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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Board Members:

John Devlin: Chairman (present)
Mr. Gary Hill: Vice Chairman (present)
Mike Armstrong: Executive Director (present)
Claude Smith: Deputy Executive Director of Engineering
Mr. Mohammed Dedar: (Present)
Mr. Glenn Banfield: (Zoom)
Mr. Gonzalez: (Zoom)

COUNSEL PRESENT
Fredric Bor, Authority Solicitor: Counsel for Atlantic City
Municipal Utilities Authority (present)
Andrew Weber, Esquire: Counsel for Atlantic City
Municipal Utilities Labor Authority (present)
Mike Riley, Esquire: Special counsel (present)

ALSO PRESENT:
Anita Thapa: Assistant Director of Accounting \& Finance ( Z O Om)

Kelley Williams: Executive Secretary (present)
Stella Johnson: Secretary (present)

Mr. Devlin: Mr. Banfield are you there?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Devlin: Did you want to make a comment?
Mr. Banfield: No, but are we going to discuss the secretary?

Mr. Smith: We held the secretary to the next meeting because Nynell is not here. We will do it at the next meeting.

Mr. Banfield: Okay.
Mr. Devlin: Good morning. This is the opening statement of October 22, 2021. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required by law. By mailing to the press of Atlantic City a list of regulatory scheduled meetings October 22,2021 , at 401 North Virginia Avenue, conference room, in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

A copy of said notice was sent to the City Clerk to be posted. All fore said complies with Chapter 231 of the laws of 1975 known as the open public meetings law, Fred.

Mr. Bor: Yes. Roll call.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?

Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Ms. Langford I understand will not be with us.

Mr. Devlin: Yes. And maybe we should call her.
Mr. Bor: All right. We will call her if
necessary.
(Flag salute)
Mr. Devlin: Michael, do we have any e-mails or calls or public participation?

Mr. Armstrong: No. Not that $I$ am aware of.
Mr. Devlin: Fred.
Mr. Bor: Back to number 4 and you just inquired of the Director and there is no call-ins either telephonically or by e-mail to address vis-à-vis public participate, number 5 .

If the board members have received the minutes and if there is any discussion let's hear it, if not is there a motion to approve the minutes?

Mr. Devlin: Motion.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes and thank you.
Mr. Bor: The minutes are approved that being
number 5 .
Mr. Armstrong: Does that include both executive and regular minutes?

Mr. Bor: Excuse me, if $I$ did not say that includes both regular and executive session minutes, can we get a revote on the regular and executive session minutes?

Mr. Devlin: Motion.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Armstrong: Mr. Banfield does not have a copy of this.

Mr. Devlin: If you do not have a copy then Mr. Armstrong is correct. Would you like to abstain from
receiving the minutes from the last meeting?
Mr. Armstrong: The executive session.
Mr. Devlin: The executive session.
Mr. Banfield: Yes. I abstain.
Mr. Bor: So Mr. Banfield, your approval is for the regular meeting minutes and not the executive session.

Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Through a vote the minutes were approved, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Devlin: Just quick. Me and Mr. Armstrong had a conversation regarding the "E" signatures and docuSign and know they are just a few. Mike, do you have anything to add to that? I know that we spoke.

Mr. Armstrong: No. I am going to speak in executive session.

Mr. Devlin: I don't have anything else. Does anybody have anything to speak on? Fred.

Mr. Bor: With regard to number 7. Mr. Gallagher and $I$ have fairly regular discussions about the appeal and the last communication was about a week or two ago.

Where we reviewed the brief of the other side and
in his opinion he thought that a lot of these are a fairly weak briefs. So, he is leaning on optimism and of course as the board knows, if we are successful it could mean a deep six figure benefit to the Authority going forward.

He is still unclear whether he can get reciprocal. My guess he will not be able to get that going back reciprocal, but even if we are successful going forward if would be a huge benefit for us

Mr. Devlin: And that is something that a former state monitor was pushing for too. That was actually his idea. Rob Long remember?

Mr. Bor: Well, Rob was the one that first put into my mind, how come you guys are paying taxes in Pleasantville and Egg Harbor. So, this has come to fruition and we are on appeal and hopefully we are successful.

Now, with regard to the resolution concerning the amendment. We may recall initially Mr. Gallagher was hired on November 18, 2020 to process the appeals and the approval was for him to receive 150 dollars an hour, but not to exceed $\$ 15,000$. I am informed by Anita that he is either there or just below based on his present invoice.

So, we are asking the board to continue the
relationship, but to move the 15 to 20 thousand and it is only a $\$ 5,000$ differential, but my preference is to amend, if we have to, rather then to give to long of a leash. Because lawyers tend to bill what they can.

From my standpoint $I$ would rather move it from 15 to 20 and if he goes over that and he is doing a good job and progressing we could always revisit it.

So that resolution would continue under number 143 except move the ceiling from 15 to $\$ 20,000$ and if there is any discussion then let's hear it.

Mr. Devlin: When is the hearing? I know he was having a hearing.

Mr. Bor: Well, as far as he understands there will not be oral argument. Although he hopes there is. It's with the appellate division now and my theory is and Mike says too, you never know when they are going to hear it, but at least there is no more to do.

No amendment to the briefs or other things that we have to do like we do in the law division. So, the briefs are in and we are awaiting.

Mr. Armstrong: They are at about a year now. I just argued before them.

Mr. Bor: The appellate is hearing oral arguments?
Mr. Riley: Yes, and they are moving the cases now.
Mr. Bor: Moving them. Thankfully. Well, it is
unlike the law division where you have a million and one different motions and that kind of thing.

Mr. Armstrong: Mr. Dedar.
Mr. Dedar: Mr. Bor, you said that Mr. Gallagher wants to raise $\$ 15,000$ up to $\$ 20,000$.

Mr. Bor: Yes, the board approved 15.
Mr. Dedar: But, is there any progress from his side? If we are going from 15 to $\$ 20,000$ then we need progress. Like has he worked before with this?

Mr. Bor: Yes, he has been before the tax court. He was unsuccessful there.

Mr. Devlin: Why don't you bring him into the next meeting for all the board members.

Mr. Bor: Yes. You can call him now or bring him in for an update.

Mr. Devlin: We can bring him in or call him for an update.

Mr. Bor: So if you want to hold this off until the next meeting --

Mr. Devlin: Why don't we call him when we have a chance that way he can speak to the board members.

Mr. Bor: I think that it is a great idea to have him call or come in. So, what is the boards pleasure? Do you want to try to get him on the phone now or hold off this resolution?

Mr. Devlin: Why don't we get him on the phone now. Unless it interrupts the order of things. I would just like to hear for myself and maybe some questions for new board members.

Mr. Bor: Sounds great. Let's do that. Do you have his number -- Mr. Gallagher -- and does anybody have it? I think that $I$ might. That is a great idea Mr. Dedar, to hear exactly what he is doing.

Mr. Gallagher: Hello. What's up.
Mr. Bor: We are about to vote on a modification of your fee structure and a couple of board members would like an update directly from you. You are on speaker now. Could you update us exactly where you are with the appellate division?

Mr. Devlin: How are you doing Mr. Gallagher?
Mr. Bor: John just said, how are you doing and you are on speaker now.

