

March 03, 2026

Minutes of a meeting of the Secaucus Municipal Utilities Authority held on Tuesday, March 03, 2026 at 6:00 PM in Conference Room, 1100 Koelle Boulevard, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Dominic Manderano
Pledge of Allegiance/Salute to the Flag
The Open Public Meetings Act was read.

Roll Call:	Dominic Manderano	Chairman
	Brian Beckmeyer	Vice Chairman
	Maurice Andreula	Treasurer/ Secretary
	James Clancy	Board Member

Excused: Tim Stamm-Board Member

Also Present: Brian Bigler, Executive Director; John Napolitano, Counsel; Glenn Beckmeyer, Authority Engineer; Katherine Acevedo, QPA.

B. Beckmeyer requested a correction made to the minutes of February 3, 2026 indicating the motions for Chairman were in reverse; motion was made by him and seconded by M. Andreula. Correction was made.

A motion was made by M. Andreula; second by D. Manderano, to approve the minutes of the February 03rd meeting of the Authority as amended. Minutes approved as presented. All In favor: Aye. 4-0-0.

The Consent Agenda was moved onto a motion by B. Beckmeyer, second by J. Clancy and is as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-03-03-A
SECAUCUS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Hudson County, New Jersey

APPROVING A SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Municipal Utilities Authority (hereinafter “Authority”) is a public body, duly formed under the Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Laws of 1957, as amended (Chapter 14B of Title 40 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated) and possesses the powers set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Staff of the Authority has completed another full year without a time loss accident; and

WHEREAS, the Authority facilities are manned twenty-four hours per day, three hundred and sixty-five days per year equating a total number of days without a time loss accident of 2,325 {shift days worked (3/1) without a time loss accident}; and

WHEREAS the Board Members wish to commend the accomplishment of this zero-time loss accidents reported achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that each full-time member of the Authority staff who has worked the full year of 2025 (or at a minimum, 85% of scheduled workdays if on State Disability) shall be entitled to a Safety Awareness Day. This day will be taken at the employees' request provided that a seven-day written notice has been received, reviewed and approved by Management. This Safety Awareness Day must be used in calendar year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this commendation of the Safety Awareness Day is at the discretion of the Authority and is not to be considered a mandatory obligation.

RESOLUTION 2026-03-03-B

SECAUCUS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Hudson County, New Jersey

**TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SECAUCUS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY AND THE TOSCANA CHEESE COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Municipal Utilities Authority (hereinafter "Authority") is a public body, duly formed under the Municipal and County Authority Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Laws of 1957, as amended (Chapter 14B of Title 40 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated) and possesses the powers set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Authority issues Notices of Violation ("NOVs") to Toscana Cheese Company ("Toscana") for violations of the Authority's Sewer Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Toscana has contested the issuance of the NOVs; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amicably resolve the matter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE SECAUCUS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY as follows:

1. The Authority approves the settlement agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein to resolve the outstanding NOVs.
2. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute all documents in a form acceptable to the Authority Attorney to necessitate the terms of this resolution.

The resolutions were approved as presented by roll call vote. M. Andreula: Aye; B. Beckmeyer: Aye; J. Clancy; Aye; D. Manderano: Aye. Motion carries 4-0-0

The Voucher List was moved on a motion by D. Manderano, seconded by M. Andreula. Board member J. Clancy had a question regarding items on the voucher list lines 13-15 wanted to know who they were, and Counsel stated lines 13-15 were from his firm. He also questioned why Joe

Marchese was being reimbursed for a telephone. The Executive Director stated that the invoice was for a cell phone that Marchese requested that he use his personal cell for work and that the cost was the same as if the Authority purchased a work phone for him. The total amount of this voucher list is \$508,671.70. Voucher List was approved by roll call vote: M. Andreula: Aye; B. Beckmeyer: Abstained on line 11; J. Clancy: Aye; D. Manderano: Aye. Voucher List approved 4-0-0.

The following reports were accepted as presented:

**Report of the Executive Director
February 2026 {submitted February 27, 2026 for 03/03/26 meeting}**

- We continue to monitor the sewers in low lying areas for cleaning & inspection.
- Continued meeting with Authority Regulatory Engineers to address permit issues that may be imposed in the permit renewal.
- No further action with the Town regarding HMI collection system.
- Spoke with HMI regarding connection fees, they will provide additional information regarding the Mori Tract development. No Further Action {NFA}
- Waiting on County to perform a feasibility study and report back to SMUA on findings. Waiting for their response. SMUA staff assisted with surveyor crew to check viability of discharge points(s). Chestnut Street or County Ave. NFA}.
- Forwarded proposed agreement with the owners of Toscana (with counsel) about settlement issues. Received executed agreements 2/27/26
- Provided all analytical results to contractor to update the Sewer Use Rules & Regulations. Awaiting their report.
- Due to issues with our contract lab (Pace) we are still in the process of seeking alternate labs to perform analysis. As this cost is under the bid threshold, this will not have to be bid.
- Awarded contract for the replacement of baffles in the post-aeration tanks.
- Awarded contract or the replacement of all chains, buckets and assorted hardware for all three grit collectors.

