

**LEHMUA  
Regular Meeting**

**August 12, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority was held on August 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM at the Authority headquarters, 823 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kenneth Miller, Chairman; Marie Skelly Treasurer; Peter Cicco, Secretary; Kenneth Maxwell (via tele-conference); Christopher Filiciello (via tele-conference); Suzanne Musto-Carrara (via tele-conference)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Earl F. Sutton, Jr., Executive Director; Michael S. DiFrancia, Superintendent; Nicole M. Princiotti, Executive Secretary/QPA; Trace Dittenhofer, Authority Engineer; Debra Rumpf, Esq., Authority Attorney

**THOSE ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** None

Nicole M. Princiotti read the following statement:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, this meeting has been duly advertised in the Atlantic City Press and the Asbury Park Press, posted on the Authority bulletin board and posted and filed in the office of the Little Egg Harbor Township Clerk. Resolutions are posted on the Authority's bulletin board.

**PRIOR MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Cicco, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to approve the July 8, 2025 minutes of the Authority's regular meeting. Roll call vote, Suzanne Carrara - yes, Christopher Filiciello – yes, Peter Cicco – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Kenneth Miller – yes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. Cicco, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Roll call vote, Christopher Filiciello – yes, Kenneth Maxwell - yes, Peter Cicco – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Kenneth Miller – yes.

**BILLS RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Skelly, seconded by Mr. Cicco to approve the operational account bills resolution. Roll call vote, Christopher Filiciello – yes, Kenneth Maxwell - yes, Peter Cicco – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Kenneth Miller – yes.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1 – Mr. Sutton took a moment in remembrance of Margaret DePergola. She was a special person and she and her husband Benny devoted many hours to the Authority and to the Township. As many are aware, Margaret was former Mayor and Committee person, and both her and Benny were always supportive of the Authority and made decisions which ultimately benefited our ratepayers and taxpayers. She will be greatly missed not only here, but in the community.

2 – Mr. Sutton advised the Board that there would be a reassignment of committees. He will be meeting with the Rules and Regulations Committee to review the Little Egg Harbor MUA By-Laws within the next week and will be presented for the September meeting.

3 – Mr. Sutton stated that there is only one (1) resolution this month and it's on Superintendent DiFrancia's Report.

4 - Mr. Sutton stated that there is no customer committee matter, nor a need for executive session.

Mr. Sutton stated that would be all for his report unless there were any questions. There being none a motion was made by Mr. Cicco, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to approve the Executive Director's Report as submitted. All in favor.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1 - Mr. DiFrancia stated in July we completed all required lead and copper sampling and he is happy to report that all of the results meet or exceed all Federal and State requirements. Once again, the Authority thanks all of the residents that participated in the collection of these mandated samples.

2 - Mr. DiFrancia stated that Resolution #2025-54 is on the agenda authorizing the emergency contracting of Garrison Construction for the installation of two (2) eight (8") inch insertion valves in the Authority's water distribution system at the intersection of Great Bay Boulevard and Daddy Tucker Drive. Due to the work being performed by the Borough of Tuckerton, the integrity of the water main came into question and prompted the Authority's immediate response. Our engineer's letter is attached and approval is recommended.

3 - Mr. DiFrancia advised the Board that the Notice to Proceed has been issued for the Well No. 6 Filter Replacement project. The filter is original to the well and has reached its life expectancy. Issuing the notice to proceed now will allow for the awarded contractor the allotted lead time for the release and production of the new filter vessel. With production time estimated at 14 weeks, the work at the treatment plant will begin well after the peak demand season for Well No. 6 which is not critical to our distribution system in the off season.

4 - Mr. DiFrancia stated that with additional work being performed on Daddy Tucker Drive by the Borough of Tuckerton, Authority personnel performed necessary upgrades on the existing ACP water main in preparation of final paving. The work included installing valves and fittings in preparation of installation of a post-type hydrant. The hydrant will allow for upgraded maintenance procedures and ultimately added fire protection for the residents.

5 - Mr. DiFrancia advised the Board that his work order management report is attached and reviewed the items.

