

Meeting Minutes of November 12th, 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: Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Bowman, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Guarino and DeAugustine, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Burgess. Absent: Ms. Holman.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson, Ms. DeFrancis; Messrs. Dowhan, Barry, Phillips, Gonzalez, Jack Kelly 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, N. Towers and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates, R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC.

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

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. Florio, the Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board Member was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chair Mr. Ramos stated that the Committee met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution for Professional Service Approving the Qualification for Various Professional Services & Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service Firms (R-093/20), Resolution for the Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials (R-095/20), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order Providing Repairs to Cogeneration Circuit Breakers (R-096/20), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order Furnishing & Delivering One (1) Fairbanks Solids Handling Pump (R-097/20), Resolution Authorizing Right of Access Agreement-Borne Chemical Company Site Participation Group Members (R-098/20), Resolution Authorizing Adoption of 2021 Budget (R-094/20).

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution (R-093/20) Authorizing Approving the Qualification for Various Professional Services & Extraordinary Unspecifiable

Service Firm was adopted. On roll call: ayes Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Bowman, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Guarino and DeAugustine. Ms. Prupis and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. Bowman, Resolution (R-095/20) Authorizing to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials ---The Procurement by Public Bidding of Goods & Services was adopted. On roll call: ayes Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Bowman, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Guarino and DeAugustine. Ms. Prupis and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution (R-096/20) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Circuit Breaker Sales NE, Inc. for Repairs to Cogeneration Circuit Breakers was adopted. On roll call: ayes Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Bowman, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Guarino and DeAugustine. Ms. Prupis and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution (R-097/20) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Pump & Pump, Inc. for Furnishing & Delivering One (1) Fairbanks Solids Handling Pump was adopted. On roll call: ayes Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Bowman, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Guarino and DeAugustine. Ms. Prupis and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution (R-098/20) Authorizing Execution of Rights of Access Agreement with Borne Chemical Company Site Participating Group Members was adopted. On roll call: ayes Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Bowman, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Guarino and DeAugustine. Ms. Prupis and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

Chairman DeAugustine asked if the test was for offsite mitigation from their plant to the JMEUC Property.

Director Johnson explained that the Borne Group cite is located very close to the JMEUC property. Some soils testing will need to be done on JMEUC property, and therefore, Borne Group is allowed access to do so.

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, Resolution (R-094/20) Authorizing Adoption of Joint Meeting & Essex & Union Counties 2021 Budget was adopted. On roll call: ayes Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Bowman, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Guarino and DeAugustine. Ms. Prupis and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Burgess, 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 Mr. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Burgess, the General Counsel Report, the Labor and Employment Counsel Report, Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report (s) (Hamlin & Ridley, Antonelli Kantor, P.C. no report), the Engineering Report, and the Engineering Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was Affirmative Action Plan correspondence for the Board.

Mr. DeLuca shared concerns about his discovery, on page 7 (Overview of Categories) of Affirmative Action Plan, of what he considered to be insensitive language in the report. He requested it can be changed.

Director Johnson assures him that she will look into it as the 2021 Affirmative Action Plan is being organized.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca for adoption with changes, seconded by Ms. Burgess, the correspondence having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion with changes, all in favor. Nays, none.

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

On motion Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Guarino, Resolution (R-092/20) Approving Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call: ayes Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Bowman, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Guarino and DeAugustine. Ms. Prupis and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

There was no Unfinished Business.

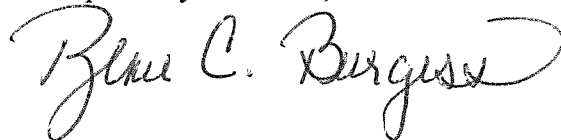
There was no New Business.

Next Meeting is January 21st, 2021

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 and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date. On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. DeLuca at 4:25pm, the Board entered into close session. On motion all in favor, nays, none. On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio at 4.32pm, 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 Mr. Florio, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on January 21st, 2021 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renee C. Burgess". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Renee C. Burgess
Secretary