

Meeting Minutes of October 19th, 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 23rd, 2022.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Petrosky, Ramos, Leneus, Dafis, Rutherford and Florio (joined @4:14 pm); Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, Ms. Collum and Ms. Fox. Absent: Ms. Bonanno.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Phillips, Akinokun, Volpe, Barry, Kelly 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; N. Towers and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC; Julie Needham of Echo Valley Advisors, LLC and David Leun of CDM Smith.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Romano, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none. Abstention: Ms. Frederic, Ms. Collum and Mr. Rutherford.

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 Florio, Chairman Ramos stated that the Committee met, discussed, and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorization to Award for Providing Pipeline Cleaning, CCTV Inspection and/or Combined CCTV Sonar Inspection Services to the Joint Meeting Trunkline Collection System on an "As Needed Basis" (R-097/23), Resolution Authorization to Award for Removal, Transportation and Disposal of Grit and Screening (R-098/23), Resolution Authorization to Award for Cogeneration Facility Supply and Delivery of Activated Carbon Media for Hydrogen Sulfide Removal for Vessels 301/302 (R-099/23), Resolution Authorization to Award for Furnishing and Delivering Huber Strain Press Parts or Approved Equivalent (R-100/23).

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Fox, Resolution (R-097/23) Awarding a Contract to National Water Main Cleaning Company for Providing Pipeline Cleaning, CCTV

Inspection and/or Combined CCTV/ Sonar Inspection Services to the Joint Meeting Trunkline Collection System on an "As Needed Basis" was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Leneus, Dafis, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Fox, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nay, none.

On motion Mr. Leneus, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-098/23) Awarding a Contract to Spectraserv Inc. for the Removal, Transportation and Disposal of Grit and Screenings was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Leneus, Dafis, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Fox, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nay, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Dafis, Resolution (R-099/23) Awarding a Contract to Norit Americas Inc. for Cogeneration Facility Supply and Delivery of Activated Carbon Media for Hydrogen Sulfide Removal for Vessels # 301/302 was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Leneus, Dafis, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Fox, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nay, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Leneus, Resolution (R-100/23) Awarding a Purchase Order to Sherwood-Logan & Associates, LLC for Furnishing and Delivering Huber Strain Press Parts was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Leneus, Dafis, Rutherford and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Fox, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nay, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the Treatment Plant Report, the Industrial Pretreatment Report, and the 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. Romano, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, 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), the Engineering Report (CME Associates), the CSO Report (CDM Smith) and Grant Writing Services Reports (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 Third Quarter Adjustment Bill.

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

There was no closed session.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-096/23) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Florio, Leneus, Dafis, Rutherford and

Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Fox, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nay, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-101/23) Pay Increase for Non-Union Employees was tabled. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-102/23) Pay increase for Board Members was tabled. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

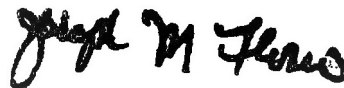
Resolutions (R-101/23) & (R-102/23) were tabled until a plan and tentative agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Board.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on November 9, 2023; League of Municipalities is November 14th-16th, and AEA November 14th-15th.

There being no further business, on motion by, Ms. Rutherford seconded by Ms. Collum, the meeting then adjourned at 4:34 pm to meet again on November 9th, 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