Mr. DiFrancia stated that was all for his Superintendent Report unless there were any questions. There being none, a motion was made by Mr. Cicco, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to approve the Superintendent's Report as submitted. All in favor.

Mr. Sutton stated that we could take the resolution at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Cicco, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to approve Resolution #2025-54 declaring an emergency regarding the installation of two (2) insertion valves at the intersection of Daddy Tucker Drive and Great Bay Boulevard. Roll call vote, Christopher Filiciello – yes, Kenneth Maxwell - yes, Peter Cicco – yes, Marie Skelly – yes, Kenneth Miller – yes.

### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dittenhofer expressed his deep condolences over the loss of Mrs. DePergola, and mentioned that it was a pleasure working with her over the years, she will be greatly missed.

Mr. Dittenhofer advised the Board that his report has been submitted and he would like to briefly touch on some items.

Mr. Dittenhofer stated that the Phase II Water and Sewer Main Replacement Project has been substantially closed out. The final documents and change order have been submitted to the Infrastructure Bank. We will have our one-year look back on the project which he believes will be favorable.

Mr. Dittenhofer stated that the next item is Mystic Island Phase III Water and Sewer Main Replacement Project. Since we have re-prioritized some of projects being done in this area and re-aligning the timing, he and the Authority took some time to iron out some of the details. In particular with the intersection of Radio Road and Playhouse Drive, and some other areas of the project. In the end he believes this will give the Authority a better result. Everything has been completed and turned over to the Authority for their final review. Once approved it will be forwarded to the Infrastructure Bank.

Mr. Dittenhofer stated that with regard to Well No. 6, the Notice to Proceed has been issued.

Mr. Dittenhofer stated that with regard to Well No. 13, a Notice to Proceed has been issued for this project as well. He believes start-up will be sometime in the late fall.

Mr. Dittenhofer stated that he wasn't sure if any clarification was necessary with regard to the Daddy Tucker emergency, he believes the letter issued from his office is attached to the resolution and that his office was available as much as possible during this time.

Mr. Sutton thanked Mr. Dittenhofer for being available during the issue with Daddy Tucker, and thanked Mrs. Rumpf for getting involved as well.

Mr. Sutton thanked Mr. Dittenhofer for getting the Phase III paperwork to him, and stated the Authority will be reviewing it.

Mr. Dittenhofer stated that was all for his report unless there were any questions. There being none, a motion was made by Mrs. Skelly, seconded by Mr. Cicco, to approve the Engineer's Report as submitted. All in favor.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mrs. Rumpf took a moment to speak about Mrs. DePergola, she was a class-act and will be sorely missed.

Mrs. Rumpf stated that she has submitted her report and wanted to mention the Borough of Tuckerton and the emergency. She believes had the Borough taken a moment to communicate with the Authority prior to the work being performed, all of this could have been avoided. There would have been a plan and unfortunately that was not the case.

Mrs. Rumpf stated that was all for her report unless there were any questions. There being none, a motion was made by Mr. Cicco, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to approve the Attorney's Report as submitted. All in favor.

Mr. Miller asked if there was anything else to come before the Board. There being no other matters, a motion was made by Mr. Cicco, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to accept and file all general correspondence. All in favor.

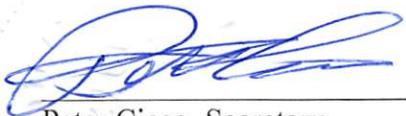
A motion was made by Mr. Cicco, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to open this portion of the meeting to the public. All in favor.

There being no other public in attendance, a motion was made by Mrs. Skelly, seconded by Mr. Cicco, to close this portion of the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Before the close of the meeting Mrs. Carrara took a moment to acknowledge the unparalleled professionalism of the Authority and the personnel working on Daddy Tucker (in which she resides) and Great Bay Boulevard. She and her neighbors were incredibly impressed with the constant level of communication and their ability to adapt as circumstances constantly changed.

Mr. Sutton thanked Mrs. Carrara.

With nothing further to come before the Board, a motion was made Mr. Cicco, seconded by Mrs. Skelly to adjourn. All in favor.



Peter Cicco, Secretary