

OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. M-26-20

WATER DIVISION

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**WHEREAS**, the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority (“OBMUA” or “Authority”) owns and maintains certain wells (“Well or Wells”) as part of its water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority conducts periodic maintenance of its Wells; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority awarded a contract through public bid to Steffen Drilling, LLC to redevelop Authority Well Nos. 6 and 11; and

**WHEREAS**, during the performance of the contract to redevelop Well No. 11, Steffen Drilling, LLC discovered that the Well’s 16 inch (16”) casing was corroded and that sand, over time, had been entering the pump equipment (pump and column pipe) from the surrounding aquifer through the casing and screen; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority’s Engineer determined that the sixteen-inch (16”) casing and screen installed approximately thirty (30) years ago needed to be immediately replaced by means of re-drilling the Well; and

**WHEREAS**, Well No. 11 provides an uninterrupted supply of water on a continual basis for customers of the OBMUA; and

**WHEREAS**, leading into the peak water demand period without the ability to utilize Well No. 11, the Authority’s Engineer and Water Division Engineering Consultant, CME Associates, opined and concluded that the inability to utilize Well No. 11 would negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of the Authority’s ratepayer and the community that the Authority serves; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority’s engineering consulting firm for its water division, CME Associates, who has first-hand knowledge regarding the operation and infrastructure of the Authority’s water system, reviewed and analyzed the condition of Well No. 11 relative to recent observations and findings by Steffen Drilling, LLC and documentation provided by the Authority’s Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, in a report to the Authority’s Executive Director dated May 27, 2020, CME Associates provided its opinion that the need for the re-drilling of Well No.

11 constituted an emergency situation and that the contract for re-drilling Well No. 11 should be awarded on an emergency basis in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1. (Exhibit A attached) and;

**WHEREAS**, CME Associates determined that the need to re-drill the Well could not have been reasonably foreseen nor planned for; and

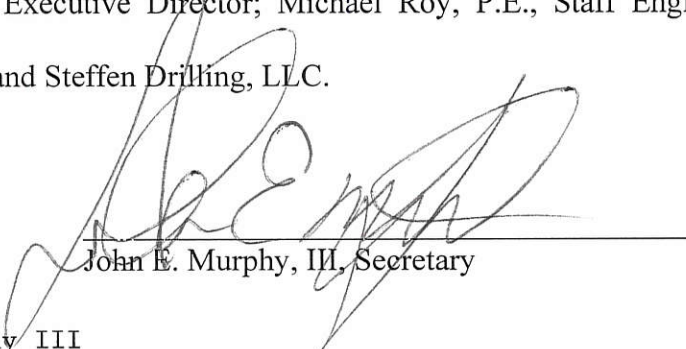
**WHEREAS**, CME Associates reviewed the proposal in the amount of \$147,000.00 submitted by Steffen Drilling, Inc. to perform the required work and recommends that the Emergency Contract be awarded to Steffen Drilling, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, it was established that the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority (“OBMUA”) needed to award an emergency contract in connection with the re-drilling of Well No. 11;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commissioners of the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority that the Emergency Contract awarded to Steffen Drilling, LLC in the amount of \$147,000/00 in connection with the re-drilling of Authority Well No. 11 is ratified;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution ratifies action taken by the Authority on May 28, 2020;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified true copies of this resolution be forwarded to Guy Donatelli, Executive Director; Michael Roy, P.E., Staff Engineer; Michelle Smith, Comptroller; and Steffen Drilling, LLC.



John E. Murphy, III, Secretary

Motion by: John E. Murphy III  
Second by: Frank Weber  
Ayes: Greenberg, Murphy, Galante, Walker, Weber  
Nays: None  
Absent: Carullo  
Dated: May 28, 2020  
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