

Commissioners' Meeting May 22, 2025

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUSCONETCONG SEWERAGE AUTHORITY 110 CONTINENTAL DRIVE, BUDD LAKE, NJ 07828

Chairman Rattner called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, an announcement was made that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided for as defined by the "Open Public Meetings Act."

- Members of The Board:Andrew Cangiano, Michael Grogan, John Hemmendinger, Brian McNeilly, Melanie Michetti,<br/>Steven Rattner, Anthony Riccardi, Thomas Romano, Richard Schindelar, Joseph Schwab, Elmer<br/>Still, Jack Sylvester
- Others Present: Diane Alexander, Esq., Jilliam Martucci Office Manager, James Schilling – Executive Director, James Wancho – PE

Attendance Roll Call:

Name:	Present:	Absent:
Cangiano	✓	
Grogan	✓	
Hemmendinger	✓	
McNeilly	✓	
Michetti	✓	
Rattner	✓	
Riccardi	✓	
Romano	✓	
Schindelar	✓	
Schwab	✓	
Still	✓	
Sylvester	✓	

Date/Time Call to Order: Thursday May 22, 2025 – 7:30PM Others Present: Diane Alexander, <del>Tom Garrall</del>, Jilliam Martucci, James Schilling, James Wancho

Motion / Resolution	Cangiano	Grogan	Hemmendinger	McNeilly	Michetti	Rattner	Riccardi	Romano	Schindelar	Schwab	Still	Sylvester
Attendance	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
New Business:												
Hopatcong Water PFAS Presentation												
Regular Meeting Minutes: 04.24.2025 ALL IN FAVOR	Abstain	Aye	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Aye	Aye	Aye	Abstain	Second Aye	Motion Aye	Aye
2024 Financials ROLL CALL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2025 Financials ROLL CALL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pending Vouchers – May 15, 2025 ROLL CALL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Correspondence – April/May 2025 ALL IN FAVOR	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Motion Aye	Second Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Directors Report, Maintenance & Repairs – 5/2025 Flow Data– April 2025 ALL IN FAVOR	Aye	Aye	Aye	Motion Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Second Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Office Managers Report – 05/2025 ALL IN FAVOR	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Second Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Motion Aye	Aye	Aye
Engineers Report – 05/2025 ALL IN FAVOR	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Second Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Motion Aye	Aye
New Business Continued:												
Resolution 25-24: PS&S/Pump Stations Project ROLL CALL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Yes	Yes	Yes
Resolution 25-25: EPA Proposed Budget Cuts ROLL CALL	Second Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Motion Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Nay
Verbal Vote: Escrow Request from Roxbury Twp & Borough of Hopatcong related to PFAS Water	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Old Business:												
Draft LOA: Roxbury Twp, Well 2/PFAS Treatment *Pending Escrow per Commissioner Michetti			l l									
Discussion: Arbolino Park Property Surrounding Netcong/Roxbury Meter Chamber *Remove from Agenda per Commissioner Sylvester												
Closed Session: Permit Litigation - 08:32pm ALL IN FAVOR	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Second Aye	Aye	Aye	Motion Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Open Session: 08:41pm ALL IN FAVOR	Aye	Aye	Aye	Second Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Motion Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Adjournment: 08:42 PM ALL IN FAVOR	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Second Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Motion Aye

Chairman Rattner opened and closed the meeting to the public.

New Business:

- Hopatcong Water PFAS TWA Presentation by Mott MacDonald
  - John Ruschke of Mott MacDonald advised to The Board that the DEP has issued a TWA Permit for the Borough of Hopatcong to have a FRAC tank next to the well to pump discharge water into said tank to dispose of it accordingly. His goal is to obtain authorization to discharge to a tanker, then into a manhole, which would then come to the MSA once all necessary treatment and testing are complete. The TWA Permit permits Hopatcong to treat PFAS and arsenic (less than 5 micrograms per liter) through carbon cartridge filters.
  - Mr. Ruschke advised that he would be seeking the same for Roxbury Township, as Mott MacDonald is also the Roxbury Township Engineer. He advised that 7 of 10 wells are actively treating PFAS and that they would like to have an agreement in place within two months. Approximate GPD on all ten wells is 30,000 gallons per year.
  - Sampling and data control will be handled by a licensed operator, and collections will be sent to a certified laboratory prior to discharge.
  - o There was discussion among The Board, Mr. Ruschke addressed questions and concerns.
  - The Board agreed that Mott MacDonald has authorization to work with MSA professionals following receipt of Escrow Deposit for each Roxbury Township and Borough of Hopatcong. It was further agreed that the language in the LOA would need to be modified and revised.

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2025. All In Favor Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano						V
Grogan			$\checkmark$			
Hemmendinger						V
McNeilly						V
Michetti						$\checkmark$
Rattner			$\checkmark$			
Riccardi			$\checkmark$			
Romano			$\checkmark$			
Schindelar						$\checkmark$
Schwab		✓	~			
Still	✓		$\checkmark$			
Sylvester			$\checkmark$			

Comments: None

#### 2024 Financial Reports

Roll Call Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			✓			
Grogan			$\checkmark$			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly			$\checkmark$			
Michetti			✓			
Rattner			$\checkmark$			
Riccardi			$\checkmark$			
Romano	✓		$\checkmark$			
Schindelar		✓	$\checkmark$			
Schwab			$\checkmark$			
Still			✓			
Sylvester			$\checkmark$			

Comments: Commissioner Schwab inquired about the status of 2024 being finalized. Mr. Schilling advised that all bills are in. The audit process has begun; however, pension numbers have not been released therefore Audit is still in process.

