

Meeting of April 17, 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, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Jones, Leventhal, Haimoff and Spango. Mr. Rice notified the office that he would be unable to attend today's meeting.

Also in attendance were Messrs. McGhee, Dowhan, Terrezza, Sforza, Phillips, Barry and Berkeley Esq. 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, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Leventhal, Haimoff and Spango; nays, none; abstaining, Ms. Jones.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, 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, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Jones, Leventhal, Haimoff and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Saxton, seconded by Ms. Spango, the **Treatment Plant and Industrial Pretreatment Reports** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Jones, Leventhal, Haimoff and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Saxton, seconded by Ms. Spango, the **2013 Audit Report** having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Jones, Leventhal, Haimoff and Spango; nays, none.

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

The correspondence will be printed in the minutes.

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 Mr. Levison, seconded by Ms. Haimoff, Resolution 034, approving payment of bills was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Jones, Leventhal, Haimoff and Spango; nays, none.

With regard to Resolution 038, CME Associates explained that in order to prevent future flooding and damage, and potentially be eligible for a mitigation grant under the FEMA Program some mitigating measures have to be done. FEMA's formula states that if the cost of the mitigation is less than the potential damage that could occur we could possibly get up to 90% reimbursement. A previous study done by CME showed that it was not cost effective to protect the individual buildings but was to protect the entire facility. Today's resolution is for CME to do a study to look at all costs that could possibly be eligible and compare them to what the mitigation costs would be.

In answer to a question about bidding this out, Counsel Webster explained that Joint Meeting normally does not bid out for professional services. Traditionally, at the beginning of the year we advertise and received RFQ's from a number of engineering service providers. Following review of the RFQ's by staff and based upon the kind of experience needed, a list of engineering firms is compiled and voted on by the Board.

The Executive Director explained that the present method gives Joint Meeting the ability of using an engineering firm that has a history with Joint Meeting and are aware of past problems. He believes it would pose a disservice to the member municipalities for someone new to come and learn the facility and any inherent problems that we've had in the past and may need service in the future.

In answer to a question on the scope of expenses for this project CME Associates explained that the project could cost anywhere from \$10,000,000.00 to \$20,000,000.00 with FEMA reimbursing 90%.

On motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Spango, Resolution 035, awarding a contract to CME Associates for Professional Engineering Services for Facilities Flood Control Benefit Cost Analysis was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Jones, Leventhal, Haimoff and Spango; nays, none.

With regard to Resolution 036, the Plant Superintendent explained that it pertains to a high voltage electrical line (over 4,000 volts) that has been in service for over 30 years and the insulation is deteriorating. This is a critical component as it supplies power from the Main Substation to another Substation within the facility, which in turn provides power to the Maim Sewage Pumps, City and Fire Water Booster Pumps and our Biological Treatment System etc. We hope to receive bids and have the line repaired later this year.

On motion by Ms. Saxton, seconded by Mr. McTernan, Resolution 036, authorizing the Procurement by Public Bidding of Various Services, Equipment and Materials was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Jones, Leventhal, Haimoff and Spango; nays, none.

With regard to Resolution 037, the Plant Superintendent explained that this is for a Purchase Order for a Chiller (for the Co-Generation Facility) used to pre-treat Digester Gas used for fuel to operate the generators which reduces our purchasing of outside power. It also reduces the need to run the engines on natural gas.

On motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Spango, Resolution 037, authorizing a Purchase Order to PDM Group for One (1) Condensing Unit for CoGen Chiller was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Jones, Leventhal, Haimoff and Spango; nays, none.

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

In accordance with Section 7 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 Litigation and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date.

Upon reconvening there being no further business on motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Leventhal, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, May 22, 2014, at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. unless called earlier by the Chair. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Hughes, Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Saxton, Jones, Leventhal, Haimoff and Spango; nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Levison
Secretary