors handbook. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Mahoney requested the Board adopt Resolution No 76-21 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority revising and amending certain sections of the Policy and Procedure Manual in accordance with the Joint Insurance Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Pesotski and seconded by Mr. Dilks to adopt Resolution No 76-21 – Resolution of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority revising and amending certain sections of the Policy and Procedure Manual in accordance with the Joint Insurance Fund. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Superintendent, Frank Cossabone**

Mr. Cossabone requested Board approval to advertise for RFQ for Geological Engineer.

A motion was made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Pesotski to approve to advertise for RFQ for Geological Engineer. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Manfredi questioned what this is for. Mr. Cossabone replied this is the company that did our ASR rehab. They have a couple of guys that are very familiar with Carbon and Greensand, and we are going over all practices and procedures at each well. Mr. Manfredi asked if Federici and Akin has anyone on staff. Mr. Cossabone and Mr. Spratt confirmed they do not.

Mr. Schauer questioned if Mr. Cossabone contacted the company that put in the Greensand. Mr. Cossabone replied yes, they were on site.

Mr. Pesotski questioned if this is something that is State mandated. Mr. Cossabone replied no, it is just for knowledge. This is just an RFQ, we won't be tied into anything.

Mr. Schauer questioned if we will be under contract or a flat rate. Mr. Cossabone replied, we will see what they offer in the RFQ, and in their request it will show what their hourly rate will be.

Mr. Cossabone requested Board approval to accept the Resignation Notice of Jon Garbowski, Senior Public Works Repairer effective June 25, 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Pesotski and seconded by Mr. Simone to approve to accept the Resignation Notice of Jon Garbowski, Senior Public Works Repairer effective June 25, 2021. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Cossabone requested the Board adopt Resolution No. 73-21 – Resolution approving the agreement for wireless devices and services from AT & T Mobility, using State Contract #82584 from July 21, 2021, through February 28, 2022, in the amount of \$7,500.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Dilks to adopt Resolution No. 73-21 – Resolution approving the agreement for wireless devices and services from AT & T Mobility, using State Contract #82584 from July 21, 2021, through February 28, 2022, in the amount of \$7,500.00. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Pesotski questioned if they looked into Comcast. Mr. Cossabone replied, these are just little black boxes that dial out from AT&T at the wells. These are strictly for lift stations.

Mr. Cossabone requested the Board adopt Resolution No. 77-21 – Resolution adding Section 21.7 to Section 21 of the Rules, Rates and Regulations of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority.

Mr. Manfredi questioned if we have to do it, we are touching our main, no one is coming in here doing a wet tap? Mr. Cossabone replied, the machine we purchased is 4" – 12". If it's a 16x16 tap, that's a \$30,000 add on from Hydro Stop and I don't think we are there yet. 99 out of 100 times we will be the ones doing the wet tap. Mr. Manfredi replied will the developer challenge the price that we submit, will they say they can do it cheaper? Mr. Cossabone replied I've been working on this for 3-4 months and we are ready to go on Whitehall Gardens second section. This is as competitive as I have seen.

Mr. Neri stated I know some of the stuff you use is stainless steel bands, do we require the Mueller type? Mr. Cossabone replied we do not use that type. This is an all-stainless steel power seal quoted out between Smith Blair and Power Seal. They are very competitive with each other. They are a lot cheaper, and I feel working with them they are better, and the valves are on bid so that is a bid price.

A motion was made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Manfredi to adopt Resolution No. 77-21 – Resolution adding Section 21.7 to Section 21 of the Rules, Rates and Regulations of the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Cossabone stated the Solar Panels are now up and running at the South Black Horse Pike Tank. This started on July 7, 2021. We aren't set up to monitor just yet.

Mr. Cossabone stated last month he attended the council meeting in case there were questions or concerns about the rate increase, and there was none.

Mr. Schauer questioned if there is any excess are we able to sell anything back with the Solar Panels or is it strictly just for that location. Mr. Cossabone and Mrs. Mahoney confirmed that we can not sell anything back in this agreement.

Mr. Schauer questioned if we are using to capacity. Mr. Cossabone replied Ace won't let you go over a certain percentage in this agreement. Ace does restrict us.

**Solicitor, Nicholas Sullivan**

Mr. Sullivan stated he researched the connection fees and the waiver. What it comes down to is the State Statutes for Utility Authorities to decide to put forward connection fees or not. If there is a connection fee, usually by ordinance, policy, resolution, whatever it may be, the State has no power to come in and say to waive them for any reason.

**Chairperson, Anthony Neri**

Mr. Manfredi questioned why the sick time is going to be different for the new employees. Mrs. Mahoney replied what Mr. Manfredi is speaking on is the research on the mandate Civil Service regulations that Mr. Sullivan was working on with us.

Mr. Sullivan replied in 2010 the Legislature changed the law for State workers sick time leave. If you are hired before the effective date of the law which is May 21, 2010, you are grandfathered in the policy of the entity you work for. If hired after that, its capped at \$15,000. The reason for this is the State Comptroller started doing research coming to local public entities and found abuse in the system. Originally, it was just for State workers but when they started to complain, they created it for all public employees. The split is anyone hired prior to May 21, 2010, goes by the policy of the public entity. Anyone hired after is capped at \$15,000 at retirement, not even if you quit. Mrs. Mahoney stated also regarding the annual opportunity to sell back anyone after that date. Mr. Sullivan stated that is correct. Anyone after May 21, 2010, cannot sell back their sick time.

Mr. Manfredi replied he would like to work on that, something must be done. I cannot see having two sets of rules for the employees. Mr. Sullivan replied some other entities cap everyone at \$15,000 to make it fair across the board. You do not have to do that though.

Mr. Mahoney stated this is a Civil Service regulation and we are Civil Service. Mr. Sullivan replied it applies to every jurisdiction if you're not Civil Service it still applies. I will say the State Comptroller has been looking into this a lot.

Mr. Manfredi replied it's in the employees' contract or was at one time. Mr. Sullivan stated it's in the contract until it has to be re-negotiated then you have to follow the statutes. Mr. Manfredi asked if it's after the contract runs out. Mr. Sullivan replied yes, let's say the contract was from 2009 to 2013. 2010 they changed the law. In 2013 you have to change it to be in compliance with the law.

**Liaison, Mr. McKinney**

Mr. McKinney had nothing to report.

A motion was made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the Investment Summary Report. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Manfredi and seconded by Mr. Simone to approve the Operating, Escrow and Payroll Vouchers. The motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Manfredi and seconded by Mr. Simone to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Katie Seeley  
Katie Seeley

Approved at the meeting on August 18, 2021

Attest by Mindy Mahoney  
Assistant Secretary