

## Meeting Minutes of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. In the absence of Chairperson Ramos, Vice Chairperson/Secretary Mr. Florio 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, Leneus, Florio, Rutherford and Dafis (joined @ 4:08 pm); Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Collum, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Fox (joined @ 4:08 pm). Absent: Mr. Ramos.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Dowhan, Phillips, Volpe, 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 and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC; Julia Needham of Echo Valley Advisors, LLC, David Leun of CDM Smith, Zack Elderman of Fairview Insurance and Frank San Martin of The Aubrey Group.

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

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

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 Authorization for Miscellaneous Building Rehabilitation-Anselmi DeCicco Inc. (R-054/23), Resolution Authorization for Main Plant Site Wall – CME Associates (R-055/23), Resolution Authorization for Insurance Renewals (R-056/23), Resolution Authorization for General Counsel – Connell Foley (R-057/23), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order Providing for Outdoor Main Substation PM and Testing (R-058/23).

On Motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-054/23) Awarding a Construction Contract to Anselmi & DeCicco Inc. for the Miscellaneous Building Rehabilitation Project was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Petrosky, Florio,

and Rutherford; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, and Ms. Fox; nays, none. Abstention: Ms. Collum.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-055/23) Awarding Contract to CME Associates for Main Plant Site Wall Construction Administration was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Petrosky, Florio, and Rutherford; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, and Ms. Fox; nays, none. Abstention: Ms. Collum.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-056/23) Insurance Renewals was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Petrosky and Florio; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, and Ms. Fox; nay: Mr. Rutherford. Abstention: Ms. Collum.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-057/23) Amending Contract with Connell Foley for General Counsel was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Petrosky, Florio and Rutherford; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, and Ms. Fox; nay, none. Abstention: Ms. Collum.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Dafis, Resolution (R-058/23) Authorizing a Purchase Order to M&L Power System, Inc. for Outdoor Main Substation PM and Testing was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Petrosky, Florio and Rutherford; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, and Ms. Fox; nay, none. Abstention: Ms. Collum.

On motion by Mr. Dafis, seconded by Ms. Romano, 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. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Fox, 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) 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. Romano, the Engineering Report (CME Associates), the CSO Report (CDM Smith) and Grant Writing Services (Aubrey Group, LLC) Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was correspondence for Member Appointment Letter for Village President Sheena Collum, South Orange.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Florio, Member Appointment Letter for Village President Sheena Collum, South Orange was adopted. On motion 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. Rutherford, seconded by Ms. Bonanno. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Ms. Fox, seconded by Ms. Romano. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-053/23) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Petrosky, Florio and Rutherford; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, and Ms. Fox; nay, none. Abstention: Ms. Collum.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-059/23) Appreciation for Trustee William Haskins was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Petrosky, Florio and Rutherford; Ms. Frederic, Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Collum and Ms. Fox; nay, none.

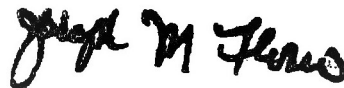
There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, next meeting date will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and WEFTEC Conference commencing on September 30 – October 4, 2023.

In accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L.1975, permitting the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and as the Joint Meeting is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist as the general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is **Employees/Personnel** and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date. On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Ms. Romano, the Board entered into close session at 4:33 pm. On motion all in favor, nays, none. On motion by Ms. Romano seconded by Mr. Rutherford, the Board exited closed session at 4:38 pm.

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Collum, the meeting then adjourned at 4:39 pm to meet again on June 15<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