

## Meeting Minutes of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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 2023 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Petrosky, Rutherford, Dafis, Ramos, Leneus and Florio (joined @4:35pm); Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum. Absent: Ms. Fox.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Phillips, Kelly, Barry, and Berkeley Esq., of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster, Esq., and J. Noble, Esq., of Connell Foley, LLP; J. Burke Esq., of Antonelli Kantor Rivera; H. Johnsen, N. Towers and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC; Julia Needham of Echo Valley Advisors, LLC; David Leun of CDM Smith; Bob Butvilla of Suplee Clooney; B. Hall of Hall & Associates and Frank San Martin of Aubrey Group.

On motion by Ms. Bonanno, seconded by Ms. Collum, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, the Treasurer's report was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: In the absent of Chair Mr. Florio, Mr. Ramos stated that the Committee met, discussed, and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorization for ACOE Storm Water Pumping Station- Construction- CME Associates (R-075/23), Resolution Authorization for Review of 2023 Draft NJPDES Permit – Hall & Associates (R-076/23), Resolution Authorization to Award for Furnishing and Delivering Pentair X-Flow XF40 Membrane Elements or Approved Equivalent (R-077/23), Resolution Authorization to Award for Furnishing and Delivering Model GB25 Cog Rake Bar Screens Replacement Parts (R-078/23), Resolution Authorization for Communication Services (R-079/23).

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-075/23) Awarding Contract to CME Associates for Construction Services related to the ACOE Storm Water

Pumping Station Construction was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Dafis, Petrosky, Rutherford, and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nay: Mr. Leneus.

On motion by Ms. Bonanno, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-076/23) Amending Contract to Hall Associates for Legal Services for Review of 2023 Draft NJPDES Permit was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Dafis, Petrosky, Rutherford, Leneus and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nay, none

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-077/23) Awarding Contract to Motion Industries for Furnishing and Delivering Pentair X-Flow XF40 Membrane Elements or Approved Equivalent was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Dafis, Petrosky, Rutherford, and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nay, none. Abstention: Mr. Leneus.

On motion by Mr. Dafis, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-078/23) Awarding Contract to WSG & Solutions, Inc for Furnishing and Delivering Model GB25 Cog Rake Bar Screens Replacement Parts was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Dafis, Leneus, Petrosky, Rutherford, and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nay, none.

On motion by Mr. Leneus, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-079/23) Awarding Contract to AlertMedia for Communication Services was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Dafis, Petrosky, Rutherford, Leneus and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nay, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Finance and Budget was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Under Staff Report, 2022 Annual User Charge Apportionment Report needs modifying.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Romano and Mr. Dafis, 2022 Surplus (Schedules 5 & 6), 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. Bonanno, seconded by Ms. Frederic and Mr. Petrosky, the General Counsel Report, (Connell Foley, LLP), the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Antonelli Kantor Rivera), the Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report(s) (Antonelli Kantor Rivera - No Report), the Engineering Report (CME Associates), the CSO Report (CDM Smith) and Grant Writing Services Reports (No Report - Aubrey Group, LLC) having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was correspondence for Elizabeth Second Quarter Adjustment and Member

Appointment letter for Mr. Ramos, City of Newark.

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

There was no closed session.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-074/23) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Petrosky, Florio, Rutherford, and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Bonanno, Resolution (R-080/23) Authorizing the Executive Director or Superintendent to Execute Certain Documents – TWA and NJPDES Applications. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Petrosky, Florio, Rutherford, and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nays, none.

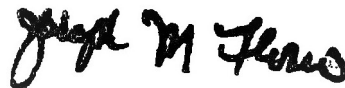
There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Director Johnson expressed congratulations to the newly appointed Superintendent, Mr. Francis Bonaccorso, and General Manager, Mr. Michael Phillips.

There being no further business, on motion by, Ms. Frederic seconded by Ms. Romano, the meeting then adjourned at 4:39 pm to meet again on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph M. Florio". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joseph M. Florio  
Secretary