

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Cantonment Board held on 17-07-2020 at 1100 hours at the office of the Cantonment Board, St.Thomas Mount.

Members Present

Brig. Girish Suri, President
Shri. Harsha, H.E. Member Secretary
Col. Sumeet Arya, Nominated Member

Shri. O. Anandhakumar, Vice-President
Smt. L. Jayanthi Mala, Elected Member
Shri. J. Gunasekaran, Elected Member
Smt. J. Lavanya, Elected Member
Shri. N.V.Vijaya Sankar, Elected Member
Smt. D. Chokkammal, Elected Member

Members not present

Lt. Col. Seema Sharma, Health Officer
Shri. Jhasketan Sa, Exe. Engineer
Col. SS Brar, Nominated Member
Shri. M.S.D.Thenraja, Elected Member

1. NOTING

(i) AGENDA RESOLUTION BY CIRCULATION DATED 27-05-2020

To note the Agenda Resolution by circulation dated in connection with three years maintenance contract of Accrual Based Accounting System (ABAS) in Cantonment Boards.

RESOLUTION NO.1(i): Noted and approved.

(ii) AGENDA RESOLUTION BY CIRCULATION DATED 08-06-2020

To note the Agenda Resolution by circulation dated in connection with draft of amended Business Regulation.

RESOLUTION NO.1(ii): Noted and approved.

(iii) AGENDA RESOLUTION BY CIRCULATION DATED 17-06-2020

To note the Agenda Resolution by circulation dated in connection with payment of arrears of minimum wages to the casual workers.

RESOLUTION NO.1(iii): Noted and approved.

(iv) AGENDA RESOLUTION BY CIRCULATION DATED 01-07-2020

To note the Agenda Resolution by circulation dated in connection with provision of funds for Cantonment Board Employees as a welfare measure in the interest of Board Employees engaged in fighting COVID-19.

RESOLUTION NO.1(iv): Noted and approved.

2. ENGAGEMENT OF STAFFS ON CONTRACT BASIS

To consider and approve the engagement of staff for a period of 11 months on contract basis for the below mentioned employees.

S.No	Name	Designation	Previous Contract Expired on	Honorarium
1.	P.Naresh	Pharmacist (Ayurveda)	17-06-2020	Rs.20,000/-
2.	Sahul hameed	Pharmacist(Siddha)	17-06-2020	Rs.20,000/-
3.	J.Leema Rose	Health Assistant	17-06-2020	Rs.14,384/-
4.	Ranjith Kumar	Legal Advisor	01-07-2020	Rs.10,000/-

In connection to the above, relevant documents are placed on the table for reference and approval.

RESOLUTION NO.2: Considered and approved the engagement of the above staff on contract basis for a period of 11 months with effect from 20-07-2020 on the same honorarium and terms & conditions.

3. ENGAGEMENT OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES (OUTSOURCING) TO CANTONMENT BOARD HOSPITAL

To consider and approve the engagement of Clinical Laboratory Services to cantonment Board Hospital on Contract basis.

As per the letter received from the Assistant Medical Officer (AMO), Neuberg Ehrlich Laboratories contract has expired on 31-05-2020 vide her letter dated 23-04-2020, further AMO has requested the board to engage the services of Neuberg Ehrlich Laboratories for a further period of 11 months.

In connection to the above, details of Rates to be paid to the Outsourcing Lab with the Rates to be collected by the Cantonment Hospital is tabulated below:-

Sl. No	Name of the Test	Rate to be paid to Outsourcing laboratory services	Rate to be collected by Cantonment Hospital
1.	TFT (T3, T4, TSH)	Rs. 90/-	Rs. 120/-
2.	FTFT(FT3, FT4, TSH)	Rs. 150/-	Rs. 150/-
3.	HBA1C	Rs. 150/-	Rs. 220/-

The above mentioned rates for collection was approved vide CBR No.04, dt 21-05-2019. Relevant documents are placed on the table for approval.

RESOLUTION NO.3: Considered and approved to engage Neuberg Ehrlich Laboratories Clinical Laboratory Services(Outsourcing) to Cantonment Board Hospitals for a period of 11 months with effect from 01- 06- 2020.

4. APPROVAL FOR ENGAGEMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ON CONTRACT BASIS TO CANTONMENT BOARD HOSPITALS

To consider and approve the engagement of Emergency Medical Technician to Cantonment Board Hospitals on contract basis.

