

Meeting Minutes of January 19th, 2023

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson Ramos was in the chair.

The Executive Director read the following statement:

Pursuant to Section #5, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting has been provided to the public by posting and maintaining the annual notice of the regular meetings of the Joint Meeting on the bulletin board of the Maplewood Municipal Building, by mailing the annual notice of the regular meetings for 2023 to the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune and to the offices of the Municipal Clerks of the 11 member municipalities of the Joint Meeting and to the City Clerk of the City of Elizabeth and to the County Clerks of the Counties of Essex and Union all on December 23rd, 2022.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Florio, Petrosky, Haskins, Rutherford, Epps and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic. Absent: Messrs. Leneus & Dafis.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Dowhan, Gonzalez, Barry, Phillips, Volpe and Berkeley Esq., of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster, Esq., and J. Noble, Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC; J. Burke Esq., of Antonelli Kantor Rivera; H. Johnsen and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC; Julie Needham of NW Financial; Everett Johnson of Wilentz, Goldman & Spritzer, P.A. and David Leun of CDM Smith.

Director Johnson introduced new board member, Annette Romano (Millburn).

General Counsel Mr. E. Webster led the nomination for new Chairperson. Mr. Florio nominated Mr. Ramos for Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Rutherford. All in favor of nomination, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Florio, nomination for Chairperson was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Director Johnson led the swearing in of re-elected Chairperson, Mr. Ramos.

Chairman Ramos led the nomination for Vice Chairperson/Secretary. Mr. Ramos nominated Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Petrosky. All in favor of nomination, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Ramos, nomination for Vice Chairperson/Secretary was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Director Johnson led the swearing in of re-elected Vice Chairperson/Secretary, Mr. Florio.

Chairman Ramos led the nomination for Treasurer. Mr. Ramos nominated Mr. Rutherford for Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Florio. All in favor of nomination, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Frederic, nomination for Treasurer was

adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Director Johnson led the swearing in of re-elected Treasurer, Mr. Rutherford.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Florio, Designation of Newspapers was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Designation of Banks was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Romano, Bank Signatories was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none. Abstention; Ms. Romano.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Florio, the Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none. Abstention; Ms. Romano.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chair Mr. Florio, stated that the Committee met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorization to Amend Auditing Services (R-009/23), Resolution Authorization for Permitting Services for Periodic Access for Clearing and Sediment Removal at the Millburn Crossing on the Rahway River East Branch-CDM Smith (R-010/23), Resolution Authorization to Award Furnishing and Delivering Centrifuge Parts or Approved Equivalent (R-011/23), Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Foley Power System through Sourcewell (R-012/23), Resolution Authorization to Reject & Rebid Miscellaneous Building Rehabilitation Project (R-013/23), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for Furnishing and Delivering one (1) Heliflow Gas Blower (R-014/23), Resolution Authorizing Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Project Finance Agreement and other Agreement and Matters related to Phase I of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (R-015/23), Resolution Amending Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Non Bacterial Biological Enhancer for Anaerobic Digester Gas Production (R-016/23).

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-009/23) Amending Resolution R-098/22 for Contract awarded to Suplee Clooney & Company for Auditing Services was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R0-010/23) Awarding

a Contract to CDM Smith Inc. for Professional Engineering Services in Connection with Permitting Services for Periodic Access for Clearing and Sediment Removal at the Millburn Crossing on the Rahway River East Branch was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-011/23) Awarding Contract to Alfa Laval for Furnishing and Delivering Centrifuge Parts or Approved Equivalent was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-012/23) Awarding Contract to Foley Power Systems through Sourcewell was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Petrosky and Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-013/23) Rejecting Bid Submitted for the 2019 Capital Improvement Project Consisting of the Miscellaneous Building Rehabilitation Project was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-014/23) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Excelsior Blower Systems, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering one (1) Heliflow Gas Blower was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-015/23) Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Project Financing Agreement and other Agreements and Matters related to Phase I of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project Execution and Delivery of a Project Finance was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-016/23) Authorizing Second Extension of Contract with JSH International, LLC for Furnishing and Delivering Non-Bacterial Biological Enhancer for Anaerobic Digester Gas Production was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Treatment Plant Report, Industrial Pretreatment Report and Financial Reports having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Ms. Fox, the General Counsel Report,

(Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC), the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Antonelli Kantor Rivera), the Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report(s) (Antonelli Kantor Rivera - No Report) the Engineering Report, and the CSO Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nay, none.

There were correspondence for Elizabeth Fourth Quarter Adjustment and Member Appointment Letters for East Orange, Maplewood, Millburn, Roselle Park, Summit and Union.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on any Joint Meeting matter with a five minute limit. On motion to open public comments by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Ms. Fox. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Ms. Romano. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-007/23) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

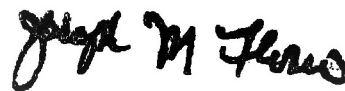
On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-008/23) Appreciation to Tara Prupis was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Romano and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, next meeting date will be on February 16th, 2023.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the meeting then adjourned at 4:43 pm to meet again on February 16th, 2023 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph M. Florio". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joseph M. Florio
Secretary