Mr. Gallagher: $I$ am in Florida right now.
Mr. Bor: Sorry. We are just waiting for a decision right now. I am feeling pretty confident about what we wrote. So what we are doing is waiting for the appellate division right now.

Mr. Bor: Do you have an anticipate timetable right now, Dan?

Mr. Gallagher: Well, shortly. It has been a fast
turn around with the appellate division. Obviously, they have not had a lot to look at because things caught up with COVID. Turn around stuff is fairly quick with the appellate division so, $I$ anticipate something within the next month or two.

Mr. Devlin: Sorry to interrupt your holiday. Can you do a soft solid and get with Fred and Fred will get with you? So, come in because we have a couple of new board members that were not here at the start of this.

Also a we have a new ED. So, is that something that you can do and just give us a brief update. Maybe 15 to 20 minutes and bring us up to speed with a one-on-one.

Mr. Gallagher: Absolutely. My office is right in town.

Mr. Bor: Dan, I will let you know when the December meeting is and you can make arrangements to come in and review the status of the appeal.

Mr. Gallagher: That is no problem.
Mr. Bor: Does any new members of the board or the ED have any questions for Dan of the appeal?

Mr. Armstrong: Thank you, Dan.
Mr. Bor: Hearing none, Dan enjoy your vacation and whatever you are doing down there.

Mr. Gallagher: Thank you guys

Mr. Bor: Thank you and see you soon. What is the boards pleasure? Do you want to vote on this or wait until we hear him? It is only for a $\$ 5,000$ increase.

Mr. Devlin: I would push voting for it and then follow up with him.

Mr. Bor: Okay. Is there a motion on 7a2?
Mr. Devlin: Motion.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Ms. Thapa: Can $I$ speak on that just for the balances?

Mr. Devlin: We are in the middle of a vote. We can't talk at this point. There is a motion on the floor and there is a second. So, we have to vote on it.

Ms. Thapa: Okay.
Mr. Devlin: We can amend it once it is voted on, but the motion is in progress. Motion second and Fred call the vote.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?

Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Then 7a passes. I think Anita reviewed with me the past invoice of how close he was to his last 15.

Ms. Thapa: We already spent $\$ 15,000$. So, we have an outstanding invoice of $\$ 14,000$. So, even with this $\$ 20,000$ only $\$ 6,000$ will remain.

Mr. Bor: That is the reason that $I$ suggested the motion. Because we are kind of at the end of 15 by thousands so.

Mr. Armstrong: We need to clarify. Initially when presented it was $\$ 5,000$ more than the original $\$ 15,000$ and it is not.

Mr. Bor: We are just moving the ceiling to $\$ 15,000$.

Mr. Hill: No, that is not what she just said.
Mr. Armstrong: We are short, but we can amend that.

Mr. Devlin: We can't do that, but we can amend it after. We are in the middle of a vote and we just had that issue.

Mr. Armstrong: How do you want to handle this vote? Mike and Fred, how do you want to handle this?

Mr. Smith: We have to amend.
Mr. Devlin: That is easy. What else can we vote
on?
Mr. Armstrong: Then you have to redo the motion to
say that it is a new $\$ 20,000$ increase.
Mr. Devlin: Thank you. Fair enough, Fred.
Mr. Bor: It is a new $\$ 20,000$.
Mr. Hill: Exactly, because we are thousands off the contract.

Mr. Devlin: Okay.
Mr. Bor: The language is pretty clear, but let's do it again. So, with regard to 7 a 2 the resolution is to set a ceiling not to exceed $\$ 20,000$.

Mr. Devlin: We have to rescind the last vote first.

Mr. Bor: Is there a motion to rescind the last vote?

Mr. Devlin: Motion to rescind.
Mr. Bor: The motion is to rescind the previous motion of 7a2.

Mr. Devlin: Motion by Devlin and second by Hill.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?

Mr. Hill: Yes.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Now, a new motion to increase his
ceiling.
Mr. Devlin: Motion.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Smith: That is the same wording to increase with a new amount by $\$ 20,000$. It is just to increased by $\$ 20,000$ so the total would be $\$ 35,000$. If that is what $I$ am understanding. It is an additional $\$ 20,000$.

Mr. Devlin: I though that is what we are voting on.

Mr. Smith: He said to increase.
Mr. Bor: Let's get some clarification. I know he was a thousand dollars short on the 15. So, my view and it can go either way is just to move it up 5. So, that way he has $\$ 6,000$ left or move it up another 20 . Meaning his total is 35 .

My original resolution was 5 more. Than if we have
to amend that in a couple of months we can amend it. We want to increase the ceiling to 20 rather than the ceiling of 35.

Mr. Dedar: You need to make sure because you said 15 to $\$ 20,000$ including the increase. It is like a $\$ 5,000$ difference and we are talking about another 20 and that would make it $\$ 35,000$

Mr. Claude: Which one is he recommending?
Mr. Bor: He is recommending to increase by 5 for a total of 20 and then come back in a couple of months, if we have to rather then increase it to 20 and move to 35

Ms. Thapa: I just want to make everyone aware that we have $\$ 14,000$ balance left. Outstanding balance.

Mr. Hill: So, he already exceed $\$ 15,000$.
Mr. Devlin: That is why we need to do at least $\$ 20,000$.

Mr. Bor: I am sorry. I thought regarding paying invoices of 14 that we only have a thousand to go.

Mr. Devlin: It can be confusing, but $I$ get it now.
Mr. Bor: So, the second motion is to increase it by $\$ 20,000$ to a total of $\$ 35,000$.

Mr. Devlin: Okay. Fred, make sure the motion is clear that we are increasing it by $\$ 20,000$ and not increasing by $\$ 5,000$.

Mr. Bor: Okay. So, the motion for 7 a2 will be
amended and we have already rescinded the first one to increase by 5. So, the resolution now is to increase the total from $\$ 15,000$ to $\$ 35,000$ an increase of $\$ 20,000$.

Mr. Devlin: Motion.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfiled: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: My bad. I misinterpreted what Anita told me. That is my report. The committee report engineering.

Mr. Devlin: Gary.
Mr. Hill: Now, it is my time to shine. We have been very busy and we meet every week. Every Wednesday with the team and H2M. I can see a nice flyer of some of the work that they do. We had a few supply issues, which everyone in the United States has.

We are kind of working around that and we are moving forward and a lot of work has been done at our
project. Claude can give us a quick update. It is a little complicated, but now that all the contracts are signed and delivered we are moving forward with supplies and chemicals that we need.

So, far and knock on wood, so far so good, but we did have some supply issues which is common. Claude would you like to?

Mr. Smith: Sure. Good morning everyone. Just an update for the progress that we are actually making with the PFAS. We are still moving along at a pretty rapid pace. That is the best that we can do in order to fulfill the schedule that has been presented to us for PFAS.

Like Gary mentioned we are having issues. Well, the contractors were having issues with the nature of the fittings, which are a 90 degree elbow of the construction for the piping system. The piping treatment that is being done.

Of course, we normally spec domestic products as opposed to foreign products and of course sometimes when you do spec domestic products as opposed to foreign products they are a little bit harder to obtain, but eventually they were able to obtain it. So, they are moving forward with that particular tree configuration that they are doing.

