

Meeting Minutes of April 15th, 2021

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson DeAugustine 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 2021 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 28th, 2020 and provided special notice of the virtual meeting to the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune and 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 as published on April 8th, 2021.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Clarke, Wasserman and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox and Ms. Holman. Absent: Ms. Burgess; Messrs. Petrosky and Rutherford.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson, Ms. DeFrancis; Messrs. Dowhan, Barry, Phillips, Gonzalez and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble, Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC; R. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck; H. Johnsen, N. Towers and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates; and R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC.

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

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Ramos, the Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chair Mr. Ramos stated that the Committee met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorizing Auditing Services (R-040/21), Resolution Authorization to Bid Furnishing & Delivering Exhaust Catalyst Elements (R-041/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order Furnishing & Delivering Flame Trap Parts & Relief Parts (R-042/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order Furnishing & Delivering Grit Chamber Flygts (R-043/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for Removal & Disposal of Radioactive Density Devices (R-044/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for 2021 Ford T-350 Transit Cargo Van under State Contract No. A88211 (R-045/21), Resolution Authorizing execution of Contract with Enerwise Global Technologies, LLC d/b/a CPower for Demand Response Services (R-046/21).

Director Johnson requested a motion to table Resolution 040/21.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-040/21) Authorizing to table Awarding Contract to XXXXXXXX for Auditing Services was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Clarke, Wasserman and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio Resolution (R-041/21) Awarding a Contract to Miratech Group, LLC for Furnishing and Delivering Exhaust Catalyst Elements was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Clarke, Wasserman and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution (R-042/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Evoqua Water Technologies for Furnishing and Delivering Flame Trap Parts and Relief Parts was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Clarke, Wasserman and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution (R-043/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Eastern Industrial Automation for Furnishing and Delivering Grit Chamber Flygts was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Clarke, Wasserman and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution (R-044/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to RAM Services, Inc. for the Removal and Disposal of Radioactive Density Devices was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Clarke, Wasserman and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-045/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order of a 2021 Ford T-350 Transit Cargo Van under State Contract No. A88211 was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Clarke, Wasserman and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Ms. Fox, Resolution (R-046/21) Authorizing a Contract to Enerwise Global Technologies, LLC d/b/a CPower for Demand Response Services was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Clarke, Wasserman and DeAugustine; nays, none

On motion by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Ramos, the 2020 Annual Operations Report, the 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. Florio, seconded by Ms. Fox, the General Counsel Report (Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC), having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Clarke, the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC), having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, the Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report(s) (Hamlin & Ridley, and Antonelli Kantor, P.C. No Report), and the Engineering Report, having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Clarke, the CSO Report having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was Correspondence from the JMEUC to the City of Elizabeth in regards to the First Quarter Adjustment.

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 Ms. Holman. Hearing no one, the Public Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Fox. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-039/21) Approving Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Clarke, Wasserman and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution (R-047/21) Authorizing the Executive Director to sign energy supply contracts with winning bidders in the Online Energy Auctions was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Clarke, Wasserman and DeAugustine; nays, none.

Under Unfinished Business, on motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Florio, the November 10th, 2021 new meeting date was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Under New Business- Mr. DeAugustine asked the Board members to review the Responsible Contractor/Contract Prevision and share their feedbacks at the next Board meeting.

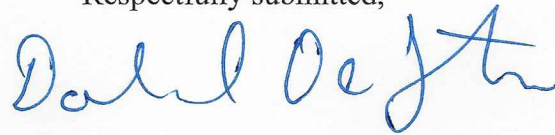
Next Meeting is May 20th, 2021

Director Johnson informed the Board that the Bound Minutes of 2020 were mailed out to all Municipal and County Clerks' offices, Libraries of the municipalities, General Counsel and the General Engineering Consultant.

In accordance with Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the public is permitted to be excluded from a meeting in certain circumstances and the Joint Meeting is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist as the general nature of the subject matter in closed session was to discuss the Elizabeth Pipe Break Cost Credit and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date. On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Wasserman at 4:33pm, the Board entered into close session. On motion all in favor, nays, none. On motion by DeLuca, seconded by Wasserman at 4:42pm, the Board exited closed session and opened the meeting back up to the public. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There being no further business on motion by DeLuca , seconded by Wasserman, the meeting then adjourned at 4:42pm to meet again on May 20th, 2021 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald DeAugustine
Chairperson