

**VERNON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2024**

This Special Joint Meeting of the Municipal Utility Authority and the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 5:30 p.m. on May 13, 2024 via Zoom Webinar and in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with MUA Chairman Paul Kearney and Township Council President Rizzuto presiding.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press on April 26, 2024 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

MUA Chairman Kearney led the assemblage in the salute to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were MUA Members Dave McDermott, Patrick Rizzuto, Chairman Paul Kearney, Council Members Natalie Buccieri, William Higgins, Badley Sparta and Council President Patrick Rizzuto. Also, present were Mayor Anthony Rossi, Business Administrator Tina Kraus, MUA Administrator/CFO Donelle Bright, Municipal Clerk Marcy Gianattasio, MUA Recording Secretary Jaclyn McCabe, MUA Attorney Richard Wenner and MUA Engineer Steven Benosky.

MUA Mark Bower entered the meeting at 5:32 p.m.  
Council Member DeBenedetto entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

**PRESENTATION**

Sewer Expansion Plans

MUA Administrator/CFO Donelle Bright gave a Power Point presentation on the sewer expansion plans. (attached)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (For Current Agenda Items Only, Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person)**

Paul Kearney made a motion to open the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: Kearney  
SECOND: McDermott

All members were in favor.

Sean Clarkin – expressed concern regarding the sewer expansion plan.

Mike Furrey – questioned the sewer expansion plan.

Scott Cassell – expressed concern regarding the sewer expansion plan.

Jessi Paladini – expressed concern with the sewer expansion plan funding.

Ann Larsen – expressed concern regarding the sewer expansion plan.

Seeing no other members from the public wishing to come forward, MUA Chairman McDermott made a motion to close the meeting to Public Comments.

MOVED: McDermott  
SECOND: Buccieri

All members were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:50 p.m. William Higgins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded Dave McDermott

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

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Patrick Rizzuto  
Council President

Minutes approved: May 30, 2024