PINE HILL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY REORGANIZATION

February 3, 2025 6:30 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

OATH OF OFFICE - Scott Ford and Christopher Harris

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

Roll Call

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

RESOLUTION

1. Electing Chairman

2. Election of Vice Chairman

3. Appointment of secretary/Treasurer - Chris green

- 4. Appointment of Recording secretary Julie Reehle
- 5. Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer John Campanella
- 6. Appointment of Solicitor Chrisopher Long of Wade Long, Wood & Long
- 7. Appointment of Special Conflict Counsel Dave Patterson of Maressa & Patterson
- 8. Appointment of Engineer Hugh Doughtery of Pennoni Associates
- 9. Appointment of Special Conflict Engineer- Dennis Yoder of Remington & Vernick
- 10. Appointment of Auditor Stefanie J. DeSantis of Bowman & Company
- 11. Appointment of Risk Management Insurance Christopher Powell of Hardenberg Insurance Group
- 12. Appointment of Bond Counselor Phillip Norcross of Parker McCay
- 13. Official Newspaper Courier Post, Central Record, & south Jersey Times
- 14. Legal Depositories William Penn Bank, TD Bank & Bank of New York
- 15. Meeting for the Year As Listed
- 16. Authorizing Publication of Resolutions- Advertisement of Professional Appointment
- 17. Department Assignments As Listed
- 18. Adoption of Cash Management Plan
- 19. Approval of Administrative Petty Cash Fund Julie Reehle
- 20. Approval of Operations Petty Cash John Toal

21. Approving Phoenix Advisors – Securities and Exchange Commission Continuing Initiative

ADJOURMENT

Mr. Odenath called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Odenath read the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mr. Chris Long asked Mr. Ford to stand. Mr. Long administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ford for Commissioner.

Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Odenath, Mr. Knott, Mr. Green, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Ford Absent: Mr. Harris

Also in attendance was Mr. Chris Long, Solicitor and Mr. Tom Leisse, Engineer, and Mr. Campanella, Executive Director

Mr. Knott made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Mr. Green. Motion carried. There was no one in the audience to address the Board. Mr. Green made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Mr. Hassett. Motion carried.

Mr. Green opened the floor for nominations for the election of Chairman. Mr. Knott made a motion to nominate Mr. Odenath for Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hassett. There were no other nominations. Roll Call to elect Mr. Odenath for Chairman:

Ayes: Mr. Green, Mr. Knott, Mr. Ford, Mr. Hassett, Nayes: None

Mr. Green opened the floor for nominations for the election of Vice Chairman. Mr. Hassett made a motion to nomination Mr. Knott for Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ford. There were no other nominations.

Roll Call to elect Mr. Knott for Vice Chairman: Ayes: Mr. Odenath, Mr. Green, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Ford Nayes: None

RESOLUTION ELECTING AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN

Resolution #25-004

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority of the Borough of Pine Hill is required to elect a Chairman at its Reorganization Meeting in February of each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority that **John Odenath**, be and are hereby elected the Chairman of the Authority for a term commencing February 3, 2025, through Reorganization 2026 or until such time as a successor is named.

RESOLUTION ELECTING AUTHORITY VICE CHAIRMAN

Resolution #25-005

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority of the Borough of Pine Hill is required to elect a Vice Chairman at its Reorganization Meeting in February of each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority that **Thomas Knott**, be and are hereby elected the Vice Chairman of the Authority for a term commencing February 3, 2025 through Reorganization 2026 or until such time as a successor is named.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE AUTHORITY

Resolution #25-006

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority of the Borough of Pine Hill may appoint a Secretary/Treasurer to the Authority for the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority that <u>Chris Green</u>, be and are hereby appointed the Secretary/Treasurer of the Authority for a term commencing February 3, 2025 through Reorganization 2026 or until such time as a successor is named.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RECORDING SECRETARY OF AUTHORITY