As per the letter received from the Assistant Medical Officer (AMO), engagement of Emergency Medical Technician is requested on Contract basis for a period of 11 months to fight this pandemic situation. Engagement of the above mentioned staff is necessary in shifting of patient in critical condition to medical college in ambulance.

RESOLUTION NO.4: Considered and approve to engage an Emergency Medical Technician for 24 hours service for 3 months at the honorarium of Rs.14,000/- per month.

5. REFUND OF KALYANA MANDAPAM RENT AND WAIVER OF WEEKLY MARKET LICENCE FEE DUE TO LOCKDOWN

To consider the refund of kalyana mandapam rent and weekly market licence fee due to COVID-19 lockdown and its financial implications thereof.

Due to the ongoing pandemic COVID-19, state-wide lockdown/restrictions is being implemented by the Government.

In this connection, the public who have booked dates for Kalyana Mandapam between the lockdown dates could not use/access the kalyana mandapam due to the situation. Also, the licensee under the Temporary Occupancy of Land (TOL) i.e. Weekly Friday Market, which is tendered by this office are closed from the start of lockdown.

Earlier, this office had waived off the licence fees for the lockdown period i.e. from 01st April 2020 to 15th May 2020 and also resolved to refund the Kalyana Mandapam rent during the lockdown period vide Cantonment Board Resolution (CBR) No. 7 dated 05.05.2020. The agreement for above licences contains a provision for waiving off the fees upon the request from licencees in case of force majeure or extraordinary situation.

Moreover, the State Government (Govt. Of Tamil Nadu) is periodically extending the lockdown every 15 days.

Hence, the Board may decide and resolve on the above matters of Kalyana Mandapam rent refund and weekly Friday market licence fee from 16th May 2020 till the end of lockdown period in this regard.

In this connection, the relevant files are placed on the table.

RESOLUTION NO.5: Considered and approved to refund the rent for Cantonment Board Kalyana Mandapam and waive off licence fee for Weekly Friday Market from start of lockdown up to the date the state government allows the same to be opened.

6. REVISION OF DRINKING WATER TARIFF BY TWAD BOARD FOR BULK SUPPLY AT PALLAVARAM

To consider and approve the revision of drinking water tariff revised by TWAD Board for supplying of bulk water supply for Cantonment Pallavaram - Reg.

- Ref :-
- i).The Executive Engineer, RWS Division,TWAD Board, Kancheepuram Lr.No.F.DCB/BA/RWS/KPM/2017-3 dated 14.11.2017.
 - ii).TWAD Board B.P.Ms No.88 (Operation and Maintenance Wing) dated 08.11.2017.
 - iii). This office letter No.STM/Works/1/WS/0140 dated 10.01.2018.
 - iv). This office letter No.STM/works/1/WS/0255 dated 19.01.2018.
 - v). Tamil Nadu G.O. Ms.No.39 dated 17.04.2018 of Municipal Administration and Water Supply (WS2) Department.
 - vi). B.P.Ms.No.62 dated 27.07.2018 (Operation and Maintenance) of Board's Resolution No.2.34 dated 26.06.2018 received from the Executive Engineer.
 - vii). The MD TWAD Board Letter No.2660/WTR/Cont.Board SDDO/O&M/2018 dated 09.04.2019.

viii). This office letter No.STM/Works/WS/1215 dated 25.06.2019.

ix). The MD TWAD Board letter No.F.31810/Tariff Revision/AE II
O&M/2017/dt.24.04.2018.

x). CBR.No.15 dated 24.10.2019.

xi). The Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Chengalpet letter.
No.F.Cantonment – Pallavaram/EE/RWS/CPT/2020/dt 28.05.2020 along
with B.P.Ms.No.16 dated 07.04.2020 and TWAD Board Resolution No.2.1
dated 31.03.2020.

xii). This office letter No.STM/Works/1/1230 dated 07.07.2020.

b. With reference to above, it is intimated that the drinking water to the Pallavaram Cantonment area (for ward nos 6 & 7) is being supplied by the TWAD Board from 1988 (for ward nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, the drinking water supply received from Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board). The TWAD Board has fixed the tariff for drinking water to the Cantonment Board at the rate of Rs. 7/1000 ltrs. (1 KL) during the year 2006 vide TWAD Board B.P.Ms.No.32 dated 30.01.2006.

