

Meeting of April 21, 2011
Maintenance

A meeting of the Joint Meeting was held on the above date at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Brewer 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 the notice of the meeting of the Joint Meeting on the bulletin board of the Maplewood Municipal Building; by mailing the notice of the meeting 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' Offices of Essex and Union, all on December 17, 2010.

On roll call the following members were present: Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Levison, Madden, Florio and Ms. Spango. Ms. Jones arrived at 4:09 p.m. and Mayor Accardi arrived at 4:22 p.m. Mrs. Leventhal and Mr. Rice had notified the office that they would be unable to attend today's meeting.

Also in attendance were Messrs. McGhee, LaMendola, Bonaccorso, Terrezza, Sforza, Barry, Phillips and Ms. Rufolo of Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Nobel Esq. of Trenk, DiPasquale et al., Mr. K. Chiarvallo of CME Associates and Mr. Robert Pennington of CDM .

The Vice-Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance.

On motion by Mr. Green, seconded by Ms. Spango, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Levison, Madden, Florio and Ms. Spango; nays, none.

The **Treasurer's Report** having been mailed to the Board members, on motion by Mr. Levison, seconded by Mr. Florio, was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Levison, Madden, Florio and Ms. Spango; nays, none.

It now being 4:09 p.m., Ms. Jones arrived.

For clarification purposes the Superintendent gave a short synopsis of the Millburn Crossing situation. Joint Meeting has 3 large pipes crossing over a branch of the Rahway River between Millburn and Union. Due to the tremendous amounts of flow (rainstorm water) the deposition of a large amount of silt was noticed. CDM was authorized to do a study as to what has to be done to protect the supports of the pipes.

Mr. Pennington of CDM explained that the Townships draining into the line are Maplewood, Millburn, South Orange, Summit and West Orange. To see what would be the best way to protect the structure, a stream study was done to look at the sediment transport analysis and also what might happen in the long term. Presently, whenever there is a storm scouring occurs which threatens to undermine the foundations. Various options were looked at to see which would keep sufficient cover on the foundations. Three (3) feet of cover is needed in order to properly protect to foundations. After studying the various options available, it was determined that the best option would be to install armor (concrete) mats attached by cables and then place them on the bottom at the proper elevation. This would eliminate the problem of scouring. The stream bed and structure would be stabilized. The cost for the project would be approximately \$200,000.00 to \$225,000.00 which includes the design, permitting and the oversight of construction.

The Superintendent further explained that with regard to cost, the money is not needed in advance as there is a collection system fund. When the project is completed the municipalities

impacted by the repairs are billed. Each municipality owns a specific percentage of the capacity of a particular pipe which goes back to the original contract between the municipalities. With this project the cost would be billed to Maplewood at 10.36%, Millburn at 23.5%, South Orange at 8.86%, Summit at 26.5% and West Orange at 30.78%.

It now being 4:22 p.m., Mayor Accardi arrived.

On motion by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution 032, awarding a contract to Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. for Professional Services for Modifications to the Millburn Crossing on the Rahway River East Branch was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

With regard to Resolution 033, the Superintendent explained that part of our process generates biosolids which get transported and land applied as a soil amendment. There is now another methodology which could potentially save Joint Meeting approximately \$175,000.00 to \$200,000.00 per year. Therefore, we are requesting authorization for CDM to prepare and send out a package for procurement and evaluate the returns.

On motion by Mr. Green, seconded by Ms. Jones, Resolution 033, awarding a contract to Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. for Professional Services for Preparation and Bidding for Biosolids Hauling and Reuse was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

The Superintendent distributed a supplement report which is a 2 year survey of cost rates for treatment per million gallons (pmg) prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the Somerset Raritan Utilities Authority. The report shows Joint Meeting to have the lowest cost out of approximately 20 facilities.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Green, the **Treatment Plant Report, the Industrial Pretreatment Report and the 2010 Audit Report** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Spango, **Counsel, Conflict Counsel and the Engineer's Reports** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

The Correspondence will be printed in the minutes.

The Vice-Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on any Joint Meeting matter with a five-minute limit. Hearing no one the Public Session was declared closed.

The Vice-Chairperson read the following statement which on motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Green, was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

In accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permitting the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and as the Joint Meeting is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist as the general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is Personnel and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date.

Upon reconvening on motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Green, Resolution 031, Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Madden, Resolution 034, authorizing a Purchase Order to Motors Fleet for Furnishing and Delivering One 2011 Ford F250 Pick-up Truck was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

With regard to the restaurant grease trap waste program, the Superintendent stated that approximately \$127,000.00 was realized in the last 4 months of 2010. We are averaging about \$30,000.00 per month with about 3 to 4 trucks a day from just one (1) vendor.

On motion by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution 035, authorization to Accept Grease Trap Waste at the price of \$0.10 per gallon was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution 036, authorizing Pay Raises for Certain Key Employees was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution 037, Employment Agreement was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

New business – Counsel Webster stated that as requested his firm has looked at the Governor's proposed legislation entitled "Shadow Government Reform". A memo was prepared with the legislation attached and sent to the members. If anything further happens on this we may have to see how we could get it modify since Joint Meeting Board members are not gubernatorial appointed, are not a joint appointment but as an elected official of their municipality are appointed by their municipality in which they reside. Although the legislation doesn't seem to fit Joint Meeting, Counsel's firm will continue to monitor the proposed legislation.

There being no further business on motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mayor Accardi, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. unless called earlier by the Chair. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Florio, Ms. Jones and Spango; nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rufolo
Assistant Secretary