We are expecting delivery of the granulated activated carbon or GAC on November 8 and $9 t h$, and that will complete carbon delivery that we need for the six vessels that are at the location. Then of course they are going to have start doing some back washing.

Well, that is in the future because they still have to complete the work that they are doing on the well in terms of changing out the column and get the configuration done for the insulation of the piping for the connection to the vessels from the well itself, but again we are moving forward and doing the best that we can regarding that.

We also have in addition to that work that is going on and this is part of the PFAS as well and that is the insulation of the horizontal drilling conduit for the electrical work that we need to do for the complete loop connection of the electrical wiring up at that location. That should be staring sometime soon.

As a matter of fact, that should be starting
November 1st. There will be a little overlap of work being done simultaneously, but at the same time we will coordinate as best that we can to make sure that neither of the contractors are compromised as far as work that needs to be done.

Upon the conduit being installed of course we have
to come back and start looking at installing all of the electrical and that is something that we will have to talk about later in regards to pricing and the methodology and how we go about doing that work, but just for everyone's peace of mind we are moving ahead with that as best that we can.

Like I said, sampling will be schedule for next month to see pretty much where we are in order for the PFAS compliancy and that is pretty much it.

Mr. Devlin: Who is the Petrongolo?
Mr. Smith: Petrongolo Water Contractor are doing the water replacement.

Mr. Hill: There is also something on here for TIGG, which is on our project list.

Mr. Smith: Yes.
Mr. Devlin: How about Philip Ross?
Mr. Hill: Philip Ross is one or our contractors.
Mr. Smith: Phillip Ross or PR is part of the PFAS and TIGG is also part of the PFAS and Petrongolo is actually doing one of our water-main replacement.

You should also probably see one under Lafayette as you are going through your signatures, and that is also for water-main replacement.

Mr. Devlin: I am aware of them.
Mr. Hill: Mr. Chairman, I just want to say that

Claude and $I$ went and got an award at $H 2 M$ for the MUA working together. Working for the project which is very nice. From what $I$ am understanding and $I$ was away, it is a very important award for the City. They get State recognition. Does anyone want to comment?

Mr. Armstrong: This is really nice of them, and they are going to be providing us with pictures and we actually took pictures with them and they will be provided to us.

Mr. Hill: We should put them on the website.
Mr. Devlin: When $I$ first got here I said, we should get a little trophy case. There are a lot of cool stuff around and to have some at the plant.

I just think that maybe at the boards expense maybe get a trophy case or glass case for stuff like that and there is some really cool stuff around this area.

We have some old time plaques that they have at the plant and they have value. If the board is good with it we can put it out there.

Mr. Hill: I also wanted to say that during the process of this project and bringing everybody in they have been taking photos and we got a report. Not a report, but a video thing of all the things which we can use eventually down the road. For the public's input this is what we did. I suggested that the work that we
did at our work session meeting we had that eventually we should show it to City Council and make sure they know that we are not sitting here doing nothing.

This is what we are doing and this is where the money is going and also for the State and of course the State will get a copy of that, but it is really interesting thing to see the scope of this project. So that is something we can do down the line.

Mr. Smith: Someone did mention that.
Mr. Hill: Yes. Put it on the website.
Mr. Smith: And we have a web page now.
Mr. Hill: Michael, did you have anything?
Mr. Armstrong: Yes. Just a couple of things. I have been involved since the beginning and it is remarkable to me the level of cooperation that we are seeing. Remember at the time we were all worried about how we are going to get this under way.

Mr. Hill: And that is the key.
Mr. Riley: That is the key. The project manager that runs our meeting every week is like no nonsense and very bright and very talented person. As a lawyer watching all of these engineers and listening, it make my head explode.

We are in really good hands on this and $I$ think both locally and nationally this project has some
significance because of the size of it and the quality of the work that has been done by our technical
engineering staff. I am impressed and Michael has done a lot of construction work in his career and $I$ have not, but I sit back and I listen and to me it is truly impressive and it make your realize that once you get the right people in the right spot you can fix anything and $I$ think that is where we are.

Mr. Hill: We are trying to address that. We are lucky to have this and we have our consultant Mr. Palladino and Michael looking over as our attorneys for the contracts. So everybody is working together with our plant manager. So Michael is right it is really a big project and Claude should be very happy.

Mr. Smith: I just want to add to that. I know that Gary did speak about that, of course, the recognition that we received, but $I$ just want to make us understand from the construction and engineer aspect of it that this is good recognition for the Authority in regards of this being presented at the award because of the fact that they are really showcasing projects that are going on throughout New Jersey and it is of significance and it does mean a lot.

It is a plug for us to be a part of this and to be recognized as well too and not just engineers, but what
we have been doing in regards to getting this particular project done.

Mr. Armstrong: I just want everybody to understand that the work is being done, but when we finish this project the work will just begin. This is just a temporary fix. The real work will begin in coming up with the money to build the plant and Claude told me the other day that even though this puts us in place we have no idea how long it will last.

Mr. Devlin: No offense. That is why I encourage board members to go out to the plant because until you see that and how old that it is and the infrastructure. That changed my opinion.

Mr. Smith: I will address that with a different issue.

Mr. Devlin: Mr. Banfield, what happen to our personnel meeting?

Mr. Armstrong: I can update you on the personnel committee meeting and where we left off. We were supposed to get all the job descriptions and compile them for the personnel committee members and we did that.

We provided it to Mr. Banfield and we provided it to Nynell and the volume of it was so significant. It is more than 150 pages and no one was able to get though
it on time to have a meaningful discussion about it
Mr. Devlin: I did not get my copy yet.
Mr. Smith: I e-mailed it.
Mr. Devlin: Mike, let's go forward and make sure we have a personnel meeting prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Smith: We did actually have a meeting.
Mr. Devlin: Ms. Nynell or someone said --
Mr. Smith: No. It was moved to another date, but we still had it prior to the meeting.

Mr. Devlin: Thank you.
Mr. Hill: Claude, maybe we should send TIGG and Ross an e-mail that their checks will be distributed.

Mr. Smith: Gary, the question arose earlier in regards to whether or not the invoices were received and we confirmed with them, with $H 2 M$, so that they could relay that message to them. So we don't have to.

Mr. Hill: I just don't want any delays.
Mr. Bor: If I may Mr. Chairman, on that personnel committee the Director is correct we actually convened and it appeared as if this piece of document that everyone needed to review and now it was distributed and I believe Mike had another commitment to.

So they are ready to roll and they did not have a lot of time either. I think we are moving it to next week.

Mr. Smith: I think we are waiting for everyone to get through the documents and then reschedule it.

Mr. Bor: Just one thing because we have more on the table. We have two matters pending at the DEP for the underground storage tank for the Fluoride. I am in weekly touch with $W$. Taylor who is the coordinator of the $A V R$ program and $I$ just indicated to her ten days ago why are things not happening.

She said we are trying to reorganize the AVR section and we had some people leave in anticipation of the election and $I$ said, are we filed and docketed and she said, yes, and it was forwarded to set up the program, but that is the reason for the delay.