Resolution #25-007

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes provide for the appointment of employees as are deemed necessary to the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Board Members of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority that **Julie Reehle** be and is hereby appointed the Recording Secretary of the Authority for a term commencing February 3, 2025 through Reorganization 2026 or until such time as a successor is named.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER Resolution #25-008

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority is required to appoint a Public Agency Compliance Officer in regard to Affirmative Action matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Board Members of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority that it hereby appoints <u>John Campanella</u> as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Authority.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SOLICITOR

Resolution #25-009

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Solicitor for Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority provided public notice that it was accepting requests for proposals to award Professional Service Contracts under the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purposes as set forth in the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority budget; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of a Contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Board Members of the Pine Hill Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Professional Service Agreement with <u>Christopher Long of Wade, Long, Wood & Long Law Offices</u>, as the Authority Solicitor to be provided for a period of one year commencing on February 3, 2025.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law and that this Contract is to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and a solicitation for requests for proposals was publicly noticed for these services.

3. A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority as required by law within twenty (20) days of its passage.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL CONFLICT COUNSEL

Resolution #25-010

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Special Conflict Solicitor for Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority provided public notice that it was accepting requests for proposals to award Professional Service Contracts under the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purposes as set forth in the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority budget; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of a Contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Board Members of the Pine Hill Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Professional Service Agreement with <u>Dave</u> <u>Patterson of Maressa & Patterson Law Offices</u>, as the Authority Special Conflict Solicitor to be provided for a period of one year commencing on February 3, 2025.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law and that this Contract is to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and a solicitation for requests for proposals was publicly noticed for these services.

3. A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority as required by law within twenty (20) days of its passage.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONSULTING ENGINEER

Resolution #25-011

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Consulting Engineer for Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority provided public notice that it was accepting requests for proposals to award Professional Service Contracts under the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purposes as set forth in the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority budget; and WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of a Contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Board Members of the Pine Hill Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Professional Service Agreement with **<u>Hugh Dougherty of Pennoni Associates</u>**, as the Authority Consulting Engineer to be provided for a period of one year commencing on February 3, 2025.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law and that this Contract is to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and a solicitation for requests for proposals was publicly noticed for these services.

3. A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority as required by law within twenty (20) days of its passage.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL CONFLICT ENGINEER

Resolution #25-012

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Special Conflict Engineer for Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority provided public notice that it was accepting requests for proposals to award Professional Service Contracts under the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purposes as set forth in the Pine Hill Borough

Municipal Utilities Authority budget; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of a Contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Board Members of the Pine Hill Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Professional Service Agreement with **Dennis Yoder of Remington & Vernick**, as the Authority Special Conflict Engineer to be provided for a period of one year commencing on February 3, 2025.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law and that this Contract is to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and a solicitation for requests for proposals was publicly noticed for these services.

3. A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority as required by law within twenty (20) days of its passage.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING AUDITOR

Resolution #25-013

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an Auditor for Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority provided public notice that it was accepting requests for proposals to award Professional Service Contracts under the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purposes as set forth in the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority budget; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of a Contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Board Members of the Pine Hill Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

 The Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Professional Service Agreement with <u>Stefanie J. DeSantis of Bowman & Company</u>, as the Authority Auditor to be provided for a period of one year commencing on February 3, 2025.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law and that this Contract is to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and a solicitation for requests for proposals was publicly noticed for these services.

3. A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority as required by law within twenty (20) days of its passage.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL

Resolution #25-014

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Bond Counsel for Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority; and WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority provided public notice

that it was accepting requests for proposals to award Professional Service

Contracts under the Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-

20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purposes as set forth in the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority budget; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of a Contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Board Members of the Pine Hill Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Professional Service Agreement with <u>Phil</u> <u>Norcross of Parker McCay</u>, as Authority Bond Counsel to be provided for a period of one year commencing on February 3, 2025.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law and that this Contract is to be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and a solicitation for requests for proposals was publicly noticed for these services.