c. Further, the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Kanchipuram has revised the water tariff from Rs. 7/KL to Rs.45/KL as par with the organizations category vide their office letter No.F.DCB/BA/RWS/KPM/2017-3/dated 14.11.2017 with effect from 01.11.2017. Instead of comparing the Cantonment Board with Municipality category, the TWAD Board has compared the Cantonment Board with Organization category.

d. Hence, the same was objected by this office and a letter was sent to the Managing Director, TWAD Board vide letter cited (3) above, to consider the Cantonment Board as a Municipality as per section 10 of the Cantonments Act 2006 and also clause (e) of the Article 243(P) of the Constitution of India. Thereafter, a reminder was also sent to the TWAD Board vide this office letter cited (4) above to consider the same.

e. In response, the TWAD Board has discussed this issue and placed before their Board Meeting vide Board Resolution No.2.34 dated 26.06.18 and issued the B.P.MS.No.62 dated 27.07.18 and resolved to reduce the water tariff rate from Rs.45/KL to 30.24/KL for Cantonment Board from organization category with effect from 01.11.2017. However, the TWAD Board did not revised the water tariff as compared with Municipality category.

f. Hence, this office has written another letter to the Managing Director, TWAD Board, Chennai and requested to consider the Cantonment Board as a local body like other Municipalities and requested to fix the water tariff as equivalent to other

Municipalities as applicable under State Government. Go.MS.39 dated 17.04.2018 of Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department.

g. In light of above, various correspondences and discussions have been occurred between this office and TWAD Board, however the TWAD Board has denied to change the Tariff under Urban Local Body / Municipality Category and claimed at the rate of Rs.30.24/KL as equivalent to the CMWSSB vide TWAD Board MD letter No.2660/WTR/Cant.Board/SGDO/O&M/2018 dated 09.04.2019.

h. Hence, this office has again written a letter vide Lr.No.STM/Works/WS/1215 dated 25.06.19 to the Managing Director, TWAD Board in detail by mentioning the basic amenities and regulatory functions being discharged by the Cantonment Board as par with nearby local bodies and intimated the services are discharged purely for the benefit of General Public of Cantonment Area who are also the voters of State Legislative Assembly and Parliament Constituencies.

i. Thereafter, the CEO, Cantonment Board, St.Thomas Mount was met Sri. C.N.Mahesvaran, I.A.S, Managing Director of TWAD Board in person on 03.07.2019 at TWAD Board office and requested him to reduce the water tariff as par with Municipal local Body and not under Organization Category and submitted the Cantonment Board proposal.

j. It is pertinent to informed that, this office has paid the water tariff of Rs.7/KL (old rate) to TWAD Board for the period from December 2017 to August 2019. Meanwhile, the Executive Engineer TWAD Board Maintenance Division, Kattankulathur has requested this office to pay the revised water tariff as par with Urban Local Bodies till finalization of rates vide their mail dated 18.10.2019.

k. The same has been referred to the Cantonment Board vide its CBR No 15 dated 24.10.2019 and the Board was resolved to accept and pay the Cantonment Board water tariff as par with adjacent Municipality till the finalization of the issue.

l. Further, the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board has forwarded the letter along with the TWAD Board B.P.Ms. No.16 dated 07.04.2020 with Board Resolution No.2.1 dated 31.03.2020 stated that the Cantonment proposal has been placed before their Board Meeting as above, and resolved to reject the proposal of Cantonment Board and accorded to fix the water tariff Rs.30.24/KL as par with CMWSSB which is supplying to ward numbers 1 to 4 at St.Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram Cantonment Jurisdiction. Further based on the above resolution they have requested this office to pay the i) Water Charges and ii) Water Interest charges pending amount up to the period of April 2020 as follows:-

Sl No.	Description	Amount in Rs.
1.	Water Charges	Rs.51,38,852.24
2.	Water Interest Charges	Rs.29,59,426.00
	Total Amount	Rs.80,98,278.24

m. In this connection, this office vide letter dated 07.07.2020 cited (12) above, has requested the TWAD Board stating that as follows. The salient portion is given as below:-

"In light of the above, it is informed that the Cantonment Board is paying the water charges to TWAD Board for every month at the rate of tariff on par with adjacent local body (Pallavaram Municipality). In this connection, it is pertinent to intimate that there are various correspondences between this office and TWAD Board has been happening for many years for finalization of rates of water tariff. The imposition of interest charges for the above period when the finalization of rates has still in consideration by your office in not appropriate and is not acceptable and it causes a huge financial loss to Cantonment Board, which is a financially deficit urban local body.