The important thing is that we are filed and docketed and we will see where that goes. Number 9, Mr. Director.

Mr. Devlin: Andy, do you have anything for personnel?

Mr. Weber: In close session.
Mr. Armstrong: I have a few items. One of them we just talked about the award. It appears that the MBCA it is their 30 th anniversary awards galla and it is coming up on November 9th. It is something that I understand is done every year. There are some people here that would like to attend.

Mr. Devlin: Can we just get a big table for everyone.

Mr. Hill: We are honoring this year and it is $30 t h$ celebration and the MBCA has been a member forever. Claude, do you remember all of the things that we have done. We are honoring the casino industry of New Jersey and of course the casino industry is our biggest customer. We all know that.

It would be great to show some support for the industry as well, and I appreciate it. Thank you.

Mr. Smith: Would a table seat ten?
Mr. Hill: Ten.
Mr. Armstrong: Just in terms of members the table seats ten? Because at least four people here want to go. If the head count is --

Mr. Hill: I can do 12 if you need it.
Mr. Armstrong: Okay. Should we approve up to 12 , just in case?

Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Armstrong: Mr. Banfield, are you interested in attending?

Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Armstrong: So the next thing is and we mentioned it earlier is the ability of utilizing certain software like docuSign. Since $I$ got here $I$ found that
it was a problem getting certain types of accounts and certain types of software. Most software companies are moving on certain subscription plans and you need a credit card in order to have that plan.

We had a problem and Kelley has been trying since February to get an Amazon account. We thought we could eventually get one, but they told us we needed a credit card.

So it has been a problem and I am going to talk to Anita and in order to get a credit card the rules have changed somewhat. You are not supposed to use store credit cards and we having been using that as a credit card. The only part that is approved is what is called a P-Card, and when $I$ looked into it and did research most municipalities have it and agencies and colleges have it.

So it would be great for us to get it, but we have to start with the process of having a finance policy that deals with P-Cards and that should be in your resolution packet, the $P$-Card policy and once you adopt that we then have to provide that resolution to the division of finance and get approval of that $P$-Card and it is still a process. In order to get it started we have to approve this resolution.

Mr. Devlin: This places us into the 21st century.

Mr. Armstrong: If there could be a motion.
Mr. Bor: Do you mean on 9B?
Mr. Armstrong: Yes.
Mr. Devlin: Motion.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?

Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: 9b carries. I think we accidently looked
over 8b1.
Mr. Armstrong: I assumed you were holding it until
Nynell came back.
Mr. Hill: We did not vote on that yet.
Mr. Armstrong: We can just hold that.
Mr. Bor: We can hold that because we have to do that eventually.

Mr. Devlin: So hold until the next board meeting?
Mr. Armstrong: Yes. I have a couple more items.
Just house keeping items. The next board meeting in
November is scheduled for the 17 th and that is the
municipalities. We were thinking about doing it on the 19th at $10 o^{\prime} \mathrm{clock}$ and that is a Friday. If that is okay?

Mr. Bor: So it will be the $19 t h$ of November. We don't need a motion because we changed this Wednesday without a motion.

Mr. Armstrong: Do you vote on your original dates?
Mr. Hill: Yes.

Mr. Bor: Motion to conduct our November meeting on
the 19 th instead of the 17 th at 10 a.m. board office.
Mr. Devlin: Motion.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?

Mr. Banfield: Is that a Friday?

Mr. Bor: Yes.
Mr. Banfield: Yes.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?

Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Armstrong: The insurance is huge for our RPs and we were authorized to go out in August and that is not gonna happen because it indicates the level of
insurance and we don't have anyone to review it for us for the type of insurance that we need. So myself and Kelley did research and quite honestly $I$ have never seen it done that way. It was given to me to review and I am not qualify in my opinion to review the coverage.

So in our research and my experience is that you hire a broker first. Then the broker reviews and gives you consultation with the levels of coverage that you need. We have obtained several RQs from several places and that is how everybody else does it.

They go to a broker first and I am not comfortable with reviewing the insurance coverage and making a decision that this is what is needed. Time is of the essence now because it renews at the end of the year.

Mr. Devlin: Two things. One, is I think when I first got here we had a guy and we paid him thousand and thousands of dollars and everybody was against it so we eliminated it.

Mr. Armstrong: To be honest they learned.
Mr. Devlin: Even with the old ED that was one of the first things that we got rid of. Who do we have now? Who is our broker?

Mr. Smith: We don't have a broker.
Mr. Devlin: Who do we go to? Are we talking about workers' comp?

Mr. Smith: Don't forget that when the elimination was done Brengle which was the actual broker that did the review and compiling of the proposal to send out and was actually elected to have Fred do the review of the insurance policies.

Of course last year we still had to send the package out because at that particular time it was close to the time period that we had to renew our policy. So we did actually send the policy out and we got prices back and forth.

Of course, Mr. Armstrong said, we really and truly needed to have someone apart from internal or someone that is experience or qualified to review those policies.

Mr. Devlin: Who do we make our checks payable to for our insurance? What broker?

Mr. Smith: Well, Siracusa is the one, but he is the one that presents the insurance policies to us in regards to the amounts and what the coverage is. He might be a broker, but not necessarily lobbying on behalf of the Authority for receiving proposals or putting out proposals.

Mr. Devlin: I thought that guy was excessive and everyone did to in doing RPs. Can we do an RP to hire a broker?

Mr. Armstrong: I think you have to do an RP to hire a broker. Just like we do for financial advisers, attorneys or anybody else on our behalf.

Mr. Hill: Why do $I$ think that the name was Brengle.

Mr. Armstrong: It is William Brengle.
Mr. Devlin: From a layman it seems like a lot of money, but if you say we need it. I thought once we hired a broker Siracusa he would come in and he is pretty good at it.

Mr. Armstrong: Do we want to rescind the original resolution saying that we have to put out coverage, but yet we have to do an RQ4 for the broker instead.

Now, the thing that came up was the timeframe that we have for when the policy cancelled and we have about 70 days so. We have to try to do this quickly and bring in someone and have them have time to review and put themselves out a proposal. So it may require a special meeting in between.

Mr. Deviin: I don't think you are gonna have a problem with that.

Mr. Armstrong: I just wanted to let you know.
Mr. Devlin: If you need a special meeting let me know.

Mr. Armstrong: Okay.

Mr. Devlin: I will do a motion.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: What is the motion?
Mr. Armstrong: To initially rescind the first
resolution. To eliminate the request for RPs.
Mr. Bor: That was a while back.
Mr. Armstrong: August 25 th.
Mr. Devlin: Of this year?
Mr. Armstrong: Yes. Resolution number -- do you
know fellows?
Ms. Williams: Resolution 105 is it?
Mr. Hill: So Mike, I just want to make clear that we are canceling the resolution that would have gone out for the insurance until we get a broker?

Mr. Armstrong: Yes.
Mr. Hill: Okay. Because I always remember that it was November or December.

Mr. Armstrong: Correct.
Mr. Bor: Is the August 25 th to obtain an $R P$ for $a$ broker?

Mr. Armstrong: No. We never had one for the broker.