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Accrual Basis

# Musconetcong Sewerage Authority Budget vs. Actual Expenditure Report January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income	100 500 00	400 500 00	0.00	100.0%
Net Position Utilized	126,593.00 77,631.73	126,593.00	0.00	100.076
Interest trustee passdown	4,715,000.00	4,715,000.00	0.00	100.0%
	4,919,224.73	4,841,593.00	77,631.73	101.6%
Total Income		· ·	77,631.73	101.6%
Gross Profit	4,919,224.73	4,841,593.00	11,031.13	101.076
Expense 66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies Personnel Services	-604.50			
B-1 · Administrative-S&W B-14 · Operating-S&W	184,903.13 642,597.70	185,000.00 643,000.00	-96.87 -402.30	99.9% 99.9%
Total Personnel Services	827,500.83	828,000.00	-499.17	99.9%
Employee Benefits				
B-9 · Pension	115,201.00	116,000.00	-799.00	99.3%
B-8 · Social Security	61,094.06	62,000.00	-905.94	98.5%
B-10 Hosp				
Dental/Vision	8,357.78			
B-10 · Hosp - Other	233,436.67	245,000.00	-11,563.33	95.3%
Total B-10 · Hosp	241,794.45	245,000.00	-3,205.55	98.7%
	7,029.93	8,000.00	-970.07	87.9%
B-11 · Disability Insurance B-6 · Unemployment	6,597.59	7,000.00	-402.41	94.3%
Total Employee Benefits	431,717.03	438,000.00	-6,282.97	98.6%
Administration Expenses				
B-2 · Administrative-OE				
Influent Limit/PSS	256.25			
B-2 · Administrative-OE - Other	29,920.17	31,000.00	-1,079.83	96.5%
Total B-2 · Administrative-OE	30,176.42	31,000.00	-823,58	97.3%
Total Administration Expenses	30,176.42	31,000.00	-823.58	97.3%
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Operations and Maintenance B-33 · IT & Cyber Security	21,730.47	23,000.00	-1,269.53	94.5%
B-3 · Legal	32,602.26	45,000.00	-12,397.74	72.4%
	18,900.00	20,000.00	-1,100.00	94.5%
B-4 · Audit		personal sector and a sector s		93.8%
B-5 · Engineer	37,538.02	40,000.00	-2,461.98	
B-15 · Telephone/Internet	15,311.19	17,000.00	-1,688.81	90.1%
B-16 · Electric	463,372.75	450,000.00	13,372.75	103.0%
B-17 · Fuel/Oil	11,351.97	15,000.00	-3,648.03	75.7%
B-18 · Supplies/Chemicals	191,038.71	205,000.00	-13,961.29	93.2%
B-27 · Laboratory Supplies	8,095.06	8,000.00	95.06	101.2%
B-13 · Office	18,949.01	21,000.00	-2,050.99	90.2%
B-31 · External Services	64,500.30	70,000.00	-5,499.70	92.1%
B-28 · Education/Training	19,993.82	21,000.00	-1,006.18	95.2%
B-25 · Laboratory Fees	21,301,45	25,000.00	-3,698.55	85.2%
B-19 · Maintenance/Repairs	195,675.55	200,000.00	-4,324.45	97.8%
	167,071.00	170.000.00	-2,929.00	98.3%
B-20 · Insurance	-		-6,714.77	73.1%
B-24 · NJDEP Fees	18,285.23	25,000.00		91.2%
B-12 · Trustee Admin Fee	65,665.16	72,000.00	-6,334.84	
B-23 · Permit Appl/Compliance F	28,734.59	35,000.00	-6,265.41	82.1%
B-21 · Equipment	68,698.04	70,000.00	-1,301.96	98.1%
B-26 · Sludge Disposal	1,001,801.40	1,005,370.00	-3,568.60	99.6%
		-	0.00	0.00/
B-22 · Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%

**Debt Service** 

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Accrual Basis

# Musconetcong Sewerage Authority Budget vs. Actual Expenditure Report January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Debt Svs - Principal Payment	184,621.83	200,503.00	-15,881.17	92.1%
Debt Svs - Interest Payment	107,604.14	106,720.00	884.14	100.8%
Debt Service - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Debt Service	292,225.97	307,223.00	-14,997.03	95.1%
Reserves			0.00	400.00/
B-32 · Reserve for Debt Service	300,000.00	300,000.00	0.00	100.0%
B-29 · Capital Improvement	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	100.0%
B-30 · Renewal & Replacement	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Reserves	700,000.00	700,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Pension Reimbursement	0.00			
Total Expense	4,751,631.73	4,841,593.00	-89,961.27	98.1%
Net Ordinary Income	167,593.00	0.00	167,593.00	100.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income	4 534 00			
Workers Comp Wage Reimbursement	4,524.00 -103.679.06			
Cancellation of PY Payable	-103,679.06 1,499.42			
Short Term Disability Reimburse	1,499.42			
Total Other Income	-97,655.64			
Other Expense				
Accrued Sick & Vac Adjustment	23,320.48			
Cost of Issuance	116,058.70			
Total Other Expense	139,379.18			
Net Other Income	-237,034.82			
Net Income	-69,441.82	0.00	-69,441.82	100.0%

