

Meeting Minutes of January 21st, 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 telephonic conference 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 January 14th, 2021.

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

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson, Ms. DeFrancis; Messrs. Dowhan, Barry, Phillips, Gonzalez and Berkeley Esq. of 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.

Director Johnson introduced the new board members, Richard Wasserman (Millburn), Marjorie Fox (summit) and Bill Rutherford (West Orange).

E. Webster led the nomination for Chairperson – Mr. Florio nominated Mr. DeAugustine for Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Ramos. All in favor of nomination, nays, none.

Chairperson, Mr. DeAugustine led the election of the remaining officers. Nomination for Vice Chairperson/Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. DeAugustine nominated Ms. Burgess for Vice Chairperson/Secretary, seconded by Ms. Holman. All in favor of nomination, nays, none.

Mr. Ramos nominated Mr. DeLuca for Treasurer, seconded by Ms. Holman. All in favor of nomination, nays, none.

Director Johnson led the swearing in of the returning officer, Mr. DeAugustine and new elected Mr. DeLuca. Ms. Burgess was absent.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Designation of Official

Newspaper(s) was adopted. Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox and Ms. Holman; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Designation of Official Banks was adopted. Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox and Ms. Holman; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, Bank Signatories was adopted. Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox and Ms. Holman; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, and DeAugustine; nays, none. Abstentions; Ms. Holman, Ms. Fox, Mr. Wasserman, and Mr. Rutherford.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, 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 a Purchase Order Furnishing & Delivering One (1) Biotage 3100 Oil and Grease Extractor (R-011/21), Resolution Amending Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Technical Grade Aqueous Suspension of Magnesium Hydroxide Slurry (R-012/21), Resolution Amending Contract for Excavation and Repair Services on an "As Needed" Basis (R-013/21), Resolution Authorizing the use of Public Bidding for the Purchase of Proprietary Equipment in connection with the Co Generation Facility Upgrades (R-014/21).

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Holman, Resolution (R-011/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Biotage, LLC for Furnishing and Delivering one (1) Biotage 3100 Oil & Grease Extractor was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox and Ms. Holman; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution (R-012/21), Authorizing Amending Contract with Premier Magnesium, LLC for Furnishing and Delivering Technical Grade Aqueous Suspension of Magnesium Hydroxide Slurry was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox and Ms. Holman; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Holman, Resolution (R-013/21), Authorizing Amending Contract to Montana Construction for Excavation and Repair Services on an "As Needed" Basis was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox and Ms. Holman; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution (R-014/21), Authorizing the Use of Public Bidding for the Purchasing of Proprietary Equipment in Connection with the Co Generation Facility Upgrades was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox and Ms. Holman; nays, none.

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

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

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

There was Correspondence - A letter was sent to the City of Elizabeth in regards to their Fourth Quarter Adjustment.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Clarke, the Correspondence having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. 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 Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Hearing no one, the Public Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Clarke. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no Closed Session.

On motion Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-007/21) Approving Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox and Ms. Holman; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-008/21), Appreciation to Tara Prupis, Resolution (R-009/21), Appreciation to Steve Bowman, and Resolution (R-010/21), Appreciation to Jerry Guarino was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox and Ms. Holman; nays, none.

Under Unfinished Business, Director Johnson will be providing all Board members with a revised request letter for the Equivalent Dwelling Unit calculations, a revised form of the certification of the calculations, as well as a refined calculation spreadsheet and audit recommendation for your review.

There was no New Business.

Next Meeting is February 18th, 2021

There being no further business on motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Ramos, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on February 18th, 2021 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald DeAugustine", written over a horizontal line.

Donald DeAugustine
Chairperson