Mr. Devlin: How did we get that guy from the past?
Mr. Smith: Well, he has been with the Authority for a number of years and $I$ think his bill was about
$\$ 7,000$ for the year.
Mr. Devlin: I am in the wrong business.
Mr. Hill: He has been here as long as $I$ have and $I$ am old.

Mr. Armstrong: Another thing you might want to look at is many times they don't even charge you. They get the money when they do the contract and they get a percentage. They don't charge at all.

Mr. Devlin: If you need it Mike $I$ am all in.
Mr. Bor: We have a general rescind of the August $25 t h$ resolution and then start from scratch at the next meeting.

Mr. Armstrong: No. You are going to rescind that one and then we need another motion to put out a new RQ for a broker.

Mr. Bor: So I have before me resolution number 105 dated August 25,2021 and the recommendation of our ED is to rescind that motion. It there a motion to do so and a second?

Mr. Devlin: Motion.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Now, that is so rescinded. Now, a
separate RFP to appoint an insurance broker to assist us with the analysis of our policies. If there is a motion on that $I$ will hear it.

Mr. Devlin: Motion.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: It so passes.
Mr. Armstrong: Okay. The only last thing that I have and Mr. Chairman, you brought this up a few times at the meeting is the issues that we are having with respect to the plant. With respect to emergency repairs and the emergency to the PFAS. I went out there myself with Claude and WRM and try to get a handle on why are
these things happening and a lot of it has to do with it being an old facility.

So one of the things that came up was that we can have an engineering firm that monitors and reviews all of the maintenance issues out there and write an assessment.

It has been my experience and it was tested in Willingboro, Alaimo \& Associates handles that and we don't deal -- it was my experience that they come and report and talk about issues before they arise and Mike can attest to that and we don't have that here.

Mr. Devlin: Does that not fall under Anthony Palumbi? Is that his name?

Mr. Armstrong: He is not an engineer though. As a matter of fact when $I$ met with Anthony and some of it does, but when $I$ met with him and that is why we have WMR to assist him and they talk about software that can tract, but he also asked himself for an engineering firm. That is why we brought $H 2 M$ in.

They indicated they could assist in the regard. In my opinion it is absolutely necessary. When you get out there Anthony is going to respond by saying I need to order parts. The engineer is gonna say it is time to stop ordering parts and it is time to buy the new car. Do you know what $I$ mean or is there something new out
there. See what else you can do. There are alternatives. There are cheaper ways to go. I think at some point we need to engage an engineering firm to check things and $I$ know that Vince does to, but to the extent that $H 2 M$-- I know that we have to do an RP, but given their background and experience we had them assemble a meeting because we were dealing with PFAS and he has some emergency issues related to PFAS and we also had to look at that. So it does not effect us.

That they can help us right away so that is does not interfere with the progress that we are making, but they did submit something indicated they would be able to send to us.

I told Claude that it should go out in an $R P$ and let everyone know the response if we get a more competitive price.

Mr. Devlin: So what would the title of that be? Engineering firm like an engineering consultant?

Mr. Armstrong? Engineering, yes.
Mr. Devlin: Is there a policy on doing that now?
Mr. Armstrong: Well ---
Mr. Devlin: And he is just doing that one project?
Mr. Armstrong: No. His expertise is not, as I understand it, and that is why he bought in $H 2 \mathrm{M}$. He himself told us. He can apply for it if he believes it
too.
Mr. Devlin: I got you and Mike one of the things too from what $I$ think that we have done over the past decades and it is nobody's fault in this room and that we are putting Band-Aids on things.

Instead of buying a generator that is water proof or salt proof because we have a ton of erosion here they have a compressor, and $I$ was wondering, and I looked and it is totally rusted and $I$ am like guys. And the City falls on this too.

We buy just the bare minimum. They don't have the warranty package and that mind set and $I$ explained to even Claude that saving that money means we are saving pennies, but losing dollars and one day we are gonna fall on our face

Mr. Armstrong: That is what $I$ am worried about.
Mr. Devlin: Back-up generators and you know well they are from prior World War 11, and $I$ mean they are cool that they are still working, but come on man.

So I think as a board and as an administration we need to work together to really do some structural renovations. I mean even to the buildings. Some of them boards, $I$ mean, come on guys. I know that $I$ hit it hard with security, but $I$ think overall the infrastructure out there -- I mean they have that one
tower that has not been used since the $80 s$. It is crazy.

Mr. Armstrong: When you consider the fact that we have to build a new plant anyway $I$ thing it is important to have an assessment. They know what we need to do with respect to that. So they may say okay we put a Band-Aid on this because we know down the road we have to get a new car anyway.

So they have that knowledge, but that is what an engineering firm is supposed to do. They are suppose to tell you whether or not it worth fixing.

Mr. Devlin: We don't do that now.
Mr. Armstrong: The thing that really scares me is the fact that now we can't get parts. We have to have them specifically fabricated and it takes a year. The only solution $I$ am aware of if we keep doing that that means we have to get extra parts fabricated. One has to be in the process --

Mr. Hill: Spares on the shelf.
Mr. Armstrong: They are expensive because they are being specifically fabricated for us because they no longer make parts.

Mr. Devlin: That is crazy. Just going out there I want everybody to do that. Those engines alone and the backup generators Mac does not even make them.

Mr. Armstrong: 1940s. When me and Vince were out there he said that the guy told him I am the last person around to fix these engines.

Mr. Devlin: The Johnson \& Johnson towers that guy?
Mr. Armstrong: One guy and he said if anything happens to me nobody else around --

Mr. Devlin: It is crazy. We put Band-Aids on things and we need to change that mindset. I don't think anybody on the board will give you pushback for doing a major infrastructure.

Mr. Hill: So that we can put this forward for our next meeting? Or can it go to our engineering and maintenance. Ir is common practice; right?

Mr. Weber: I was just going to say that all MUAs have some kind of engineering person whether it is a consultant engineer which most of them do. The bigger ones will have an in-house engineer, but that is expensive hiring and that normally includes staff.

Mr. Devlin: Yes. We are not doing that.
Mr. Weber: So the most effective way is to be paid through an RFP. Some firm that understands MUAs. They know what to look for and you call on them a lot.

Mr. Smith: And they should report and come to the meeting.

Mr. Devlin: Is this something that can be put off
until the next meeting? The only reason $I$ say that is because we are missing a board member and $I$ would like to think on it.

Mr. Armstrong: I think it is urgent. It is an RP and no way to get around it to another meeting.

Mr. Hill: It is still going to take time to get the RPs out.

Mr. Armstrong: Right.
Mr. Hill: It is gonna take at least six weeks.
Mr. Devlin: Can't we get one?
Mr. Weber: I have one.
Mr. Hill: And can't you get Vince to help you with that since he is our in-house consultant?

Mr. Weber: Well, I have seen what other MUAs have done and $I$ have multiple ones.

Mr. Devlin: Who do you guys use in Willingboro? Do you use Alaimo?

Mr. Weber: We use Alaimo, but actually we get involved in some speciality areas too with consultant engineers. It is according to what your five-year plan looks like. One of your main issues here in Atlantic City --

Mr. Devlin: We know it is PFAS. What is our five-year plan?

Mr. Armstrong: I just happen to put it at my desk.