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# Musconetcong Sewerage Authority Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24
SSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings Cl 6556 · Capital Improvement TD - 6556	959,654.00
OA 8169 · Operating Acct TD - 8169	1,772,509.13
PR 3717 · Payroll Account TD - 3717	3,190.72
Es 3226 · Escrow Account TD Bank - 3226	9,448.94
RR 1360 · Renewal & Replacement TD -1360 Petty Cash	551,588.47 592.24
Total Checking/Savings	3,296,983.50
Other Current Assets	400.000.00
NJIB Note Receivable Prepaid Expenses	182,086.00 179.99
Total Other Current Assets	182,265.99
Total Current Assets	3,479,249.49
Fixed Assets	1 055 424 00
Construction in Progress	1,955,431.00 -44,793,105.57
Accumulated Depreciation	67,774,533.68
Capital Assets, Depreciated Land	505,700.00
Total Fixed Assets	25,442,559.11
Other Assets Def. Pension Outflows	251,527.00
Total Other Assets	251,527.00
TOTAL ASSETS	29,173,335.60
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	00.004 //
20000 · Accounts Payable	66,001.43
Total Accounts Payable	66,001.43
Other Current Liabilities NJIB Note Payable	2,387,195.00
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	
VALIC	-1,070.00
Union Dues	.312.00
Total Accrued Payroll Liabilities	-758.00
Escrow Deposits Payable	
Stonewald/Morris HH	-216.25
30 Continental Drive - J Sassan	2,511.25 1,118.62
Matrix Mount Olive	2,036.25
271 KH · 271 Kings Hwy - Adler WH	1,825.00
40 · Bank Street Crown Walk Urban Re	12.50
34 · Bnk Street Urban Renewal LLC	210.00
QC · QuickChek Roxbury	100.75
Waterloo Valley Road Sewer Ext.	965.00
Villages at Roxbury	904.25
Crownpoint Multifamily Project	-18.43
Escrow Deposits Payable - Other	-10,43

Total Escrow Deposits Payable

9,448.94

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# Musconetcong Sewerage Authority Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24
Due to Municipalities Compensated Absenses Payable Accrued Interest Payable Accounts Payable - Pension	136,210.00 80,222.64 7,098.00 110,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,729,416.58
Total Current Liabilities	2,795,418.01
Long Term Liabilities Net Pension Liaiblity Loans Payable NJIB Series 2010 NJIB Series 2023	1,248,470.00 597,208.09 5,622,388.08
Total Loans Payable	6,219,596.17
Def. Inflows of Resources Unamort Premium NJIB 2023 Def. Pension Inflows	237,857.70 311,125.00
Total Def. Inflows of Resources	548,982.70
Total Long Term Liabilities	8,017,048.87
Total Liabilities	10,812,466.88
Equity Net Investment in Capital Asset Restricted Current Debt Service	18,687,483.00 15,862.00
Current Debt Service Future Retirement Reserve B-29 Capital Improvements 375 HR · Contract 375 Handrail/Railings 370 WQ · Contract 370 Water Quality PS Controls 1-5 365 PPE · Contract 365 Plant Process Eval 360 · Contract 360 HVAC & Roofs 360 BR · Contract 360 HVAC/Roofs - BR 360 Leg · Contract 360 HVAC/Roofs - Le 360 IB · Contract 360 HVAC/Roofs - NJIBa 360 PSS · Contract 360 HVAC Roofs PSS	50,000.00 37,528.67 12,249.87 7,082.80 9,488.94 6,279.11 6,125.97 19.74 135.32
Total 360 · Contract 360 HVAC & Roofs	12,560.14
Contract 295 - Tertiary Ttmt 295 PSS · Contract 295 TT - PS&S 295 IHC · Contract 295 TT - IHC 295 - Misc (Permit, Legal)	1.25 922.35 104.00
Total Contract 295 - Tertiary Ttmt	1,027.60
Contract 300 Influent Screening 300 PSS · Contract 300 Infl Scr - PSS 300 Cop · Contract 300 Infl Scr - Coppola 300 - Misc (Permit, Legal)	1,267.77 304.05 825.02
Total Contract 300 Influent Screening	2,396.84
305 · Contract 305 NJIB Application B-29 Capital Improvements - Other	48.82 -862,949.99
Total B-29 Capital Improvements	-780,566.31
B-30 Renewal and Replacement 335 · Contract 335 - 19 Pumps B-30 Renewal and Replacement - Other	29,033.67 617,820.55
Total B-30 Renewal and Replacement	646,854.22

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### Musconetcong Sewerage Authority Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24
Operations	50,000.00
Total Restricted	-17,850.09
Unrestricted Designated Future Debt Service Reserve	300,000.00
Total Designated	300,000.00
Undesignated	835,952.10
Total Unrestricted	1,135,952.10
32000 · Retained Earnings Net Income	-1,590,949.41 146,233.12
Total Equity	18,360,868.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	29,173,335.60

# 2025 Financial Reports

Roll Call Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			✓			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly			✓			
Michetti			✓			
Rattner			✓			
Riccardi			✓			
Romano	✓		~			
Schindelar		✓	✓			
Schwab			~			
Still			✓			
Sylvester			✓			

Comments: Chairman Rattner again inquired about the fuel p. Mr. Schilling responded that due to increased power outages, generators are being used more which has increased the use of fuel, if this line item does in fact go over budget it can be resolved with an internal transfer.