3. A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority as required by law within twenty (20) days of its passage.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS Resolution #25-015

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes require the designation of at least two official newspapers for

providing notices of legal advertisements for the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Board Members of the Pine Hill

Borough Municipal Utilities Authority that the following newspapers be designated as the official legal newspaper of the Authority.

1. Courier Post - Camden County, New Jersey

- 2. The Central Record Medford, New Jersey
- 3. South Jersey Times Mullica Hill, New Jersey <u>RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LEGAL DEPOSITORIES</u>

Resolution #25-016

WHEREAS, the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority is required to designate the Legal Depository for funds of the Authority for 2023-2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that <u>William Penn Bank</u>, Pine Hill, New Jersey, <u>TD Bank</u>, Cherry Hill, New Jersey and <u>Bank of New York Mellon</u>, Woodland Park, New Jersey (Trustee) be designated as the Legal Depository for funds of the Authority for the Fiscal year 2025-2026.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MEETING DATES

Resolution #25-017

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes require annual notice of the designation of the day, time and place of the regular meeting of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. shall be designated the day and time, unless otherwise indicated below by an *, of the regular meetings of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority for the year 2025-2026.

* January 15, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. *Reorganization Meeting, Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. February 19, 2025 March 19, 2025 April 16, 2025 May 21, 2025 June 18, 2025 July 16, 2025 September 17, 2025 September 17, 2025 October 15, 2025 *Tuesday November 25, 2025 December 17, 2025 January 21, 2026 *Reorganization Meeting, Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

ADVERTISEMENT OF PROFESSIONALS

Resolution #25-018

BE IT RESOLVED by the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority that the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Resolution appointing the, Engineer, Conflict Engineer, Solicitor, Auditor, Bond Counsel, Special Conflict Counsel, Risk Management, and Health Insurance Broker in the Official Newspapers.

Hugh Dougherty, Pennoni Associates-Consulting Engineer

Edward Vernick, Remington & Vernick - Conflict Engineer

Christopher Long, Wade, Long, Wood & Long - Solicitor

Stefanie J. DeSantis, Bowman & Company - Auditor

Philip Norcross, Parker McCay - Bond Counsel

Dave Patterson, Maressa & Patterson - Special Conflict Counsel

Christopher Powell Hardenbergh Insurance Group - Risk Management

RESOLUTION ASSIGNING DEPARTMENT HEADS

Resolution #25-019

WHEREAS, it is the designation of the Chairman that the following listed Authority members will head the Department Assignments for the 2025-26 year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority that the Department Heads are as follows:

Finance	Chris Green
Water	Tom Knott
Sewer	John Odenath/Scott Ford
Vehicles	
Personnel/Union Negotiations	John Odenath/Tom Hassett
Property	Tom Knott
Safety Coordinators	JOHN Campanella/Mike Grogan/Deborah Warrington

Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Resolution #25-020

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-14 mandates that the Authority shall, by Resolution passed by majority of the membership thereof, approve a Cash Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

- 1. The attached Cash Management Plan will guide the investment of idle funds of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority.
- 2. The attached Cash Management Plan includes a policy statement to guide its implementation.
- 3. The Executive Director will administer the plan.
- 4. The Plan is subject to annual audit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution with the Cash Management Plan attached shall be forwarded to the following:

- 1. The Executive Director
- 2. The Office Manager
- 3. The Authority Auditor
- 4. All Depositories

PETTY CASH FUND ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution #25-021

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-21 requires annual approval of Petty Cash Funds by the Governing Body; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Chairman and Commissioners of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority to approve an Administrative Petty Cash Fund for the Administrative Office in the amount of One Hundred Dollars.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Chairman and Commissioners of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority that:

- 1. Said Administrative Petty Cash Fund will be maintained by the Office Manager to pay claims for small miscellaneous expenses.
- 2. **Julie Reehle**, Office Manager, having custody of the Administrative Fund be bonded in an appropriate amount and will operate said Fund in accordance with the laws and regulations governing its operation.