Mr. Deviin: Just shoot it to me when you have it.
Mr. Smith: Well, put it this way, I was about to tell you or say to them that the catalyses or the driving force right now in regards to where we go and how we get there is PFAS. No matter how you look at it. Okay.

Like you mentioned before our plant facility is ancient and old. It has not been maintained correctly over the years, and we are aware of that, and we are pretty much, right now, on a string in regards to our operation for the treatment plant facility.

So when you say what is our five-year plan maybe you should say what is our one-year plan. Okay.

Mr. Devlin: We know our one-year plan and it is PFAS.

Mr. Smith: The reason $I$ say the one-year plan is because of the fact that our facility is old and it is so old. Okay. We have to more that likely revamp that entire treatment plant. Not be sarcastic.

Mr. Devlin: No. I agree with you.
Mr. Smith: In terms of our one-year plan because one year down the road we are looking at trying to have a new treatment facility that can facilitate.

Mr. Devlin: One year down the road you are thinking?

Mr. Armstrong: We may have to.
Mr. Devlin: Let me ask you this, City wise, because $I$ know we have some of the oldest pipes. I have seen it myself, but $I$ also heard around from different entities. What is our plan?

Mr. Smith: We have a yearly replacement plan in regards to water-main replacement. As a matter of fact, I am gonna let you kind of segway into that because I saw the chart that you have.

Because of the fact that we are doing yearly replacements this is something that is required by the Water Quality Accountability Act. We have to do at least a mile of water-main replacement on a yearly basis.

We have been doing replacements, as a matter of fact, you just mentioned about the who was that check for and so forth. That was one of the companies that is currently working for us to do the water-main replacement.

Of course next year and every year following we actually have to have some sort of work being done. We are now in the process of getting some information to the City of Atlantic City and working in conjunction with them to do some water-main replacement and $I$ will let Mike talk a little bit more about that aspect of it,
but we are proactively doing work on a consistent basis.
Mr. Armstrong: We were just contacted by the City because there are some funds available.

Mr. Devlin: That was my next question.
Mr. Armstrong: It goes to the City, but they see money allocated for water, but they have to go through us to get the money because it benefits both us and we are talking potentially millions that we will have in savings and they will have in savings and here is why.

The money because it has to go through the City they can't get it because it is earmarked for water so they have to utilize us to replace our pipes, but the City will not have to pay those fees because the money will account for replacement of the pipes and also pay you.

So they contacted us and we had at least two meetings with them. They are going to use their grant writer whose going to get the funds, and get the application in ahead of time. We just have to coordinate with them. These are the streets we are coordinate with and they are going to make it happen in terms of the money.

So we are talking millions of dollars in savings for us and million of dollars in saving for the City and that is one. While $I$ had him $I$ spoke to the grant
writer and $I$ heard that he is really good Tim Vertullo (sic) and I talked to Anthony Swan and I said we want you to find money for us for PFAS as well.

So we may be coming back for a separate proposal to do that next month because I also provided him with two other links related to money that is earmarked for water utilities authority and an infrastructure.

And two, there is a bill that has passed congress for over a billion dollars and it is earmarked just for PFAS. So when it goes to the senate it is likely that it will pass and he sees that as being a benefit to the City. Maybe we can fix other roads as well, but I doubt it because it is mostly PFAS related, but maybe he will help us in that regard.

I think what has happened to be honest with you initially they said they were going to package it together, and then they came back and said that he would give us a separate code and the reason for that is that the City does not benefit from PFAS and it does not mean that you open up any roads and why should the City have the expense of utilizing his service.

Mr. Hill: Just to back up. Well, not back up, but to solidify what Claude just said the grant writer that he is speaking about is a member of MBCA and will be at that dinner we just talked about. He has done amazing
work for the City of Atlantic City and Mr. Gonzalez probably knows Jim $R$ and the association and he is very good. MBCA is one of the groups that writes letters of support for his projects, if it is Duck Town or Mid Town which is a big project going on that we are involved in.

Now, we would do the same thing for the MUA and the water. So he is very very successful most of the time and $I$ am sure Mr. Gonzalez would agree. I mean, he can't guarantee every single grant, but if indeed that happens and we use him $I$ just know that he has been very successful for the Atlantic City recently.

In fact he just got money grant for ACCC for their big project that they are doing this month for the wind station at the training center. That would be great if we could pull him in and use him.

Mr. Bor: So essentially the City pulls him in and once approved by the City they have to develop a mechanism to get it to us.

Mr. Armstrong: That the first thing $I$ was talking about with respect to the replacement to our infrastructure, but PFAS is a separate issue. If they don't see anything in it for them they are gonna come back --

Mr. Devlin: The grant writers they get a piece of the grant. Is that how it works?

Mr. Smith: I don't know how it works. If anybody else knows how it works.

Mr. Hill: It is either you pay them a fee or they get a percent and $I$ don't know which agreement it is.

Mr. Claude: I have seen it as a fee.
Mr. Armstrong: Depends on how much work they do.
Mr. Deviin: Before $I$ forget everyone we need to make that motion, Mike.

Mr. Bor: So we are at 9 c engineering maintenance contract be send an RFP to go out for an engineering maintenance contract. If there is no discussion is there a motion?

Mr. Devlin: Motion, 9c1.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Approved.
Mr. Smith: That is all that $I$ have.
Mr. Riley: We are talking about a lot of money. A
year ago when the court in South Carolina the Federal courts in South Carolina handed the discovery and production over, which meant that the defendant, the huge multinational corporations that we are dealing with handed us their discovery for the plaintiff.

Everything was going along fine, and we thought until about three weeks ago, at which point, it was determined by the plaintiff's executive committee, which sort of runs the plaintiff's side of the show, that 3 M and Dupont and a couple of others have misrepresented what they produced.

They have been ignoring court orders and they have been essentially lying to the court and this has caused quit a stir, as you might expect. Just so you know in terms of the content of this, at this point right now, there are four million documents that have been presented in discovery totaling about 27 million pages of discovery. The firm is flying down there and it is about time.

Let's back up for a second. I told you about 3 M and how they got involved with PFAS 35 or 40 years ago. They lied about their research. They hired a prominent chemist to go around the country saying there was research done and it is perfectly fine. He was on the payroll and these guys are dirty guys. We know that

Dupont has spun off corporations to avoid liability. They have taken the patents for PFAS and put it in new corporations so when we hit them we see essentially no assets, but the point is this, now, this has been a very well run and choreograph piece of litigation. The guys that we work with in California they have one hundred people that work with them to go through and read all of this stuff. Okay.

This is a massive undertaking. The point is this once this comes together and it will. Once we determine that they lied to the court and misrepresented what they were supposed to do. Once things get squared away things are going to start to move and we can start looking at some number that can finance what we are talking about.

I am sitting back here and listening and I am sweating bullets because $I$ am thinking we have to come up with 25 or 30 million dollars; right.

Mr. Armstrong: Claude says 50 .
Mr. Riley: So we have a lot money that we have to be able to generate and everything was going smoothly up until literally three weeks ago when they were determined that they were flat out lying.

Mr. Armstrong: Was that determined?
Mr. Riley: Yes. I mean the representation were
made by the plaintiff's counsel and there is evidence of it and of course the response of these lawyers from the huge law firms that represent Dupont and 3 M , they are offended that their integrity would be questioned.