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Accrual Basis

# Musconetcong Sewerage Authority Budget vs. Actual Expenditure Report January through April 2025

	Jan - Apr 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A		
Income Net Position Utilized	0.00	251,202.00	-251,202.00	0.0%
Interest	42,077.86			
trustee passdown	2,338,790.00	4,950,000.00	-2,611,210.00	47.2%
Total Income	2,380,867.86	5,201,202.00	-2,820,334.14	45.8%
Gross Profit	2,380,867.86	5,201,202.00	-2,820,334.14	45.8%
Expense				
Personnel Services	61,026.19	195,000.00	-133,973.81	31.3%
B-1 · Administrative-S&W B-14 · Operating-S&W	205,113.80	650,000.00	-444,886.20	31.6%
Total Personnel Services	266,139.99	845,000.00	-578,860.01	31.5%
Employee Benefits				
B-9 · Pension	131,199.00	120,000.00	11,199.00	109.3%
B-8 - Social Security	19,154.56	63,600.00	-44,445.44	30.1%
B-10 · Hosp	4 200 20			
Dental/Vision B-10 · Hosp - Other	1,326.30 99,904.61	280,000.00	-180,095.39	35.7%
Total B-10 · Hosp	101,230.91	280,000.00	-178,769.09	36.2%
B-11 · Disability Insurance	3,313.70	10,000.00	-6,686.30	33.1%
B-6 · Unemployment	3,462.41	7,000.00	-3,537.59	49.5%
Total Employee Benefits	258,360.58	480,600.00	-222,239.42	53.8%
Administration Expenses				00.00/
B-2 · Administrative-OE	15,545.04	40,000.00	-24,454.96	38.9%
Total Administration Expenses	15,545.04	40,000.00	-24,454.96	38.9%
Operations and Maintenance	40 407 00	27,000.00	-14,512.74	46.2%
B-33 · IT & Cyber Security B-3 · Legal	12,487.26 10,689.31	45,000.00	-34,310.69	23.8%
	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
B-4 · Audit			-25,680.47	35.8%
B-5 · Engineer	14,319.53	40,000.00		
B-15 · Telephone/Internet	3,575.25	16,000.00	-12,424.75 -434,698.38	22.3% 21.0%
B-16 · Electric	115,301.62 5,620.87	550,000.00 7,000.00	-1,379.13	80,3%
B-17 · Fuel/Oil	97,832.11	225,000.00	-127,167.89	43.5%
B-18 · Supplies/Chemicals	1,790.70	4,000.00	-2,209.30	44.8%
B-27 · Laboratory Supplies B-13 · Office	4,568.67	30,000.00	-25,431.33	15.2%
B-13 · Onice B-31 · External Services	13,552.36	75,000.00	-61,447.64	18.1%
B-28 · Education/Training	8,744.00	25.000.00	-16,256.00	35.0%
B-25 · Laboratory Fees	6,937.91	25,000.00	-18,062.09	27.8%
B-19 · Maintenance/Repairs	81,610.77	200,000.00	-118,389.23	40.8%
B-20 · Insurance	177,103.00	179,000.00	-1,897.00	98.9%
B-24 · NJDEP Fees	6,373.00	25,000.00	-18,627.00	25.5%
B-12 · Trustee Admin Fee	-3,606.12	40,000.00	-43,606.12	-9.0%
B-23 · Permit Appl/Compliance F	12,212.36	40,000.00	-27,787.64	30.5%
B-21 · Equipment	31,927.55	70,000.00	-38,072.45	45.6%
B-26 · Sludge Disposal B-22 · Contingency	286,605.60 0.00	1,095,370.00 25,000.00	-808,764.40 -25,000.00	26.2% 0.0%
Total Operations and Maintenance	887,645.75	2,763,370.00	-1,875,724.25	32.1%
Debt Service				
Debt Svs - Principal Payment	-24,131.83			
	-24,131.83 -56,288.92 0.00	597,232.00	-597,232.00	0.0%

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05/14/25 Accrual Basis

# Musconetcong Sewerage Authority Budget vs. Actual Expenditure Report January through April 2025

	Jan - Apr 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Total Debt Service	-80,420.75	597,232.00	-677,652.75	-13.5%
Reserves B-32 · Reserve for Debt Service B-29 · Capital Improvement	0.00 0.00	75,000.00 200,000.00	-75,000.00 -200,000.00	0.0% 0.0%
B-30 · Renewal & Replacement	0.00	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.0%
Total Reserves	0.00	475,000.00	-475,000.00	0.0%
Pension Reimbursement	-6,485.13			
Total Expense	1,340,785.48	5,201,202.00	-3,860,416.52	25.8%
Net Ordinary Income	1,040,082.38	0.00	1,040,082.38	100.0%
Other Income/Expense Other Income Workers Comp Wage Reimbursement Short Term Disability Reimburse	31,668.00 20,710.03			
Total Other Income	52,378.03			
Net Other Income	52,378.03			
Net Income	1,092,460.41	0.00	1,092,460.41	100.0%

05/14/25 Cash Basis

# Musconetcong Sewerage Authority Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2025

	Apr 30, 25
ASSETS Current Assets	
Checking/Savings Cl 6556 · Capital Improvement TD - 6556 OA 8169 · Operating Acct TD - 8169 PR 3717 · Payroll Account TD - 3717 Es 3226 · Escrow Account TD Bank - 3226	1,167,805.27 2,440,962.23 17,590.13 10,505.94
RR 1360 · Renewal & Replacement TD -1360 Petty Cash	553,100.75 767.26
Total Checking/Savings	4,190,731.58
Other Current Assets NJIB Note Receivable Prepaid Expenses	119,886.00 179.99
Total Other Current Assets	120,065.99
Total Current Assets	4,310,797.57
Fixed Assets Construction in Progress Accumulated Depreciation Capital Assets, Depreciated Land	1,955,431.00 -44,793,105.57 67,774,533.68 505,700.00
Total Fixed Assets	25,442,559.11
Other Assets Def. Pension Outflows	251,527.00
Total Other Assets	251,527.00
TOTAL ASSETS	30,004,883.68
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable 20000 · Accounts Payable	197.80
Total Accounts Payable	197.80
Other Current Liabilities	
NJIB Note Payable Accrued Payroll Liabilities	2,506,572.00 ~1,070.00
VALIC PERS - Contributions	20,159.29
PERS - Loans	4,327.12
PERS - Insurance Union Dues	1,343.98 351.00
Total Accrued Payroll Liabilities	25,111.39
Escrow Deposits Payable Southwinds Development Jefferson Township Stonewald/Morris HH 30 Continental Drive - J Sassan Matrix Mount Olive 271 KH · 271 Kings Hwy - Adler WH 40 · Bank Street Crown Walk Urban Re 34 · Bnk Street Urban Renewal LLC QC · QuickChek Roxbury Waterloo Valley Road Sewer Ext. Villages at Roxbury	1,000.00 1,661.00 283.75 2,511.25 1,118.62 2,036.25 1,825.00 12.50 210.00 100.75 965.00