CONNECTIONS:

ALL ITEMS REMAIN OPEN.

- Received ½ payment for new construction at 1118 Farm Road. {NFA}
- 600 Jefferson Ave: received incomplete application, SMUA Engineer in contact with representatives. {NFA}
- 215 County Ave: received application, under Engineers review. {NFA}

- 40-50 Seaview Drive: application received for a new data center. Under review. {NFA}
- 700 Plaza Drive: application under review.

OPERATIONS REPORT –February

Submitted January 25, 2026

KOELLE BOULEVARD FACILITY

- 1) The estimated average daily flow for the month was 2.32 MGD
- 2) The estimated total flow for the month was 57.9 MG.
- 3) Routine maintenance and ground keeping were performed.
- 4) The Maximum daily flow was 3.59 MG.
- 5) Maintenance performed on pumps PS#1.
- 6) ORP and PH probes for the odor Control system were cleaned and calibrated
- 7) Eye washing station was run and inspected.
- 8) The serpentine tank was drained and cleaned.
- 9) Jet truck was out of service for several days for required repairs.

PUMP STATION # 1 Village Place

- 1) The estimated average daily flow was 1.99 MGD.
- 2) All pumps cleaned and maintained on a regular basis.
- 3) Routine maintenance and ground keeping were performed.
- 4) The station checked daily.

PUMP STATION # 2 Paterson Plank Road and Turnpike Exit

- 1) The estimated average daily flow was 67109. gpd.
- 2) Routine maintenance and ground keeping were performed.
- 3) The station checked daily.
- 4) A new heater was installed
- 5) A new back flow preventer was installed

PUMP STATION # 3 Henry Street

- 1) The estimated average daily flow was 77468. gpd.
- 2) Routine maintenance and ground keeping were performed.
- 3) The station checked daily.

PUMP STATION # 4 New County Road and Seaview Drive

- 1) Routine maintenance was performed.
- 2) The station checked daily.
- 3) Routine maintenance and ground keeping were performed.

PUMP STATION: Wilroy – Secaucus Road

- 1) This station is not in service.

PUMP STATION # 5 Castle Road

- 1) Routine Maintenance and grounds keeping were performed.
- 2) The station checked daily.

PUMP STATION #7 - Exchange Junction

- 1) Routine Maintenance and grounds keeping were performed.
- 2) The station checked daily.

Respectfully submitted.

Joe Marchese, Plant Manager

COLLECTION SYSTEM:

Feet jet feet jetted.

CCTV:

Camera feet

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Smentkowski, Maintenance Foreman, CCTV Operator.

After the review of the operations report the vice chairman had a question on the Jet Truck being out of service the executive dir. answered his question stating it was out of service for a damaged hose and it was back in service.

**SECAUCUS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
ENGINEERS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026**

The following is a list of the main activities provided by this office to the Authority for the above-mentioned month:

