

Meeting Minutes of October 20th, 2022

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson Ramos 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 2022 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 22nd, 2021.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Leneus, Florio, Petrosky, Dafis, Haskins, Epps and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic. Absent: Mr. Rutherford

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Dowhan, Gonzalez, Barry, Phillips, Volpe and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster ,Esq., 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; Julie Needham of NW Financial. and David Leun & Derek Etkin, of CDM Smith.

Director Johnson introduced new board member, Councilwoman Charnette Frederic (Irvington).

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

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Dafis, the Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none. Abstain: Ms. Frederic.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-067/22) Authorizing 2022 Committee Appointments - Revised Version was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Dafis, Florio, Epps, Haskins and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chair Mr. Florio, stated that the Committee met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorizing Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study for the Flood Mitigation Project-CDM Smith (R-069/22), Resolution

Authorizing a Bid for Providing Excavation and Repair Services on an “As Needed” Basis (R-070/22), Resolution Authorizing a Bid for Furnishing and Delivering New Work Uniforms on a Rental Basis (R-071/22), Resolution Authorizing an Award for Effluent Pumping Station (R-075/22), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for Engineering Services for the Replacement and Equipment Testing of Electrical Busway-Feeders at the Sludge Dewatering Facility (R-072/22), Resolution Authorizing Emergency Purchase Order for the Replacement of Busway Feeders (F1 & F2) at the Sludge Dewatering Facilities (R-073/22), Resolution Authorizing Amending Contract for Providing Pipe Line Cleaning, CCTV Inspection and/or Combined CCTV/Sonar Inspection Services for the Joint Meeting Trunk Lines on an “As Needed” Basis (R-074/22).

On motion by Mr. Ramos, second by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-069/22) Awarding a Contract to CDM Smith for Engineering Services to Provide a Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study for the Flood Mitigation Project was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Dafis and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-070/22) Awarding Contract to Montana Construction Corporation Inc. for Excavation and Repair Services on an “As Needed” Basis was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Dafis and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-071/22) Awarding Contract to Cintas Corporation No. 2 for Furnishing and Delivering New Work Uniforms on a Rental Basis was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Dafis and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-075/22) Awarding Contract to Anselmi & DeCicco, Inc. for Effluent Pumping Station was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Dafis and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Fox, Resolution (R-072/22) Authorizing Issuance of a Purchase Order to H2M for Engineering Services for the Replacement and Equipment Testing of Electrical Busway Feeders at the Sludge Dewatering Facility was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Dafis and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-073/22) Authorizing Issuance of an Emergency Purchase Order to High Energy for the Replacement of Busway Feeders (F1 & F2) at the Sludge Dewatering Facility was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Dafis and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Dafis, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-074/22) Amending Contract with National Water Main Cleaning Company for Providing Pipe Line Cleaning, CCTV Inspection and/or Combined CCTV/Sonar Inspections Services for the Joint Meeting Trunk Lines

on an “As needed” Basis was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Dafis and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

Under Finance and Budget report, Director Johnson introduced the 2023 Budget Draft to the Board Members. Mr. Gonzalez provided an overview of the 2023 Budget Draft and Mr. Bonaccorso explained the breakdowns of the Budget History Summaries and Assessments Allocation.

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

On motion by Mr. Dafis, seconded by Ms. Prupis, the General Counsel Report, (Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC), the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC), the Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report(s) (Antonelli Kantor, P.C. - No Report) the Engineering Report, and the CSO Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nay, none.

There were correspondence for Elizabeth Third Quarter Adjustment Bill and The Township of Irvington Member appointment letter.

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

There was no closed session.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Prupis, Resolution (R-066/22) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Dafis and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

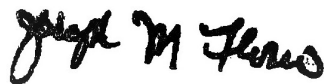
On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Ramos/Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-068/22) Appreciation to Renee C. Burgess was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio, Epps, Haskins, Dafis and Ramos; Ms. Fox, Ms. Prupis and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, next meeting date will be on November 10th, 2022. League of Municipalities will be held on November 15th-17th and AEA November 15th-16th. Several Joint Meeting Staff members will be in attendance.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Epps, seconded by Ms. Fox, the meeting then adjourned at 5:10 pm to meet again on November 10th, 2022 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph M. Florio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Joseph M. Florio
Secretary