Meeting Minutes of September 17th, 2021

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 2021 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 28th, 2020 and provided special notice of the virtual meeting 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 published on September 9th, 2021.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Haskins, DeAugustine, Wasserman and Ramos; Ms. Fox. Absent: Messrs. Rutherford; Ms. Holman and Ms. Burgess.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson, Ms. DeFrancis; Messrs. Dowhan, Barry, Gonzalez and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble, Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC; R. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck; H. Johnsen of CME Associates; and R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC. Julie Needham of NW Financial. Absent: Messrs. Phillips, Bonaccorso & Towers.

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

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Fox, the Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board members 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 Authorizing to Bid Custodial Services Through New Jersey State Contract (R-090/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for Repairs to Substation Number One (R-091/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for Emergency Purchase Order for Repairs to M91 Side 38kV ABB Vacuum Breaker (R-092/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for Repairs to the Cogen Chiller (R-093/21).

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. .Florio, Resolution (R-090/21) Awarding a Contract to Association for Choices in Community Supports and Employment Services - NJ

(ACCSES NJ) for Custodial Services through New Jersey State Contract was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Haskins, Ramos, DeAugustine, Petrosky and Wasserman; Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Wasserman, Resolution (R-091/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Eii. Inc. for Repairs to Substation Number was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Haskins, Ramos, DeAugustine, Petrosky and Wasserman; Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wasserman, Resolution (R-092/21) Authorizing an Emergency Purchase Order to M & L Power Systems Inc. for Repairs to M91 Side 38kV ABB Vacuum Breaker was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Haskins, Ramos, DeAugustine, Petrosky and Wasserman; Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Deluca, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-093/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to PDM Group for Repairs to the Cogen Chiller was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Haskins, Ramos, DeAugustine, Petrosky and Wasserman; Ms. Fox; nays, none.

Under Finance & Budget, Director Johnson recommended Oct 4th-15th as range of dates for Budget Meeting. A formal meeting request will be sent to the members of the Finance Budget Committee with a firm meeting date.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, 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. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wasserman, the General Counsel Report (Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC), having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC), the Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report(s) (Hamlin & Ridley, and Antonelli Kantor, P.C. No Report), having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

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

Under CSO Report, Ted Burgess addressed questions Board members had from the last meeting's CSO Report, as well as conducting a presentation and provided updates on the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Permit Requirements.

There was No Correspondence.

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

There was No Closed Session

Councilman Ramos experienced some technical issues and was disconnected from the virtual meeting.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-088/21) Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Haskins, DeAugustine, Petrosky and Wasserman; Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Wassermann, Resolution (R-089/21) Fourth Quarter of 2021 Assessment was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Haskins, DeAugustine, Petrosky and Wasserman; Ms. Fox; nays, none.

There was No Unfinished Business.

There was No New Business.

Next Meeting is October 21st, 2021

There being no further business on motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, the meeting then adjourned at 4:53pm to meet again on October 21st, 2021 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald DeAugustine
Chairperson