Boeing did the same thing and the maker of
cigarettes. They said smoke Lucky Strikes and it is good for your health. So we are in the same kind of world, but the PFAS thing is ongoing and there was discovery request made for us to hear our case.

So it is moving along and once the judge straightens out this mess and it is a funny thing when you read his transcripts of the meeting, and I listened to a number of them, he has that soft South Carolina accent. So you think he is an okay guy until he let's loose on somebody. Okay, but in any event $I$ wanted to bring you up to speed on that because $I$ have said in the past that discovery is on going and the train is off the tract and it has to be straighten out.

Mr. Devlin: Thanks Mike.
Mr. Claude: Just something else I wanted to point out to the board or everyone. Mike has mentioned on several occasions, Dark Waters, and it brings me back to what he just mentioned or what he just said that brings me back to that particular movie. I would strongly recommend that you watch that movie. If you had not
watched it you need to really watch that.
Mr. Devlin: Mike.
Mr. Riley: I am done.
Mr. Bor: I guess we are up to old business.
Mr. Claude: No. We are up to D.
Mr. Bor: That is all we have under executive director report?

Mr. Claude: Unless there is any questions with respect to 9 d .

Mr. Bor: Do we have anything for 9d. Anita's report.

Mr. Claude: Anita, do you have anything to report under d?

Mr. Devlin: Are we doing shutoffs?
Mr. Thapa: No. No, shutoffs and that is per the governors orders. We could do the shutoff, but they are also saying that we have to give our customer time to make a payment plan.

There will be no lien as well this year. So we will start penalizing our customer January because I think the memorandum was lifted in July so December will be six months. So January will process our penalty and then shutoff will start in April.

If you have any questions about the finance report.
Mr. Hill: Anita, we just signed some big checks
for the PFAS project today and I don't remember the cap that we had approved four million or three and half million something like that. Could you just send to me where we are? Did we spend all the money? We could not have spent all the money yet.

Ms. Thapa: The cash management is attached to the financial report.

Mr. Hill: I am talking about the project money.
Mr. Thapa: Oh, for PFAS?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Smith: The items that you are seeing for PFAS was a part of the proposal which we received and did not exceed that three million.

Mr. Hill: My point is that we are still under.
Mr. Claude: Yes. I know we could possible face a change order. We are still under that threshold.

Mr. Armstrong: Anita, do you know how much was paid so far?

Mr. Thapa: It is with different vendors.
Mr. Hill: Phillip Ross, T GG, Calgon.
Mr. Smith: How much is spent already?
Ms. Thapa: Calgon has already spent, I believe.
Mr. Armstrong: If you don't remember ---
Mr. Hill: I don't want to take up the time. I just want to be sure we are very clear on how much we
have spent for this project because we know we have to spend money. We already agreed on that. I was just curious and if you could just give to me a short report.

Ms. Thapa: Like I mention Claude, I have those invoices so now we are staring to see it. That is why October is the big one almost 2.4 million there. As you noticed the past few months the bills were about 6 to 7 hundred and now, I mean, the other projects like the water main projects the bill are often included there, but I believe the carbon vessels those are -- the total contract was almost about 2 hundred and 93 thousand that is what we spent on it if $I$ am correct here.

Mr. Armstrong: Anita, we don't need -- if you could give it to us later.

Ms. Thapa: Sure.
Mr. Armstrong: When you know.
Mr. Hill: I just want to make sure that we all are within our budget. In a week or by next Wednesday would be all right.

Ms. Thapa: All right.
Mr. Devlin: Anybody else, questions for finance report? Cash management report and adjustments, anybody? Old business Claude, is that you?

Mr. Smith: Yes. This is typical for utility road openings. We just put out a proposal and received
proposal responses for utility road openings and the resolution is in your packet.

Mr. Devlin: Is that 10a?
Mr. Smith: Yes, $10 a 1$ is for the repair of utility
road openings.
Mr. Hill: I move 10 a .
Mr. Devlin: And $10 b$
Mr. Bor: 10 b was already addressed.
Mr. Devlin: Motion by Mr. Hill second by Mr.
Devlin.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Williams: He has disappeared.
Mr. Bor: Then we have a quorum. Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Approved. Under new business. I take it that 1 and 2 are is not necessary to appear and as usual we take those as a group.

Mr. Devlin: Motion by Mr. Hill second by Mr. Dedar.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Smith: He is still not there. He had a
doctors appointment.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Hill: Where is your generator?
Mr. Smith: Answer is yes and at the upper well
field location. There are 17 generators that are part of the --

Mr. Devlin: Wasn't that Johnson Towers too?
Mr. Smith: No. Penn Powers was the one that actually did this last year so up to now. So they are the ones that currently have the contrat, but we are putting it back out --

Mr. Devlin: What was last years contract general maintenance.

Mr. Smith: It was preventive maintenance with some general maintenance, basically.

Mr. Devlin: And what was that cost like?
Mr. Smith: It was just under 17 thousand.
Mr. Bor: This highlights Mr. Chairman, maintenance contract Band-Aid.

Mr. Smith: No. It is not a Band-Aid. This is a necessity.

Mr. Bor: Band-Aid meaning maintenance and that if
something is wrong --
Mr. Devlin: You have to be proactive with that.
Mr. Smith: This is preventive maintenance.
Mr. Devlin: That is what we like to hear. We do not like to hear emergency. Emergency means more money. You have our support on this.

Mr. Smith: Preventive it point out pretty much what you have to get done and then you might have to spend more money.

Mr. Hill: I will move $1 d 1$.
Mr. Devlin: I will second that.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield? Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Quorum approved.
Mr. Devlin: Budget, Anita. We have a presentation here.

Ms. Thapa: So today we are presenting the 2022 annual budget, which is due to the Division of Local Government Services on or before November 1. We held two budget committee meetings on October 7 and October 15 with budget committee members which included Mr.

Dedar and Mr. Banfield, Mr. Armstrong, and Claude Smith, and myself.

I also have provided a brief summary of the budget along with complete budget which is almost 70 to 80 pages there in the board package.

The 2022 budget reflects Total Revenue of $\$ 16.9$ million and total appropriation of $\$ 17.6$ million including $\$ 737$ thousand to the municipal appropriation to the City.

Out total anticipated revenue for 2022 is $\$ 16.9$ million, which is about 8.5\% increase as compared to 2021 .

The total operating expenses amount to about \$14.7 million, and non-operating expenses are anticipated to be about 2.9 million.

The non-operating expense includes, as again mentioned, municipality appropriation payment to the City, which is about $5 \%$ of our total operating appropriations, as mentioned before the amount is $\$ 737$ thousand.

This also includes renewal and replacement reserve, which is estimated at $\$ 2$ million. And that $\$ 2$ million we will definitely need to utilize for our capital projects.

The 2022 Rates are attached to the budget. We are
proposing about a $5 \%$ increase in flat rate and a $2 \%$ increase in excess rate. Obviously, we were hesitant to increase it, but this is really necessary for the capital improvement costs which the main one we do is PFAS.

