

**MINUTES
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
September 8, 2026**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, September 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building located at 149 Wheatsworth Road.

Members Present: Mr. Alfano, Mr. O’Grady (via Microsoft Teams), Mr. Caiazzo and Mr. Dora

Members Excused: Mr. Marotta, Mrs. Carey, Mr. Branco

Members Absent:

Also present: Mrs. Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, Mr. Jason Holt, and Mr. Mike Vreeland.

After the salute to the flag, Mrs. Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer stated compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Mr. O’Grady seconded by Mr. Alfano, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2026 meeting. In favor, Alfano, Caiazzo, O’Grady and Dora.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:

- a. A MOTION was made by Dora seconded by Caiazzo to approve the following elections and appointments. All were in favor.
 - a. Tony Alfano is elected Chairman of the HTMUA.
 - b. James Caiazzo is elected Vice-Chairman of the HTMUA
 - c. Donna Carey is elected Secretary of the HTMUA
 - d. Michael O’Grady is elected Treasurer of the HTMUA

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Indian Fields:**
 - 1. **Phase II As-Built Plans-** Mr. Holt indicated that there was an internal meeting to review the title work and that additional title work has been requested.
 - 2. **Indian Field Wells - NJDEP Status Update-** Mr. Vreeland stated the information is being gathered for the temporary treatment permit.
- b. **Crystal Springs:**
 - 1. **Grand Cascades/Crystal Springs Resort Water Usage & Rate-** Ms. Kaufer advised nothing new to report

2. **Sewer/Pump Station Expansion/Upgrade** – Mr. Vreeland advised nothing new to report.
3. **Inverness Conveyance**- Mr. Vreeland advised the inspections have been completed and the punch list has been sent to the Developer. The hydrant repairs should be completed within 2 weeks.

c. **Operational Considerations / Metering / Strategic Planning:**

1. **Conversion to a Meter Based Billing System** – nothing new to report
2. **Fixed Assets/Developer Conveyance** – Mr. Vreeland advised punch list will be produced shortly.

New Business

- a. A MOTION was made by Caiazzo seconded by Dora to execute the corporate authorization resolution to establish the authority for Chief Financial Officer, Administrator, and Board Secretary to act as agents for all financial accounts held at Provident Bank. In favor. Alfano, Caiazzo, O’Grady and Dora.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

A MOTION was made by and seconded by to pay the bills, as per the bill list for. In favor:

CORRESPONDENCE:

A MOTION was made by Caiazzo and seconded by O’Grady to accept the correspondence as presented. In favor: Alfano, Caiazzo, O’Grady and Dora.

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Mr. Alfano discussed that he would be attending the Sussex County Commissioner’s meeting at the Sussex Technical School on September 9, 2026 at 6 p.m. in order to give comment on the SCMUA Upper Wallkill WWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project. Mr. Alfano intended to put on the record his request for an independent engineering review of the proposed plan. He also stated he believe that SCMUA’s Board of Commissioners should be restructured to include rate payers.

Mr. O’Grady notified the Board that his current assignment in DC has been extended for six months and thanked the Board for their willingness to accommodate his attendance via Teams.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

Administrator – Ms. Kaufer advised a letter was submitted to the Sussex County Commissioners regarding the proposed Upper Wallkill WWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project and the corresponding impact on the sewer rates for SCMUA customers. Mrs. Kaufer also stated she

requested SCUMA to attend the September 8, 2026 to discuss the project with the commissioners, however they declined. Mrs. Kaufer advised that we have converted to the new Edmonds billing system.

Operator – Mr. Way advised that the storms from the prior week resulted in a power outage that created an electrical surge that damage to the pump controls at the Crystal Springs sewer pump station. Ms. Kaufer added that she would pursue a claim with JCP&L and the insurance carrier.

Billing Clerk – Nothing further to report.

CFO – Was not present.

Accountant – Was not present.

Attorney – Nothing further to report.

Engineer – Nothing further to report.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:

The meeting was opened to the public.

Ms. Michele Van Allen spoke to the board concerning the appointment of Commissioner Branco and the fact that Hardyston is not his primary residence. She also asked a question regarding whether or not board members are permitted to approve meeting minutes if they were not in attendance at the meeting.

No other members of the public were present.

Meeting was closed to public.

There being no further business, A MOTION was made by Caiazzo and seconded by Dora to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Niebuhr

Recording Secretary