05/14/25 Cash Basis

# **Musconetcong Sewerage Authority** Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2025

	Apr 30, 25
Crownpoint Multifamily Project Escrow Deposits Payable - Other	904.25 -18.43
Total Escrow Deposits Payable	12,609.94
Due to Municipalities Compensated Absenses Payable Accrued Interest Payable Accounts Payable - Pension	136,210.00 80,222.64 7,098.00 76,747.16
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,844,571.13
Total Current Liabilities	2,844,768.93
Long Term Liabilities Net Pension Liaibility Loans Payable NJIB Series 2010 NJIB Series 2023	1,248,470.00 597,208.09 5,622,388.08
Total Loans Payable	6,219,596.17
Def. Inflows of Resources Unamort Premium NJIB 2023 Def. Pension Inflows	237,857.70 311,125.00
Total Def. Inflows of Resources	548,982.70
Total Long Term Liabilities	8,017,048.87
Total Liabilities	10,861,817.80
Equity Net Investment in Capital Asset Restricted Current Debt Service Future Retirement Reserve	18,687,483.00 15,862.00 50,000.00
B-29 Capital Improvements 375 HR · Contract 375 Handrall/Railings 370 WQ · Contract 370 Water Quality PS Controls 1-5 365 PPE · Contract 365 Plant Process Eval 360 · Contract 360 HVAC & Roofs 360 BR · Contract 360 HVAC/Roofs - BR 360 Leg · Contract 360 HVAC/Roofs - Le 360 IB · Contract 360 HVAC/Roofs - JIBa	19,961.04 7,588.07 7,082.80 9,488.94 6,279.11 2,885.50 19.74
360 PSS · Contract 360 HVAC Roofs PSS	9,195.92
Total 360 · Contract 360 HVAC & Roofs Contract 295 - Tertiary Ttmt 295 PSS · Contract 295 TT - PS&S 295 IHC · Contract 295 TT - IHC 295 - Misc (Permit, Legal)	1.25 922.35 104.00
Total Contract 295 - Tertiary Ttmt	1,027.60
Contract 300 Influent Screening 300 PSS · Contract 300 Infl Scr - PSS 300 Cop · Contract 300 Infl Scr - Coppola 300 - Misc (Permit, Legal)	1,267.77 304.05 825.02
Total Contract 300 Influent Screening	2,396.84
305 · Contract 305 NJIB Application B-29 Capital Improvements - Other	48.82 -862,949.99
Total B-29 Capital Improvements	-806,159.96

05/14/25 Cash Basis

# Musconetcong Sewerage Authority Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2025

	Apr 30, 25
B-30 Renewal and Replacement 380 · Contract 380 - VFD Upgrades 335 · Contract 335 - 19 Pumps B-30 Renewal and Replacement - Other	144,247.78 29,033.67 569,411.43
Total B-30 Renewal and Replacement	742,692.88
Operations	50,000.00
Total Restricted	52,394.92
Unrestricted Designated Future Debt Service Reserve	300,000.00
Total Designated	300,000.00
Undesignated	835,952.10
Total Unrestricted	1,135,952.10
3000 · Opening Bal Equity 32000 · Retained Earnings Net Income	-146,747.78 -1,444,716.29 858,699.93
Total Equity	19,143,065.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	30,004,883.68

# <u>Pending Vouchers</u> as of May 15, 2025 Roll Call Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			V			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly			✓			
Michetti			✓			
Rattner			$\checkmark$			
Riccardi			✓			
Romano	✓		✓			
Schindelar		~	✓			
Schwab			✓			
Still			✓			
Sylvester			$\checkmark$			

Comments: None

# Musconetcong Sewerage Authority

Through May 15, 2025

-	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
OPERATING:	Able Security Locksmiths	Invoice 23704	B-19 · Maintenance	33.00
			B-31 · External Serv	530.28
		Invoice - 2373009 - Conference Room Re		5,841.83
		Invoice 147388 Through 04.08.25-04.29.:		689.00
	Coppola Nviro Serve	Invoice 3879041, 3913456 - Sludge 04/2(		55,077.00
			B-31 · External Serv	147.93
	E&G Exterminators	Invoice 655946 Quarterly Service (rodent		230.00
	mileore intervente	Invoice 12985439	B-19 · Maintenanc€	3,274.00
			B-19 · Maintenance	1,838.24
			B-25 · Laboratory F	3,840.00
	eeerBe e Franse	Invoice 14063	B-19 · Maintenance	735.00
		Invoice # 9465767706, 9464153577, 946		766.78
		2025 Dental Reimbursement	B-10 · Dental/Visio	141.00
	James Shilling - Custodian of Pe		Petty Cash	175.02
		2025 Dental/Mileage Reimbursement	B-2, B-10	181.79
	Maraziti Falcon, LLP	Invoice 59540, 59541	B-3, B-23	5,854.86
	Maryland Biochemical Co., Inc.		B-18 · Supplies/Ch	1,596.00
	Napa Auto Parts	Invoice 616541	B-19 · Maintenance	42.60 75.71
		April/May 2025	B-18 · Supplies/Ch	973.00
	NJWEA	2025 NJWEA Conference	B-28 · Education/Tr	973.00 475.00
	Polo's Bar & Grill	Invoice BJY-000HW	B-2 · Administrative	10,548.75
	PS&S	Invoice # 176252 General Consulting - 04		312.65
	RingCentral	Invoice CD_001090863 - 04.19.25-05.18	B-2 · Administrative	435.00
	Sal's Pizza	Invoice 27659	B-19 · Maintenance	3,180.10
	SEM/BDS Stroudsburg Electric N		B-31 · External Serv	2,595.00
	Tree King	Invoice 32550 Invoice INV2873 - Water Cooler 04.03.25		59.00
	Tritec Office Equipment		B-27 · Laboratory S	73.10
	USA Bluebook	Invoice INV00683565 Invoice 910162866	B-18 · Supplies/Ch	12,451.19
	USALCO	III/0106 310102800	TOTAL:	112,172.83
	5210	Invoice # 176254 - C375 Handrails - 04/2	375 HB . Contract :	4,005.12
CAPITAL	PS&S	Invoice # 176253 - PSC 1-5 - 04/2025	PS Controls 1-5	<u>561.25</u>
RECOVERY:	PS&S	III00166 # 110202 - LOC 1-0 - 0412020	TOTAL:	4,566.37
ESCROW:			TOTAL:	0.00
PAYROLL:	MSA Payroll	Processing Date: 04.25.2025	B-1, B-14	37,998.39
TAINVEL	MSA Payroll	Processing Date: 04.25.2025	B-1, B-14	35,809.20
	- Ion ayou		TOTAL:	73,807.59
RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT:	Franklin Miller Inc.	Invoice 38580	B-30 Renewal and I TOTAL:	<u>9,817.00</u> 9,817.00

