

Meeting of March 20, 2014 Maintenance

A meeting of the Joint Meeting was held on the above date at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. Chairperson Florio 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 the notice of the meeting of the Joint Meeting on the bulletin board of the Maplewood Municipal Building; by mailing the notice of the meeting 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' Offices of Essex and Union, all on December 30, 2013.

On roll call the following members were present: Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff. Ms. Jones and Spango notified the office that they would be unable to attend today's meeting.

Also in attendance were Messrs. McGhee, Dowhan, Terrezza, Sforza, Akinokun and Barry of Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble Esq. of Genova, Burns, Giantomasi and Webster et al., Joint Meeting's Consultants CME Associates (CME), AVA Consulting LLC (AVA) and Global Logistics Group (GLG).

The Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance.

On motion by Ms. Saxton, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Ms. Leventhal, the **Treasurer's Reports** having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Levison, seconded by Ms. Leventhal, the **2013 Annual User Charge Apportionment Report, 2013 Operations Report, 2013 Surplus Report, Treatment Plant Report and Industrial Pretreatment Report** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Hughes, **Counsel** and the **Engineer's Report** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

The correspondence will be printed in the minutes.

The Superintendent explained that Joint Meeting received the Wave Award from the Association of Environmental Authorities for establishing an operator training program. This program was implemented to help individuals be trained in the operation and maintenance of Joint Meeting's facility. In addition, they are required to attend school for an Introductory Course on Wastewater Treatment which they have to pass. The program has been very successful and Joint Meeting has trained individuals who are ready to step in when experienced staff retire. The program also helps them achieve a career path and to be able after a year of experience to take the test given by DEP to get their license.

The Executive Director stated that when he became the Executive Director he sat with the Superintendent and together they worked out the trainee program to make the employees more diverse and he is happy to report that this year two females were hired as operators. All of this was part of the report submitted to the AEA and why Joint Meeting received the award.

The Chairperson congratulated all of Joint Meeting's staff that were and are involved in the program. It's one of the reasons that Joint Meeting is probably one of the best run sewer authority in the State, if not the best. He would also like to congratulate the Executive Director on his 10 year anniversary with Joint Meeting.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on any Joint Meeting matter with a five-minute limit. Hearing no one the Public Session was declared closed.

On motion by Ms. Saxton, seconded by Mr. McTernan, Resolution 028, approving payment of bills was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Leventhal, seconded by Mr. Levison, Resolution 029, Assessment Second Quarter 2014 was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Ms. Leventhal, Resolution 030, authorizing the Procurement by Public Bidding of Various Services, Equipment and Materials was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Saxton, seconded by Mr. Rice, Resolution 031, awarding a contract for Providing Pipeline Cleaning Services to the Joint Meeting Trunkline Collection System on an "As Needed" Basis to All American Sewer Services was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

Counsel Noble stated that with regard to Resolution 033, in 2013 the League of Municipalities was opposed to Assembly Bill No. 4147 as they thought the provisions would eliminate competition. This was also Joint Meeting's concern as the estimated cost would be published and a potential bidder would make that their minimum bid. The sponsors of the Bill are Louis D. Greenwald and David P. Rible

The Chairperson stated that the need for the bids to remain competitive is extremely important and to publicly say what the cost might be is detrimental.

On motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Ms. Leventhal, Resolution 033, Opposing Assembly Bill No. 4147 which would require Certain Contract Bid Advertisements Contain Certified Cost Estimate Ranges, Specify the Grounds for the Rejection of all Bids and require a 50% Guaranty on Certain Bids Not to Exceed \$100,000.00 was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

The Chairperson read the following statement which on motion by Mr. McTernan, seconded by Mr. Hughes, was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

In accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permitting the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and as the Joint Meeting is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist as the general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is Personnel and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public upon reconvening.

Upon reconvening on motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Saxton, Resolution 032,

approving an Amended and Restated Employment Agreement for the Executive Director was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

There being no further business on motion by Ms. Leventhal, seconded by Mr. Levison, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. unless called earlier by the Chair. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Rice, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal and Haimoff; nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Levison
Secretary