Board Meeting of May 16th, 2024

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson 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 2024 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 January 4th, 2024.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios, Ramos, and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum. Absent: Ms. Adams and Mr. Rutherford.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Phillips, Akinokun, Kairu, Barry, Kelly, and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; 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; Julie Needham of Echo Valley Advisors, David Leun of CDM Smith, Zachary Edelman of Fairview Insurance Agency Associates and Nathan Burroughs of Taurus Advisory Group.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Romano, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Collum, the Treasurer's report was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chairman Florio stated that the Committee met, discussed, and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorization to Award Insurance Renewal (R-052/24), Resolution Authorization to Award FEMA-NJDEP Project Coordination & Permitting – CME Associates (R-053/24), Resolution Authorization to Award New Primary Tunnel Building Construction – CME Associates (R-059/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order Providing Cogen Silencer Repair (R-054/24) Resolution Authorization to Amend Contract with Enerwise Global Technologies LLC d/b/a CPower for Demand Response Services (R-055/24), Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with Verizon for Pole and Cable Relocation (R-056/24).

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-052/24) Insurance Renewal was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and

Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-053/24) Awarding Contract to CME Associates for FEMA-NJDEP and NJIB Project Coordination & Permitting was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-059/24) Awarding Contract to CME Associates for New Primary Tunnel Building Construction was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-054/24) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Superior Welding and Boiler for Providing Cogen Silencer Repair was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nays, none.

On motion Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Frederic & Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-055/24) Amending Contract to Enerwise Global Technologies, LLC d/b/a CPower for Demand Response Services was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-056/24) Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with Verizon for Cable and Pole Relocation was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano; nay, Ms. Collum.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Collum, 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. Rios, 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), and the CSO Report (CDM Smith) having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no correspondence.

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. Collum, the public comment portion of the meeting was opened. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Collum. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

On motion by Mr. Rios, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-051/24) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Collum, Resolution (R-057/24) Appreciation to Michael Foster and Resolution (R-058/24) Appreciation to Carmine Cristiano were adopted as a group. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on June 20, 2024, and WEFTEC Conference Commencing on October 5 – October 9, 2024.

There being no further business, on motion by, Ms. Collum, seconded by Mr. Florio, the meeting then adjourned at 4:44 pm to meet again on June 20, 2024, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Anibal Ramos Jr.