	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
<b>ONLINE PYMTS</b>	Altice	Payment ID 973398473	B-15 · Telephone/Ir	315.00
MANUAL CHECKS	Amazon	Transaction No. 250501-152349-420f23	B-13 · Office	869.32
	American Water	Confirmation #: 1881836099	B-31 · External Sen	919.66
	Direct Energy	Confirmation #: 3070671, 3070672, 3070	B-16 · Electric	27,452.02
	JCP&L	Confirmation # 20005206	B-16 · Electric	9,687.49
	JCP&L	Confirmation # 20005454	B-16 · Electric	2,256.10
	Local 32	Union Dues 04/2025	Accrued Payroll Lia	351.00
	Lowe's	Reference No 3063520922	B-19 · Maintenanc€	734.46
	NJ Division of Pensions & Benefi	Reference No 11441009	Accounts Payable -	6,522.64
	NJSHBP	Reference No 13440946	B-10 · Hosp	35,506.57
	PVSC	Confirmation # 200253113339	B-26 · Sludge Dispc	43,394.00
	Primepoint	Invoice 662521	B-31 · External Serv	34.13
	Primepoint	Invoice 663790	B-31 · External Sen	46.63
	Shell Fleet Services	04.04.25-05.02.25 - Confirmation # 8169	B-17 · Fuel/Oil	324.98
	Treasurer - State of NJ	Confrimation # 30301-162648220 - Surfa	B-24 · NJDEP Fees	17,228.67
	VALIC	Confirmation No. 0006869128	Accrued Payroll Lia	235.00
	VALIC	Confirmation No. 409121	Accrued Payroll Lia	235.00
	Verizon Wirelss	Transaction ID 4059545510	B-15 · Telephone/Ir	250.04
			TOTAL:	146,362.71

#### **Correspondence** for April-May 2025

All In Favor Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			✓			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly			✓			
Michetti			✓			
Rattner			✓			
Riccardi			✓			
Romano	✓		✓			
Schindelar		✓	✓			
Schwab			✓			
Still			✓			
Sylvester			$\checkmark$			

#### Correspondence:

- A. ERA: Laboratory of Excellence, Certificate of Excellence WP-362
- B. State of NJ, DEP: Treatment Works Approval No. 25-0035, Hopatcong Water Department, Hopatcong Borough, Sussex County NJIB: Construction Loan Accrued Interest Monthly Statement as of 04.30.2025 C.
- D. State of NJ, DEP: NJWB, Project No. S340384-10, MSA Contract Service Building HVAC/Roof Replacement & Additional Roof Replacement Project (Contract 1 of 1) – Final Inspection Contract 360: Long-Term WIFIA Loan Exhibit - Finalized: Musconetcong Sewerage Authority S340384-10
- E.
- F. PS&S: Proposal to Provide Professional Engineering Services for Pump Station 2-5 Controls Replacement
- G. MSA: CNA Risk Control, MSA Bureau Veritas Inspection and Insurance Company, Infrared Survey Report
- H. State of NJ, DEP: Compliance Evaluation and Assistance Inspection, Program Interest ID # 46474, Program: water Quality, Compliance Activity # BCI 240001, NJPDES No. NJ0122840-RES, NJG0200921 - RES, NJG0156906 - DST, NJ0027821 - DSW Mount Olive Township, Morris County
- \*CAN: Risk Control Recommendations Summary, NJUAJIF, Visit Date 04.18.2025 Infrared Survey 1.
- \*GMH Associates of America, Inc.: Quote to Replace Philadelphia Mixers at the MSA with DBS Equivalent Mixers, \$115,962.86 J.
- \*Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP: MSA, I-Bank Permanent Loan Buildings Roofs and HVAC Project K.

#### Comments:

Correspondence A and H: Chairman Rattner offered accolades to the MSA staff and management. 0

#### Monthly Reports:

Director's Report, Maintenance & Repairs Report for May 2025, and Flow Data for April 2025 All In Favor Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			✓			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly	✓		✓			
Michetti			✓			
Rattner			✓			
Riccardi			$\checkmark$			
Romano		✓	✓			
Schindelar			✓			
Schwab			✓			
Still			$\checkmark$			
Sylvester			✓			

Director's Report Director's Report

Mr. Schilling advised The Board on the following topics:

- 1. Pumping Services completed day nine of the infrared repairs.
- 2. MEL/JIF is awarding a contract for property appraisals; we will be applying for the appraisal.
- 3. The loan amortization schedule related to Contract 360 was sent to the Finance Committee for review.
- 4. DEP emergency management was updated.
- 5. Mandatory manager/supervisor training on June 17, 2025.
- 6. MEL/JIF personnel policy update required every two years is due by November 1, 2025, and will be presented to The Board for review prior the deadline.
- 7. PS&S assisted with the response to CNA associated with the repairs related to the Infrared Report.
- 8. Two of four of the flash mixers are tripping; the cost to replace all four is \$116,000.00 through GMH Associates.
- 9. Fencing of MSA meter chambers was discussed. Mr. Schwab advised that there may be a lot more involved with fencing as far as permits, variances, and such. The Board agreed to further secure the assets with stronger locks and security apparatuses.

