

Meeting of May 17, 2018 Maintenance

A meeting of the Joint Meeting was held on the above date at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. Chairperson DeLuca 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 2018 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' Office of the Counties of Essex and Union, all on December 29, 2017.

On roll call the following members were present: Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins. Mr. Mobley arrived at 4:10 p.m.

Also in attendance were Messrs. McGhee, Dowhan, Barry, Phillips, Berkeley, Esq. and Ms. Shultz and DeFrancis of Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC, K. Nova Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck; L. Drozd of Zinn Graves Field; Joint Meeting's Consultants CME Associates (CME), AVA Consulting LLC (AVA) and Global Logistics Group (GLG); E. Johnson, Esq. of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.; J. Ehlers of Powell Capital Markets, Inc. Tammie Kapin, Assistant Business Administrator, Township of Union and Messrs. L Lepore, Engineer, and J. Gross, C.F.O. Township of West Orange.

The Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance.

On motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Florio, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Florio, the **Treasurer's Report** having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins stated that the Committee had met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Financial Advisor Capital Improvement Plan (R-044); Insurance Renewals (R-045); award of contract to Southern Ionics, Inc. for furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite (R-046); award of contract to Design Plastic Systems Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Fabricated Fiberglass Railing (R-047); Purchase Order to Raritan Group, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Pipes, Fittings and Supports (R-048); Purchase Order to Shi International Corporation for Furnishing and Installing Access Control Software and Hardware (R-049); Amending Purchase Order to PDM Group for Repairs to Advantage Chiller (R-050); Amending Purchase of Radio Communication Equipment and Accessories Under State Contract No. A83918 (R-051); Change Order No. 4 to Spectraserv, Inc. Contract for Digester No. 1 Cleaning and Modifications (R-052); Approving a Capital Improvement Plan and Authorizing the Issuance of Capital Assessments to the Member Municipalities and the City of Elizabeth (R-053); Approving the Design and Construction Schedule for the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project and Authorizing the Issuance of an Assessment to Fund the Project (R-054) and Bid Various Services Equipment & Materials (R-055).

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution 045, authorizing Annual Insurance Renewal was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio , seconded by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, Resolution 046, awarding a Contract to Southern Ionics, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite was adopted. On roll; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Johnson, Resolution 047, awarding a Contract to Design Plastic Systems Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Fabricated Fiberglass Railing was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins_, Resolution 048, authorizing a Purchase Order to Raritan Group, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Pipes, Fittings and Supports was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Johnson, Resolution 049, authorizing a Purchase Order to Shi International Corporation for Furnish and Installing Access Control Software and Hardware was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Johnson, Resolution 050, Amending Purchase Order to PDM Group for Repairs to Advantage Chiller was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution 051, Amending the Purchase of Radio Communication Equipment and Accessories Under State Contract No. A83918 was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Florio. Resolution 052, authorizing Change Order No. 4 for Contract with Spectraserv, Inc. for Digester No. 1 Cleaning and Modifications was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Levison, Resolution 055, authorizing the Procurement by Public Bidding for Various Services, Equipment and Materials was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins, nays, none.

It now being 4:10 p.m. Mr. Mobley arrived.

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Guarino, the **Treatment Plant, Industrial Pretreatment, 2017 Audit Report and 403 Annual Report** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Mobley, DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins , seconded by Ms. Burgess, the **General Counsel Report**, having been mailed to the Board members was received and order printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Mobley, DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Florio, **Labor & Employment Counsel Report** having been mailed to the Board members was received and order printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Mobley, DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Bowman, **Special Conflict for Pretreatment Violations Counsel, Hunt, Hamlin & Ridgley (Antonelli Kantor P.C. no report)** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Mobley, DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Burgess, the **Engineer's Report** having been mailed to the Board members was received and order printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Mobley, DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Fahoury, Resolution 043, approving payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Mobley, DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Burgess and Chaneyfield Jenkins; nays, none.

New business- the Executive Director stated that the NACWA Conference will be held July 23rd to July 26th in Boston, Massachusetts and the WEFTEC conference will be held September 29th to October 3rd in New Orleans, Louisiana. Any member wishing to attend should notify the office.

CME Associates gave a presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the Flood Mitigation Facilities Projects. The CIP projects are the Waste Gas Burner Upgrade which burners were originally installed around 1975 and are maintenance intensive and replacement parts are difficult to obtain. The Miscellaneous Building Rehabilitation includes but is not limited to concrete spall and/or crack repairs and replacement of coping and brick façade repairs in many of the buildings. The New Primary Tunnel Building Construction at the influent end of the Primary Settling Tanks is to eliminate the permit required confined space, replace some corroded piping and the installation of new sludge pumps and to provide a better working environment with easier access for maintenance. The cost of the projects and what is not funded by FEMA was discussed at length.

With regard to the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project CME explained that storm surge and high tide of over twelve (12) feet were experienced at Joint Meeting. However, due to the Co-Generation Facility, Joint Meeting continued to operate during the storm, some of the facilities experienced flooding resulting in significant damage to some of the structures. In order to protect the Plant concrete walls will be constructed around the perimeter. Two (2) additional storm water pumping stations and an effluent pump station will be constructed and two (2) additional cogeneration engines will be installed to provide power to the new pump stations.

Ms. Julie Ehlers of Powell Capital Markets and Everett Johnson Est., a bonding attorney from Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer also gave a presentation on the financial aspect of the projects. Assessments would be assessed against the member municipalities and the City of Elizabeth for both projects The assessment could be paid in cash or by borrowing through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (NJIB) which would be at a low interest rate. However, it is anticipated that the Flood Mitigation Project will be reimbursed by 85-90% by FEMA with the member municipalities funding only 10-15% of the cost on a long term basis.

It now being 5:00 p.m. Ms. Chaneyfield Jenkins had to leave.

Following a lengthy in depth discussion and the suggestion that Joint Meeting's staff attend the individual municipal meetings to explained the importance of going forward with the two (2) projects, it was the consensus of the Board to table Resolution 053 Approving A Capital Improvement Plan and

Authorizing The Issuance Of Capital Assessments To the Members Municipalities and The City of Elizabeth and Resolution 054 Approving The Design and Construction Schedule For The Flood Mitigation Facilities Project and Authorizing The Issuance of An Assessment To Fund The Project it was the consensus of the Board that Resolution 053 and Resolution 054 be tabled until the July 10 2018 meeting.

On motion by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Johnson, Resolution 044, authorizing the Retention of Powell Capital Markets, Inc. as Financial Advisor for 2018 in connection with the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties Capital Improvement Plan was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Mobley, DeLuca, Levy, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. Mobley, Resolution 053 Approving A Capital Improvement Plan and Authorizing The Issuance of Capital Assessments To The Member Municipalities and The City of Elizabeth and Resolution 054 Approving The Design and Construction Schedule For The Flood Mitigation Facilities Project and Authorizing The Issuance of An Assessment To Fund The Project was tabled until the July 19, 2018 meeting. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Mobley, DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Burgess; nays, none.

The 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.

There being no further business on motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. unless called earlier by the Chair. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Mobley, DeLuca, Fahoury, Levison, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Burgess; nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Florio
Secretary