**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**August 20, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 5:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and stating the following: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Advance notice of this meeting was given by way of the annual notice which was filed with the Carneys Point Township Clerk, forwarded to the South Jersey Times and was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Carneys Point Township Municipal Building.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr.Newton, Mr. Basile, Dr. Racite

Via Phone or Internet:

Absent:

Others Present: Mr. Telsey, Mr. Biermann, Mr. O’Donnell, Mr. Testa,

Mr. Cooksey, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Zee

Others Via Phone or Internet:

Others Absent:

**Opening – Section 1**

1. Motion to accept all properly audited vouchers. Motion Mr. Bomba, 2nd Mr. Basile.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

1. Motion to accept Regular Session minutes from the July 16, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion Mr. Bomba, 2nd Dr. Racite.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Old Business – Section 2**

1. Sanitary Sewer Review No. 4 and No. 5, On-Site Improvements, CP Land South, **(CPSA 1043)**

Site was lowered by 2 feet causing changes to sewer system. Sickels reviewed and gave approval. Motion to approve changes Mr. Bomba, 2nd Mr. Basile.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

1. Status Report No. 1 and No. 2 Lafayette Road Pump Station, Rehabilitation and Sewer Main reconfiguration. **(CPSA 122).** Mr. O’Donnell informed the Board major punch list items have been addressed. Some individual problems were outstanding, i.e. dirt in basement and wire cut on light in front yard. Once confirmed these items were addressed to satisfaction Sickels will give final approval.

**Correspondence – Section 3 N/A**

1. Letter from the State of New Jersey, DEP, Municipal Finance and Construction Element advising Carneys Point Sewerage Authority an inspection of the Lafayette Road Sanitary Sewer Project has shown the project has exceeded contracted time and a time extension should be submitted. Mr. O’Donnell informed the Board the contractor has not addressed all the punch list items in a timely fashion. There is no additional cost to file an extension. Sickels will file. Discussion ensued.

**New Business – Section 4**

1. Update on WWTP Project **(CPSA 136)** from Mr. Mike Chapman, Special Projects Manager and a proposal from TRIAD to obtain financing. Mr. Chapman informed the Board TRIAD and Bond Counsel advised obtaining a grants person. This project may go through FHA based on project serving a rural area, not warehouses. CPTSA will be responsible to fund a portion. Looking at a 10 month project to obtain funding. Discussion ensued.

**Resolution 2024-59** Authorization to Accept Triad Proposal. Cost to use TRIAD is allocated at $30,000. Motion Dr. Racite, 2nd Mr.Newton

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Reports**

1. **Mr. Telsey Section 5 –**

Mr. Telsey reported on the Johnston/Jordan imminent domain situation. Had a discussion with the attorney handling this. A check for $4,100 has been cut to be kept in escrow for the easement as per the original appraisal and sent to the attorney as this is going to court.

1. **Mr. O’Donnell** **Section 6 –**

Mr. O’Donnell reported on the Amazon easement for the Rt 40/48 Sanitary Forcemain Ext. **(CPSA 134)**. The owner of the property Amazon rents from has stopped responding on this issue. Requested a motion from the Board to hire the imminent domain attorney to help expedite the project. Discussion ensued. Motion Mr. Bomba, 2nd Mr. Newton

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Mr. O’Donnell also reported on the Gateway PS Electrical Improvements **(CPSA 142)** Requested authorization from the Board to bid the project. Projected cost estimated at $300,000. Discussion ensued. Motion to approve Mr. Basile, 2nd Dr. Racite.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

1. **Mr. Cooksey Section 7 –**

Informed the Board a new Press building service door is needed. Current door is deteriorating. Lowest quote obtained to replace door was $14,725.00 from All County Garage Doors. Motion to approve purchase Mr. Bomba, 2nd Mr. Newton,

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

1. **Mrs. Zee Section 8 -** Revenue and Operating Expense results for July 2024 were:

Revenue: $373,663.44 Operating Expenses: $92,156.26

.. **Mrs. Willis** –

Informed the Board the sold bankrupt Berkowitz account is now paid. A check for

$113,429.13 was received 8/19/2024.

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1. **Mr. Testa Section 9 – No Report**

**Public Session Section- 10**

1. Motion to go into Public Session Mr. Basile, 2nd Dr. Racite

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Mr. Chapman reported on Lafayette Rd complaints, i.e. grass not growing. Suggested seeding

the area. Contractor will do this. Also reported on the WWTP. Informed the Board he, Mr.

Biermann, Mr. O’Donnell, and Mr. Bomba have been looking at other WWTP’s and equipment

they have been using. Getting vendor costs. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Brown asked about TWA approval. 9/12/2024 is the 90 day approval deadline. Mr.

O’Donnell reached out to Senator John Burzichelli to follow up. Expecting response shortly.

Mr. Brown asked about LOI submission to DEP. Discussion ensued.

Motion to close Public Session Dr. Racite, 2nd Mr. Bomba

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Closed Session - Section 11 6:21 PM**

1. **Resolution 2024-58** Unspecified Personnel Issues. Motion to close Dr. Racite, 2nd Mr. Basile

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Motion to re-open closed session Dr. Racite, 2nd Mr. Basile

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Other Business – Section 12**  **N/A**

**Adjourn**

1. Motion to adjourn 6:37 PM.Motion Dr. Racite,2nd Mr. Bomba

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Bomba, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Basile

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0