Office Manager's Report for May 2025 All In Favor Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			✓			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly			✓			
Michetti		<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓			
Rattner			✓			
Riccardi			✓			
Romano			✓			
Schindelar			✓			
Schwab	✓		✓			
Still			✓			
Sylvester			✓			

Office Manager's Report Comments: None

#### Engineer's Report for May 2025 All In Favor Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			✓			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly			✓			
Michetti			✓			
Rattner			✓			
Riccardi		✓	✓			
Romano			✓			
Schindelar			✓			
Schwab			✓			
Still	✓		✓			
Sylvester			✓			

# Engineer's Report Comments:

- Mr. Wancho, PE, advised The Board on the following topics:
  - Infrared Survey Report PSI licensed electrician has been making repairs. A request was made to have this survey repeated, however, CNA does not repeat the testing, MSA would have to go to a different company at additional cost to do so. PS&S is obtaining quotes from other companies to perform a follow-up test. CNA consultant had mentioned that there was no arc flash labeling in certain areas, and the arc flash testing is to be updated every five years. PS&S is putting together a quote related to the arc flash testing.
  - Mr. Schwab asked if the current electrician is testing the repairs as they are completed. Mr. Wancho advised that the infrared testing is a specialty area and that is why they are attempting to locate a company to do a follow-up testing.
- Mr. Riccardi asked if Contract 375 is still on track for June 12, 2025, bid opening. Mr. Wancho, PE responded that we have interest from three companies currently. Mr. Schilling stated that he also researched the three co-op's that the MSA has memberships to and that the companies in the co-op's are more so fencing companies and not railings and concrete. Mr. Schilling asked if there is a best guesstimate on overall cost, Mr. Wancho responded around \$200,000.00.

# New Business Continued:

Resolution No. 25-24

Roll Call Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			$\checkmark$			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly		✓	✓			
Michetti			✓			
Rattner			✓			
Riccardi			✓			
Romano			✓			
Schindelar			✓			
Schwab	✓		✓			
Still			✓			
Sylvester			$\checkmark$			

Comments: None

# Resolution No. 25-25

All In Favor Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano		✓	✓			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly			✓			
Michetti			✓			
Rattner			$\checkmark$			
Riccardi	✓		✓			
Romano			✓			
Schindelar			✓			
Schwab			✓			
Still				$\checkmark$		
Sylvester				$\checkmark$		

Comments: None

#### New Business Continued:

*Verbal Vote:* Escrow Request from Roxbury Township & Borough of Hopatcong related to PFAS Water Treatment Facilities Discharge to MSA.

All In Favor Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			✓			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly			✓			
Michetti	✓		✓			
Rattner			✓			
Riccardi			✓			
Romano		✓	✓			
Schindelar			✓			
Schwab			✓			
Still			$\checkmark$			
Sylvester			✓			

• Comments: Commissioner Schwab requested that we revisit the Escrow request. There was further discussion among The Board, Ms. Alexander, Esq. suggested that Escrow be established. The Board agreed that \$5000.00 Escrow for each Roxbury Township and Borough of Hopatcong will be established related to the PFAS Water Treatment Facilities.

#### Old Business:

Draft LOA: Township of Roxbury Well No. 2 PFAS Water Treatment Facility Discharge to MSA

• Commissioner Michetti advised this will be discussed further after Escrow is established.

Discussion: Arbolino Park Property Surrounding Netcong/Roxbury Meter Chamber

• Vice Chairman Sylvester stated to be removed from Old Business

#### All In Favor Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			✓			
Grogan			~			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly			$\checkmark$			
Michetti		✓	$\checkmark$			
Rattner			$\checkmark$			
Riccardi			~			
Romano	✓		✓			
Schindelar			$\checkmark$			
Schwab			✓			
Still			$\checkmark$			
Sylvester			✓			

Comments: None

Open Session: Permit Litigation 08:41pm All In Favor Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			✓			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly		✓	✓			
Michetti			✓			
Rattner			✓			
Riccardi			✓			
Romano	✓		✓			
Schindelar			✓			
Schwab			✓			
Still			✓			
Sylvester			✓			

Comments: None

# Adjournment:

Chairman Rattner adjourned the May 22, 2025, MSA Board meeting at 08:42  $\,\rm pm.$ 

All In Favor Vote of Members Present:

Name:	Motion:	Second:	Yes:	No:	Absent:	Abstain:
Cangiano			✓			
Grogan			✓			
Hemmendinger			✓			
McNeilly			$\checkmark$			
Michetti			✓			
Rattner			✓			
Riccardi		<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓			
Romano			✓			
Schindelar			$\checkmark$			
Schwab			✓			
Still			$\checkmark$			
Sylvester	✓		$\checkmark$			

# **RESOLUTION 25-24**

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL WORK AND AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PS&S RELEVANT TO PUMP STATIONS CONTROLS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority ("MSA") adopted Resolution 25-22, on April 24, 2025, authorizing the execution of a Purchase Order to Pumping Services Inc (PSI), through the PVSC Co-Op, based on the approved scope of work, for the procurement of upgrades to existing control panels and VFDs and replacement of an existing control panel and motor starter at MSA's pump stations; and

WHEREAS, James R. Wancho, P.E., Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor, LLC, ("PS&S") whose business address is located at 3 Mountain Road, P.O. Box 4039, Warren, New Jersey, 07059, has been assisting in the review of the proposed work and the pump station controls scope of work for each of the pump stations; and

WHEREAS, MSA requires further engineering assistance with regard to said project and James R. Wancho, P.E. has submitted a proposal dated May 14, 2025, entitled, "Proposal to Provide Professional Engineering Services for Pump Station No. 2 through 5 Controls Replacement" for the provision of Professional Engineering Services regarding the Pump Station Controls Replacement Project (the "Project"), in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq.) authorizes contracts for the provision of "Professional Services," which may be awarded without public advertising and competitive bidding, provided a notice is published in the official newspaper stating the nature, duration, service and amount of contract, and that the Resolution and contract are available for public inspection at the offices of the MSA.

