Board Meeting of October 17th, 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. Petrosky, Rutherford, Ramos, Vartan, Florio and Leneus (joined @ 4:07pm); Ms. Adams, Ms. Romano, and Ms. Collum. Absent: Ms. Frederic and Mr. Rios.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Akinokun, Kairu, Kelly, Barry, Volpe, Phillips 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, and David Leun of CDM Smith.

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

Under Treasure's report, Ms. Collum requested an explanation of over budget expenses in both the general insurance and pension line items. Director Johnson and Acting Director of Finance Mr. Kelly provided an explanation and breakdown.

On motion by Ms. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Ramos, 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 Grease Removal and Disposal of Primary Settling Tank (R-091/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order Providing Cog Rake Bar Screen Parts Through NJ Coop B414-18 (R-092/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order Providing Fiberglass Staircase Replacement (R-093/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order Providing Flame Arrester Parts (R-094/24), Resolution Authorizing Change Order Furnishing, Delivering and Providing Start-up for Main Sewage Pump No.5 Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) (R-096/24), Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property no longer needed for Public Use

on an Online Auction Service (R-095/24).

Chairman Florio requested to vote the following Resolutions as a group: Resolution (R-091/24) Awarding a Contract to Spectraserv Inc. for Grease Removal & Disposal of Primary, Settling Tank, Resolution (R-092/24) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Rapid Pump & Meter Services Co. for Cog Rake Bar Screen Parts Through NJ Coop B414-18, Resolution (R-093/24) Authorizing a Purchase Order to A&A Building Technologies, LLC for Providing Fiberglass Staircase Replacement, Resolution (R-094/24) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Sherwood-Logan & Associates, LLC for Providing Flame Arrester Parts, Resolution (R-096/24) Authorizing Change Order to Pumping Service, Inc. for the Start-up for Main Sewage Pump No. 5 Variable Frequency Drive (VFD), Resolution (R-095/24) Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property no Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Service. On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Adams, Resolutions (R-091/24), (R-092/24), (R-093/24), (R-094/24), (R-096/24), and (R-095/24) were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Rutherford, Ramos, Vartan and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Adams, Resolution (R-090/24) Payment of Bill was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Rutherford, Ramos, Vartan and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, 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 Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Collum, 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 correspondence for Elizabeth Third Quarter Adjustment Bill.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Petrosky & Mr. Florio, Elizabeth Third Quarter Adjustment Bill 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. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, 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 Mr. Vartan & Mr. Rutherford. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

Under unfinished business, Director Johnson provided information to the Board on money spent and reimbursed to date with FEMA. In her report, she stated that the grand total spent is

$46,811,120.38; amount submitted to FEMA $40,298,425.68 and $34,695,490.00 was reimbursed and transfer into the IBank.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on November 14, 2024; League of Municipalities Conference will be held on November 19th – 21st, 2024, and AEA on November 18th - 19th, 2024 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

There being no further business, on motion by, Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Romano, the meeting then adjourned at 4:29 pm to meet again on November 14, 2024, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary
Anibal Ramos Jr.