- Received and started a review on a pump station flow meter report for the Exchange Place Pump Station (abridged). This report is supposed to analyze the existing flows of the pump station and the amount of unused capacity with regards to the remaining build out of the project. Analyzing data. Submitted new pump data and force main drawings to engineer to re-analyze flow and pump data. We calculated flows for all additional housing units compared to the amount of flow as reported on the NJDEP TWA. (Abridged). Contact Engineer concerning new flow and impeller sizing. Requesting additional information from pump supplier on existing pumps and possible replacement pumps. Sent requested information to developer's engineer. Will request information again.
- Toscana- Will be removing this from report unless information is deemed necessary to be heard by the Board. Due to the recent occurrences, this will be left on the report.
- Checking with PSE&G as to why 1100 Koelle Blvd. is experiencing power spikes. (Power Surges). Reviewing the type of transformer present and type of volt protector within the pump panels present. Waiting to see future occurrences.
- Reviewing the Scum Collection within the front of primary tanks # 1 & 2 due to a failure of the pipe's support collar. Requested material supplier to submit quote. Will request again.
- Looking into changing the air supply duct and fan in Pump Station # 2 and 3 due to corrosion. Met with contractors who do this type of duct and fan work and are awaiting proposals. Received proposal from contractor and responded with clarifications. Reviewing responses. Proposal was accepted, waiting on contractor schedule to start work. Waiting on work schedule to approve. Material is on site and waiting for installation. Installation has started. Project Complete.
- Started a plan and specification to supply and replace the wooden baffles in the chlorine contact tank. The plans and specification are presently being public bid. Bids were open and being reviewed. Low bidder BW Welding was approved. BW Welding was issued a "Notice to Start" letter. Pre-Construction meeting was held. Reviewing shop drawings.
- Started a plan and specification to supply and install new rotary lobe sludge transfer pumps and panels in the sludge building. Received proposal from contractor and responded with clarifications. Reviewed issues with SCADA. Also, reviewing options on motor controllers. Reviewing manufacturers panels and receiving installation costs. Recommended purchase of panels. Reviewing shop drawings. Shop drawings approved.
- Started reviewing grit collection buckets and chains for replacement. Opened public bids on 12/30/2025. Rapid Meter and Pump was the only bidder. Reviewing bid documents for approval. Awarded to Rapid Meter and Pump.
- Started to review sludge tank covers to replace plexiglass triangular section due to failure. Receiving quotes for supply and installation. Waiting on official quote form manufacturer. Researching new supplier.
- Reviewed proposals for replacing the secondary clarifier transfer pumps. Recommended purchase of pumps. Reviewing shop drawings. Shop drawings approved.

Zoning Certificate Notices for required SMUA Sewer Connection Application:

Address	Zoning Certificate	Request Dates		SMUA App.	SMUA Fee	Engineers Report
		1 st	2 nd			
45 Enterprise Avenue	File #25-260	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	10/22/25
600 Jefferson Avenue	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Under Review
1074 Stonewall Lane	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/22/25
764 3 rd Street	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/3/25
1 Harmon Plaza	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/3/25
844 Hudson Ave	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12/30/25
275 Hartz Way	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Under Review
50 Hartz Way	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/11/26
300-400 Park Plaza Drive	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/9/26

**** Applications older than six (6) months will be removed.**

Beckmeyer Engineering, P.C.
 Glenn M. Beckmeyer, P.E., P.P., CME, CFM, CPWM
 Authority Engineer

B. Beckmeyer asked the Authority Engineer how the baffle tank project was going the Engineer stated it was moving forward.

Beckmeyer also mentioned what are the chances of us getting GPS in the trucks. M. Andreula mentioned that at his previous employment GPS was implemented and it wasn't easy because you must have someone continually observing. Bigler indicated that he would research this matter.

M. Andreula asked who was overlooking Scada and Exec. Dir. B. Bigler stated EnsoCorp. They also helped install the SCADA system and the surveillance system.

New Business: B. Beckmeyer suggested the authority have a succession plan in case of management retiring. Counsel J. Napolitano went into how we would start this plan and he would have an outline at the next meeting.

Board member J. Clancy asked who was next in charge and Exec Dir. mentioned it was Steven Bronowich and his position was Chief of Operations and he could find the information on our website.

As a new Board Member J. Clancy had a some questions regarding the operation of the facilities. 1) how was time recorded for employees? He indicated that employees might be able to “punch in” for another employee. The Ex. Dir. Pointed out that arrivals & departures are recorded by retinal scan and it was impossible for an employee to log another employee in or out. 2)on the 12-8 shift what’s the period they must call out and what happens when they do? The Ex. Dir. responded that all off shifts (barring an emergency) a sick call should be 4 hours prior to the start of that shift. There are 3 employees on each off shift. This is for safety and reduction in the amount of overtime paid for shift coverage. Additionally, we have stand-by procedures and if this is put into place, that employee covers the shift for overtime. 3) Uniforms: the employees are required to wear uniforms and the Exec Dir mentioned we are a wastewater facility with limited exposure to the public so uniforms weren’t strictly enforced but employees had to utilize all PPE. When a new employee is hired and after passing the probationary period, said employee receives a full set of uniforms, jackets and safety gear, rain jackets, etc. as well. 4) What is sick leave policy (?): Bigler stated that new hires get one day for each completed month, the it is 15 days/year.

The Executive Director stated that the Authority has had numerous issues with the current contract Lab (Pace) and that we were in the process of switching labs.

Legal: None

Regarding legal Board Member J. Clancy asked, “what is the update on Toscana”? he was informed by Counsel we settled; Clancy also asked when Toscana will be putting in a system to combat the issues and he was informed Toscana have indicated there were several delays but are proceeding.

Public Comments: No Comments

A motion was made at 7:05 pm by J. Clancy, second by B. Beckmeyer to adjourn the meeting. All in Favor 4-0-0.