WHEREAS funds are available for these purposes at line-item B-29, Capital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority as

follows:

1. The Chairperson, or the Executive Director, of the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority is hereby authorized and directed to execute an amendment to the existing contract for Professional Engineering Services, relevant to Resolution 23-04 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 (for Professional Engineer Services regarding Pump Station 1) and Resolution 23-45 in an amount not to exceed \$13,200 (for Professional Engineer Services regarding Pump Stations 2-5), with the firm of Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor, LLC, having an office at 3 Mountain Road, P.O. Box 4039, Warren, New Jersey, in accordance with the proposal for additional professional services dated May 14, 2025, attached hereto and made a part of, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 without prior authorization, for a new total not to exceed amount of \$24,200.00 without prior Board authorization, and conditioned upon the submission by PS&S of copies of its New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and Business Entity Disclosure Certification, insurance and any and all documents required by law or as may be required by MSA.

- This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 and the contract for said services will not allow political contributions pursuant to the applicable provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq.
- A notice of contract award shall be published in the official newspaper, stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and that the Resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection at the MSA.
- This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

#### Certification of Funds

I, James Schilling, Executive Director, do hereby certify that sufficient funds are available in the 2025 budget line-item B-29, Capital.

/s/ James Schilling Executive Director Musconetcong Sewerage Authority Dated: May 22, 2025

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority at its regular meeting held on May 22, 2025.

Musconetcong Sewerage Authority

ATTEST:

Joseph Schwab, Secretary-Treasurer Steven Rattner, Chairman

Dated: May 22, 2025

#### RESOLUTION #25-25

#### RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED CUTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BUDGET AND STATE REVOLVING FUNDS (SRFs)

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plays a critical role in protecting public health and the environment through enforcement of clean air and clean water standards, hazardous waste management, and environmental remediation; and

WHEREAS, the EPA administers the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), which provide essential financial support to states and communities for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, proposed federal budget cuts to the EPA and SRFs would significantly undermine local efforts to maintain, repair, and upgrade critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, water quality and environmental protection are foundational to public health, economic development, ecological sustainability, and climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, federal investment in clean water and environmental protection has historically enjoyed bipartisan support and provides a high return on investment through job creation, pollution reduction, and long-term cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of underfunding the EPA and SRFs could include increased incidences of waterborne illnesses, environmental degradation, and infrastructure failures that threaten communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, water is an essential component of nearly every aspect of life—it is either a part of the products we use or plays a critical role in their production, sanitation, or delivery, and proper wastewater disposal is necessary to protect both human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, water and wastewater-related infrastructure must function continuously, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and requires consistent maintenance, upgrades, and expansion to meet existing and growing demand; and

WHEREAS, systems for water supply, delivery, control, and wastewater treatment must be adapted to meet the challenges posed by changing operational conditions and regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, water and wastewater utilities require adequate and sustained funding to effectively address these pressing needs and ensure long-term sustainability and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs), as well as other federal revolving funding sources, have helped such utilities fulfill their responsibilities for the past thirty years; and

WHEREAS, over the past thirty years, the SRFs have helped New Jersey finance below market loans for 1,666 water/sewer projects through \$7.6 billion in SRF permanent loans and \$1.48 billion in short-term SRF construction loans; and

WHEREAS, these projects have generated 140,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FY2026 Federal Budget would decrease the SRFs by 89 percent and reduce NJ's full SRF allocation from \$84M to \$9M; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) has declared that this draconian cut would be tantamount to "kneecapping" the infrastructure financing programs that are vital to local utilities and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) has expressed strong support of SRF funding in recent hearings and has urged its members to advocate for SRF funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority agrees with NACWA and AMWA on the vital importance of the State Revolving Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's users have directly benefitted from the SRF program funding assistance for several projects completed with I-Bank funding, and anticipates utilizing funding for needed upgrades and the replacement of aging infrastructure in the future; and

WHEREAS, a proposed 54 percent cut to the overall budget of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would severely harm the residents of this state and the environment, and threaten to reverse decades of progress in environmental protection and improvement to public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority strongly opposes the proposed cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) budget and State Revolving Funds (SRFs), and urges the United States Congress and the President to maintain or increase funding for the EPA and SRFs to ensure continued progress in protecting public health and the environment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MSA calls on our local, state, and federal elected representatives to actively work toward the full restoration of both SRF funding and the EPA budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Administrator of the EPA, and the Congressional delegation representing the persons and entities located within the service area of the MSA.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority at its regular meeting held on May 22, 2025.

ATTEST:

Musconetcong Sewerage Authority 

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Joseph Schwab, Secretary-Treasurer Steven Rattner, Chairman

Dated: May 22, 2025

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE ISSUES AND PENDING LITIGATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority ("Authority") on this 22<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025, as follows:

- In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Authority shall adjourn to executive session in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), in order to provide legal advice regarding NJPDES Permitting issues and regulations, which are communications subject to Attorney Client Privilege and to discuss pending or threatened litigation in the matter of <u>Musconetcong Sewerage Authority v. NJDEP</u>, A-001229-24, regarding the MSA's challenge to NJDEP's imposition of nitrates effluent limitations.
- The minutes of the Closed Session relating to attorney client privilege will be released to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
- 3. The minutes of the executive session discussing pending or threatened litigation, to the extent not subject to attorney client privilege, shall be available to the public upon: the issuance of an unappealable Order of a Court of competent jurisdiction; upon settlement of all issues in the matter; or the failure to institute litigation after the passage of reasonable time.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority at its regular meeting held on May 22, 2025.

Musconetcong Sewerage Authority

ATTEST:

Joseph Schwab, Secretary-Treasurer

Steve Rattner, Chairman

Dated: May 22, 2025