

Meeting Minutes of Special Board Meeting of August 31, 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 special meeting has been provided to the public by mailing the notice of this special virtual meeting for August 31, 2022 at 4PM 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 the County Clerks' Office of Essex and Union all on August 29, 2022.

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

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Dowhan, Gonzalez, Volpe of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble, Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC; H. Johnsen, J. Bonaccorso and N. Towers of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC.; Ms. Julie Needham of NW Financial; and Everett Johnson of Wilentz.

The following verbal report was given:

Director Johnson read Resolution 062/22 into the record and explained why the adoption of the resolution was being recommended by the administration. Director Johnson also explained that any approval granted by the member municipalities would be subject to the requirement of a 90% reimbursement from FEMA.

Board Member Florio asked about Union's share of the additional assessment sought. Ms. Needham and Mr. Johnson answered the questions raised and indicated that additional information would be circulated to the member municipalities and the City of Elizabeth following the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Dafis, seconded by Ms. Fox, Resolution (R-062/22) Approving and Authorizing an Additional Assessment to Fund the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox, Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins, Epps, and Florio; nays, none.

A discussion then followed about how much money had been spent to date on planning, design and permitting work.

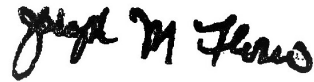
The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on any Joint Meeting matter with a five minute limit. On motion to open public comments by Mr. Epps, seconded by Mr. Florio. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Mr. Epps, seconded by Mr. Florio. On motion all in favor, nays,

none.

There was no closed session.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Epps, seconded by Mr. Florio, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on September 15, 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, slightly slanted style.

Joseph M. Florio
Secretary