A residential flat fee will increase by $\$ 1.05$ a quarter from $\$ 62.25$ per quarter that was the 2021 flat fee and it will go up $\$ 65.50$ per quarter and that is per unit.

So any water usage exceeding 2500 cubic feet per quarter, that is the allowance for our customers, will be charged at $\$ 3.837$ per 100 cubic feet for residential customers and also the access rate is also $\$ 2.837$ for all businesses and customers as well.

From this increase we are, we will generating addition revenue of $\$ 534.000$ from the 2022 annual rate increase. We also expect an increase in $10 \%$ in water usages especially as the businesses were not quite open and they are opening at full capacity.

Any variances over and under $10 \%$ for each appropriation budget line time are explained on Page $N-1$ in the budget document. Those are all explained in those pages there. The good news is our outstanding principal balance on the Authority's debt is about $\$ 7$ million, and the outstanding interest balance is about
$\$ 495$ thousand. We have made our last payment on the 2012 Refunding Bond this year, and also this year, we recently refinanced our 2007 Bond Series. Therefore, our ratings are withdrawn since the Authority rate bonds are no longer outstanding. We only have four loans with the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and a private loan with Fulton Bank. Hopefully, this will provide a positive direction for us when we have borrowing or bonding for our major capital projects in 2022 .

So now the Capital budget, obviously, this year capital budget for 2022 is projected to be $\$ 43$ million 800 hundred thousand. That is quite a lot.

As we all know the Authority is facing challenges for PFAS regulation. We expect the cost for the upgrades of our treatment plant to reduce or remove PFAS contamination somewhere between 30-50 million. We have already started a short-term remedy to treat PFAS --

Mr. Hill: She just froze.
(Video Interference)
Mr. Armstrong: Anita, can you come down here you keep freezing. Can you come down stairs.

Ms. Thapa: Yes.
Mr. Hill: Just for the capital.
(Crosstalk)
Ms. Johnson: Mr. Banfield is trying to call in.

He had internet issues.
Mr. Smith: Okay.
Mr. Bor: Claude, do you have any comments on 11d?
The resolution.

Mr. Smith: Yes. We can actually discuss that.
Just a brief summary. These are equipment that is needed at the plant for doing an analysis of the water during the treatment process itself. There was several equipment that was being purchased and some maintenance that needed to be done on that equipment and that incorporates all that particular work that needs to be done.

The company Hach is actually part of the State contract on the contractor list. So they have already been bided and certified to present this particular equipment for purchase, I guess, you heard the process and now you want the resolution. It is $\$ 66,692.81$.

Mr. Devlin: And that is for?
Mr. Smith: It is for equipment as well as some maintenance as well.

Mr. Devlin: And you done that before?
Mr. Smith: The equipment -- the equipment, these equipment are always on properties. They are new equipment that they are purchasing to do the analysis. That the requirements that the state regulations
requires them to do. Of course maintenance on some of the existing equipment that is actually out there and already part of the Hach system.

Mr. Devlin: Motion on 11 di.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Devlin: He is on the phone. Did he call in?
Mr. Johnson: No, he is gonna try to call in on the phone number.

Mr. Bor: Well, until he does we have our quorum.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Then $11 d 1$ is approved. We have Anita here.

Mr. Devlin: Anita, can you finish up.
Ms. Thapa: Yes, just Mike and Claude had mentioned about our main capital is PFAS and other capital that Claude had mentioned the water mains equipment that we expect to buy. Every year the cost goes up. And we are also doing the meter replacement. We are still expecting some borrowing from New Jersey Infrastructure Bank for DEP.

We have not heard any thing on that. We have to
kind of start with that anyway and then other main projects we will be seeing in 2022 is the cradle replacement projects that may cost around somewhere between $\$ 1.7$ million. Obviously, those projects are going to take time so we did kind of spend it in two or three years.

I think that is about it, as far as the capital projects, we are presenting the capital budget $\$ 43$ million and that is mainly because of the fact $\$ 30$ million is included in PFAS. We had to borrow the money as you know.

Mr. Hill: Right.
Ms. Thapa: Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Claude is looking into the grant money so we can make a rescue plan.

Mr. Banfield: Can you hear me?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Banfield: Thank you. Go ahead.
Ms. Thapa: So I will let Mr. Dedar and Mr.
Banfield know since they are new to the board, if they have any comments?

Mr. Dedar: No. So far I checked it out because they gave me 70 pages and it was a very nice experience. So far I don't have that many questions.

Mr. Devlin: If you have any questions in the future you can call Anita. She picks up the phone every
time.
Mr. Dedar: Right.
Ms. Thapa: So that is it.
Mr. Hill: If we accept this now, if $I$ remember correctly, from being on the committee we have to do a public hearing and then a final for the grant.

Mr. Bor: Yes. That is included in the next resolution.

Mr. Hill: Do we need the chairman of that committee to put his two cents in. Should we get him or move forward.

Mr. Devlin: I am in favor of that.
Mr. Hill: Glenn, are you there?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Hill: Since you worked on the budget with Anita and $I$ have been on that committee for many years. How do you feel about this just before we vote on it and authorizing it. It is the best that we can do and it is what it is in my opinion.

Mr. Banfield: Yes, I talked to Anita about that and she confirmed with me that they were splitting up in two parts. So I accepted that.

Mr. Hill: Okay. Thank you.
Mr. Bor: So I take it then we can move on to
number 1, 2 , and 3 under 11c altogether. Is there a
motion to approve 11c1 and 11c2 and 11c3 taken as a whole.

Mr. Devlin: Mr. Dedar, do you want to make a motion on that? I apologize $I$ was under anesthesia few days ago.

Mr. Bor: We do have a second, Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Hill: Second.
Mr. Bor: Motion approved. We still need "E" the Joint Funding Agreement.

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                                    (Cross talk)
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Mr. Devlin: We have one more resolution and it is 11e.

Mr. Bor: It is lle1. If I recall this is a yearly thing and we are not quite sure why we have to.

Mr. Smith: It is a reoccurring cost.
Mr. Bor: Do you have a cost on that?
Mr. Smith: It is \$26.125.
Mr. Bor: And every year we pay.

Mr. Smith: Yes. It is under miscellaneous services that they do at the reservoir that we don't necessarily -- excuse me.

Mr. Dedar: $\$ 25$ thousand.
Mr. Smith: $\$ 26$ thousand
Mr. Devlin: So you have to pay the Feds?
Mr. Smith: Yes.
Mr. Devlin: I will make a motion on lle1 John Devlin.

Mr. Hill: Second.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Abstain.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?
Mr. Devlin: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Monthly bills. Any discussion? Would anyone like to make a motion?

Mr. Hill: Motion to accept.
Mr. Devlin: Second.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?

Mr. Dedar: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?
Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?

Mr. Devlin: Yes.

Mr. Bor: Is there a motion to go into executive session?

Mr. Devlin: Motion and Andy how much time?
Mr. Weber: I will be short. This is just an
orientation of the contracts of the contracts.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Banfield?
Mr. Banfield: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Dedar?
Mr. Dedar: Yes.

Mr. Bor: Mr. Hill?

Mr. Hill: Yes.
Mr. Bor: Mr. Devlin?

Mr. Devlin: Yes.
(Meeting adjourned)

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