

Meeting Minutes of June 18th, 2020

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson DeAugustine 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 2020 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 30, 2019 and provided special notice of the telephonic conference to the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune and 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 as required by law.

On roll call the following board members were present: Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess, Ms. Prupis and Messrs. Deluca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and DeAugustine.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson, Ms. DeFrancis; Messrs. Dowhan, Barry, Phillips, and Berkeley Esq. of Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble, Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC, R. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck, H. Johnsen of Joint Meeting's Consultants CME Associates, AVA Consulting LLC.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Guarino, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board Member was received and ordered printed.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chair Ramos stated that the Committee met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution for Professional Authorization Surveying Services for Flood Mitigation Facilities FEMA- CME Associates (R-046/20), Resolution Authorizing Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite (R-047/20), Resolution Authorizing Furnishing and Delivering Spare Gravity Belts Parts (R-048/20), Resolution Authorizing Aqueous Control Solutions for Struvite Control (R-049/20), Resolution Authorizing Aqueous Control Solutions for Struvite Removal (R-050/20), Resolution Authoring a Purchase Order to Repair and Rebuild Three (3) Strainpress Screws (R-051/20), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Furnish and Deliver Three (3) Centrifuge Feed Tubes (R-052/20).

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Guarino, Resolution 046/20, Authorizing Surveying Services for Flood Mitigation Facilities FEMA-CME Associates was adopted. On roll

call: ayes, Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis and Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino; nays, none.

On motion to approve as a group by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Guarino, Resolution (R-047/20), providing authorization to bid Sodium Bisulfite was adopted. Resolution (R-048/20), providing authorization to bid Spare Gravity Belt Parts was adopted. Resolution (R-049/20), providing authorization to bid Aqueous Control Solutions for Struvite Control was adopted. Resolution (R-050/20), providing authorization to bid Aqueous Control Solutions for Struvite Removal was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis and Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino; nays, none.

On motion to approve as a group by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Holman, Resolution (R-051/20), Authorizing a Purchase Order to Repair and Rebuild Three (3) Strainpress Screws was adopted. Resolution (R-052/20), Authorizing a Purchase Order for Furnishing and Delivering Three (3) Centrifuge Feed Tubes was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis and Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino; nays, none.

Under Miscellaneous, authorization providing QPA and Joint Meeting the ability to increase the state bid threshold. Acting Director of Finance, Mr. Kelly, explains that this action allows purchasing agent, Ms. DeFrancis to make purchases at an increase limit and items over 17,500 will still be brought to the board via resolution for approval. Ms. DeFrancis noted that every five (5) years the state increases their bid threshold. If an entity has a QPA, then that entity is allowed to increase their threshold. Current threshold is \$40,000 and on July 1st, 2020, threshold will increase to \$44,000.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution (R-053/20), authorization of Appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent and Increasing the Bid Threshold was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis and Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino; nays, none.

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

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Bowman, the General Counsel Report, Labor and Employment Counsel Report, having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none

No Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report (s).

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Holman, the Engineering Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. Florio, the CSO Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no Correspondence to be filed.

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 Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Clarke. Hearing no one, the Public Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Clarke. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Deluca, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-044/20), Approving Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis and Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Deluca, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-045/20), Third Quarter Assessment was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis and Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino; nays, none.

There was no Unfinished Business.

In New Business, New Board Secretary Malika Johnson was introduced to the board.

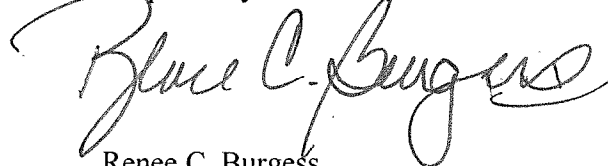
Director Johnson suggested to continue to meet monthly due to COVID-19 crisis.

Next Meeting July 16th, 2020.

In accordance with Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 2, the public is permitted to be excluded from a meeting in certain circumstances and the Joint Meeting is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist as the general nature of the subject matter in closed session was to discuss Personnel/Labor Negotiations as last month and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date. On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Deluca at 4:24 pm, the Board entered into close session. On motion all in favor, nays, none. On motion by Mr. Deluca, seconded by Mr. Ramos at 4:54pm, the Board exited closed session and opened the meeting back up to the public. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There being no further business on motion by Mr. Deluca, seconded by Ms. Holman, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on July 16th, 2020 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renee C. Burgess". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "C".

Renee C. Burgess
Secretary