PETTY CASH FUND OPERATING

Resolution #25-022

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-21 requires annual approval of Petty Cash Funds by the Governing Body; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Chairman and Commissioners of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority to approve an Operations Petty Cash Fund for the Maintenance Garage in the amount of One Hundred Dollars.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Chairman and Commissioners of the Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority that:

- 1. Said Operations Petty Cash Fund will be maintained by the Operations Manager to pay claims for small miscellaneous expenses.
- 2. **John Toal**, Operations Manager, having custody of the Operations Fund be bonded in an appropriate amount and will operate said Fund in accordance with the laws and regulations governing its operation.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR ANNUAL CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUING INITIATIVE

Resolution #25-023

WHEREAS, the above-defined Issuer has previously issued one or more series of bonds, including in the past five (5) years pursuant to one or more preliminary and final official statements (collectively, the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of such Bonds, the Issuer covenanted with Bondholders to provide certain secondary market disclosure information on an annual basis to the Nationally Recognized Municipal Securities Information Repositories (pre-2009) and to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Market Access Data Port (2009 to present) ("EMMA"), which secondary market disclosure information may consist of one or more of the following: audited financial statements, municipal budgets, other financial and operating data and ratings changes; and

WHEREAS, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") has recently focused attention on what it alleges is widespread failure of local government issuers across the nation to meet their continuing disclosure obligations and misrepresentation through material misstatements in an official statement (innocently, inadvertently or otherwise) of past compliance with continuing disclosure obligations; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to remedy these perceived issues, the SEC has implemented the Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative (the "SEC Initiative"), a limited-time program scheduled to end on December 1, 2014, that encourages issuers of municipal bonds, including the Issuer, to self- report possible material misstatements or omissions, made in the past five (5) years in an official statement regarding compliance with prior continuing disclosure obligations; and

WHEREAS, should the SEC determine that an issuer has made material misstatements in an official statement regarding compliance with prior continuing disclosure obligations, issuers participating in the SEC Initiative agree to accept certain non-monetary penalties, in lieu of unknown, and, by all accounts, more severe monetary and non-monetary penalties the SEC has threatened on issuers that do not participate in the SEC Initiative; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the SEC Initiative, issuers agree to accept the following penalties, if imposed by the SEC (i) compliance with a cease and desist order in which the issuer neither admits nor denies the findings of the SEC, (ii) implementation of policies, procedures and training regarding continuing disclosure obligations, (iii) compliance with all existing continuing disclosure undertakings, (iv) cooperation with any further SEC investigation, (v) disclosure of settlement terms in any final official statement issued within five years of the date of institution of the proceedings, and (vi) production to the SEC of a compliance certificate regarding the applicable undertakings on the one year anniversary of the proceedings; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2014, the Division of Local Government Services issued Local Finance Notice 2014-9 (i) alerting local governments to the SEC Initiative, (ii) strongly recommending that local governments examine their continuing disclosure contractual obligations and past official statements in order to determine if it is advisable for an issuer to participate in the SEC Initiative and (iii) cautioning local governments that fail to complete a disclosure assessment in connection with the SEC Initiative will likely have difficulty accessing capital markets, difficulty in receiving timely approvals of the Local Finance Board of Director of the Division of Local Government Services, as applicable, and decreased scores on the future "Best Practices Questionnaires"; and

WHEREAS, The Issuer desires to conduct a disclosure audit which will (i) summarize the results of the Issuer's prior compliance with its secondary market disclosure obligations and (ii) compare those results to the statements made by the Issuer in its official statements regarding past compliance (the "Disclosure Audit"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer further desires to retain the services of disclosure specialist to conduct the Disclosure Audit; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the Disclosure Audit, and weighing heavily the known, nonmonetary penalties that may come through the Issuer's participation in the SEC Initiative versus the unknown, and, by all accounts, more severe monetary and non-monetary penalties the SEC has threatened on issuers that do not self-report, the Issuer further desires to delegate to the Executive Director, in consultation with the Issuer's general counsel, bond counsel, auditor and other finance professionals, the power to prepare and submit all documentation required to enter the Issuer's Bond issues into the SEC Initiative, as necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ISSUER, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Issuer hereby authorizes completion of the Disclosure Audit.