Hence the considerable delay has occurred due to time taken by your office in regard for finalization of rates of water tariff for Cantonment Board. In view of above, the water interest charges to an amount of Rs.29,59,426/- may please be waived off for the reasons stated above. The subject matter will be referred to the ensuing Cantonment Board Meeting for consideration of water charges amount of Rs.51,38,852.24, as stated by you for taking necessary action by this office."

n. Further, it is submitted that, the TWAD Board has raised the latest Bill up to the Month of June 2020 with total arrears payment as below:-

Sl No.	Description	Amount in Rs.
1.	Water Charges	Rs.53,87,014.24
2.	Water Interest Charges	Rs.31,57,781.00
	Total Amount	Rs.85,44,795.24

o. It is pertinent to submit that the Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Finance Commission Division, Department of Expenditure) vide their order letter No.F.15(3)/FC-XV/DCD/2020-25-ULB Release No.1/2020-, Dated 19.05.2020 (Annexure - N) has sanctioned the grant to an amount of Rs.295.25 crores to Local Bodies in the country. Thereafter, the Government of Tamil Nadu vide their GO(D) No.213 dated 23.06.2020 has allotted an amount of Rs.62,42,545/- for St.Thomas Mount Cantonment for the purpose of clearing of pending payment to TWAD Board.

p. Hence, the said amount may be utilized for same.

q. Hence, the Board may discuss the subject matter in detail as elaborated above and take appropriate decision.

The office report and relevant papers are placed on the table.

RESOLUTION NO.6: Considered and approved the revised water tariff of Rs.30.24/KL fixed by the TWAD Board for the supply of bulk water supply to the Cantonment Board, Pallavaram.

Further the Board discussed the matter in detail and resolved to pay only the arrears of Rs.53,87,014.24 towards water charges. The amount of water charges can be utilized from the share of grant released by the State Government, as per the orders of Finance Commission and further resolved not to pay the interest amount of Rs.31,57,781.00/- to TWAD Board as the revision of water charges matter was under active consideration by TWAD Board.

7. ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2019-20

To consider and approve the Annual Administration Report for the year 2019-20 of St.Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram Cantonment Board. In this connection relevant documents are placed on the table.

RESOLUTION NO.7: Considered and approved.

8. PAYMENT OF ARREARS OF MINIMUM WAGES TO THE DAILYWAGES

To consider the payment of arrears towards minimum wages to the dailywages engaged in Civil Conservancy for the period from March'2019 to Oct'2019.

Office Note:-

The Cantonment Board has resolved to pay minimum wages for the dailywages as notified by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt of India vide resolution no. 15 dt. 19.11.2019. Accordingly, the dailywages are being paid minimum wages of Rs. 603/- with effect from 01.11.2019 but they have not received the wages as per Minimum Wages Act before Oct'2019. Whereas, this office had issued the arrears amount for the daily wages workers engaged in Military Conservancy vide Agenda Resolution Circulation No. 01 dated 17.06.2020.

In this connection the details of wages applicable to the Daily wages workers engaged in Civil Conservancy are detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Period	Minimum wages applicable Rs.	Wages already paid	Difference amount payable Rs.	Authority
1.	March 2019	558	394	164	Ministry of Labour & Employment letter No. 1/38 (5)/2018 - LS-II dt 28.09.2018.

2.	April 2019 to September 2019	584	394	190	Ministry of Labour & Employment letter No. 1/8 (5)/2019 - LS-II dt 27.03.2019.
3.	October 2019	603	394	209	Ministry of Labour & Employment letter No. 1/36 (5)/2019 - LS-II dt 23.09.2019.

Difference amount payable for 127 Civil Conservancy daily wages is Rs. 45,00,000/- (approx.) for the period from March 2019 to October 2019. Hence, the Board may consider the payment of unpaid difference towards minimum wages for the period from March 2019 to October 2019 for the Civil Conservancy daily wage workers. However, this amount has been claimed from AAI and Air India. Therefore, there is no financial implication to the Cantonment Board.

In this connection relevant papers are placed on the table.

RESOLUTION NO.8: Considered and approved the payment of arrears to the Civil Conservancy daily wage workers effective from 01 April 2020 depending upon the availability of funds.

Sd/-(BRIG. GIRISH SURI)
President Cantonment Board
St.Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram

Sd/-(HARSHA H.E)
Member Secretary &
Chief Executive Officer
Cantonment Board

DATED: 17-07-2020

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Office Superintendent
Cantonment Board

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