

Meeting of June 19, 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. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones and Leventhal. Ms. Spango arrived at 4:05 p.m. Mr. Hughes, Ms. Saxton and Ms. Haimoff notified the office that they would be unable to attend today's meeting.

Also in attendance were Messrs. McGhee, Dowhan, Phillips, Sforza, and Ms. DeFrancis 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. Jones, seconded by Mr. McTernan, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones and Leventhal; nays, none.

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

It now being 4:05 p.m. Ms. Spango arrived.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Ms. Leventhal, Chairperson of the Committee stated that the Committee had meet, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Purchase Order to Xchanger Inc. for Replacement Parts for Xchanger Brand Heat Exchangers (R-052); Purchase Order to Metrovalve & Actuation for furnishing Four (4) Varec Flame Arrestor Bank Assemblies (R-053); Purchase Order to Ram Industrial Services Inc. for Removal, Repair and Reinstallation of a 350 HP Vertical Motor (R-054); Change Order #1 to Allied Construction Group Inc. contract for Plant Laboratory Basement Entrance Modifications (R-055); Change Order #1 to Allied Construction Group, Inc. contract for Replacement of Exhaust Heat Exchangers (R-056), Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website (R-057) and Execution of Access Agreement with the City of Elizabeth (R-059)..

On motion by Ms. Leventhal, seconded by Ms. Jones, Resolution 052, authorizing a Purchase Order to Xchanger Inc. for Replacement Parts for Xchanger Brand Heat Exchangers was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. McTernan, seconded by Ms. Leventhal, Resolution 053, authorizing a Purchase Order to Metrovalve & Actuation for Furnishing Four (4) Varec Flame Arrestor Bank Assemblies was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. McTernan, Resolution 054, authorizing a Purchase Order to Ram Industrial Services Inc. for Removal, Repair and Reinstallation of a 350 HP Vertical Motor was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

With regard to Resolution 060 the Superintendent explained that normally 3 of the 4 engines in the Co-Gen Facility are in operation and the 4th is used as a standby for maintenance purposes. About a week ago we experienced a failure and if 1 of the 3 remaining engines failed we would be unable to operate all of the necessary treatment equipment during a power failure which would affect our treatment efficiency. To alleviate that possibility a quote was received for a generator which will take approximately 16 to 20 weeks for delivery. Usually, the life span of this equipment is approximately 20 years. Our equipment has been in operation for approximately 5 years. An investigation is being conducted by staff as to the possible cause of the premature failure of the equipment.

On motion by Mr. Levison, seconded by Ms. Jones, Resolution 060 authorizing the Purchase of a Caterpillar Genset for the Co-Generation Facility was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

In answer to a question as to what happened to the project that we were going to extend the Co-Gen Facility to include the other building CME Associates explained that a report was prepared showing that it would be feasible to connect the Dewatering Facility to the Co-Gen System by running power lines and changing out some electrical switch gear. This could be done either on a temporary basis or a permanent basis that would automatically run the system at all times. Additional engines would be needed and no decision has been made at this time. On an emergency basis you could shed some load at the plant and be able to partially run the Dewatering Facility.

In answer to a question as to how much has been saved per year with the Co-Gen Facility CME Associates explained that we generated the value of approximately \$1,800,000.00 worth of power on an annual basis which cost us approximately \$650,000.00 to \$800,000.00 per year for maintenance and supplies, etc. The actual savings was approximately \$1,000,000.00 per year on power. Where we would be paying approximately 11 ½ cents per kilowatt for everything it only cost Joint Meeting approximately 06 ½ cents per kilowatt to generate our own power. It should also be noted that during Hurricane Sandy, while many were without power, Joint Meeting stayed online without utility power for approximately a week

On motion by Mr. McTernan, seconded by Ms. Jones, Resolution 055, authorizing Change Order #1 to Contract with Allied Construction Group, Inc. for Plant Laboratory Basement Entrance Modifications was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

With regard to Resolution 056 CME Associates explained that in the Co-Gen Facility we recover the heat from the exhaust transfer to water which in turn heats the various facilities at the plant. The units have been online continuously for approximately 5 years, have deteriorated and need to be replaced. It was determined at a preconstruction meeting that some of the flexible connectors were slightly distorted and that it would be better to purchase and install new ones while the equipment was being worked on in order to alleviate any possible failure.

In answer to a question as to why this is being considered part of the job and not go out for bids Counsel Webster explained that in the original specifications the connectors were not included. Now upon inspection it has been recognized that this additional equipment is needed and the contractor was requested to submit a price for the work which is allowed under State Statute since it is under 20% of the original bid.

On motion by Ms. Leventhal, seconded by Ms. Spango, Resolution 056, authoring Change Order #1 to Contract with Allied Construction Group, Inc. for Replacement of Exhaust Heat Exchangers was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Leventhal, seconded by Ms. Jones, Resolution 057, authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

With regard to Resolution 059 the Superintendent explained that the City of Elizabeth is preparing to begin maintenance on the Elizabeth River Flood Control Project Levee System. Since a portion of the System is adjacent to our property, Elizabeth has requested Joint Meeting allow them and their contractor access to our property for purposes of performing required maintenance work and establish a staging area for the required equipment.

On motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Leventhal, Resolution 059, authorizing Execution of Access Agreement with the City of Elizabeth was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. McTernan, seconded by Ms. Leventhal, Resolution 050, approving payment of bills and Resolution 058 authorizing the Executive Director to pay All Bills for Work Performed between June 20 through August 21, 2014 were adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Leventhal, seconded by Mr. Levison, Resolution 051, Third Quarter Assessment was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

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

The correspondence will be printed in the minutes.

The Executive Director stated that this is the last meeting for Ms. Jones and Mr. Rice and a resolution will be prepared and presented to them at the September meeting.

Ms. Jones thanked the Board and stated that she has enjoyed her years as a Board member and working with the various members. She has been selected to run as an Essex County Freeholder and would like to thank her support family and everyone for their help over the years and hopefully the future.

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.

The Chairperson read the following statement which on motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Levison, was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal 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. Leventhal, seconded by Mr. McTernan, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, September 18, 2014, at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. unless called earlier by the Chair. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Kelly, Levison, McTernan, Florio, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Levison
Secretary