Section 2. The Issuer hereby acknowledges the Executive Director has engaged the services of a disclosure specialist to complete the Disclosure Audit through an existing agreement with the Issuer's Financial Advisor.

Section 3. In the event the Disclosure Audit reveals that the Issuer **may** have made a material misstatement regarding the Issuer's compliance with prior continuing disclosure undertakings, the Issuer hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director to prepare and submit all documentation necessary to enter the Issuer's applicable Bond issues into the SEC Initiative.

<u>Section 4</u>. Any action taken by the Executive Director or any other officer of the Issuer, with respect to the Disclosure Audit, the engagement of a disclosure specialist and participation in the SEC Initiative is hereby ratified and confirmed.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT'S AGREEMENT Resolution 25-024

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 3<u>th day of February, 2025</u>, between <u>Pine Hill Municipal</u> <u>Utilities Authority</u> (hereinafter referred to as AUTHORITY) and <u>Hardenburgh Insurance Group</u> (hereinafter referred to as CONSULTANT).

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT has offered to the AUTHORITY professional risk management consulting services as required in the bylaws of the New Jersey Utility Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, and;

WHEREAS, the AUTHORITY desires these professional services pursuant to the resolution adopted by the governing body of the AUTHORITY at a meeting held February 3, 2025 and;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, agree as follows:

1. For and in consideration of the amount stated hereinafter, the CONSULTANT shall:

- a) Assist the AUTHORITY in identifying its insurable Property & Casualty exposures and to recommend professional methods to reduce, assume or transfer the risk or loss.
- b) Assist the AUTHORITY in understanding the various coverages available from the New Jersey Utility Authority Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.

- c) Review with the AUTHORITY any additional coverages that the CONSULTANT feels should be carried but are not available from the FUND and subject to the AUTHORITY'S authorization, place such coverages outside the FUND.
- d) Assist the AUTHORITY in the preparation of applications, statements of values, and similar documents requested by the FUND, it being understood that this Agreement does not include any appraisal work by the CONSULTANT.
- e) Review Certificates of Insurance from contractors, vendors and professionals when requested by the AUTHORITY.
- f) Review the AUTHORITY's assessment as prepared by the FUND and assist the AUTHORITY in the preparation of its annual insurance budget.
- g) Review the loss and engineering reports and generally assist the safety committee in its loss containment objectives. Also, attend no less than one (1) authority safety committee meeting per annum to promote the safety objectives and goals of the AUTHORITY and the FUND.
- h) Assist where needed in the settlement of claims, with the understanding that the scope of the CONSULTANT's involvement does not include the work normally done by a public adjuster.
- i) Perform any other risk management related services required by the FUND's bylaws.
- **2.** In exchange for the above services, the CONSULTANT shall be compensated in the following manner:
 - a) The CONSULTANT shall be paid by the AUTHORITY a fee as compensation for services rendered, an amount equal to six percent (6%) of the AUTHORITY's assessment as promulgated by the FUNDs. Said fee shall be paid to the CONSULTANT within thirty (30) days of payment of the AUTHORITY's assessment.
 - b) For any insurance coverages authorized by the AUTHORITY to be placed outside the FUND, the CONSULTANT shall receive as compensation the normal brokerage commissions paid by the insurance company. The premiums for said policies shall not be added to the FUND's assessment in computing the fee outlined in 2 (a).

Mr. Green made a motion to approve all Resolutions as listed, seconded by Mr. Ford. Roll Call: Aves: Mr Odenath Mr Knott Mr Green Mr Hassett Mr Ford

Ayes: Mr. Odenath, Mr. Knott, Mr. Green, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Ford Nays: None

Mr. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hassett Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.