

**Meeting of September 15, 2011**  
**Maintenance**

A meeting of the Joint Meeting was held on the above date at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:10 p.m. Chairperson Leventhal 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 17, 2010.

On roll call the following members were present: Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango. Messrs. Rice and Florio notified the office that they would be unable to attend today's meeting.

Also in attendance were Messrs. McGhee, Terrezza, Sforza, Barry, Phillips and Dowhan of Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Nobel Esq. of Trenk, DiPasquale et al., Joint Meeting's Consultants CME Associates (CME), Birdsall Services Group (Birdsall), AVA Consulting LLC (AVA), Government Strategy Group (GSG) and Messrs. F. Mangravite and A. Adjepong of Public Works Management LLC (PWM), Consultants for the City of Newark.

The Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence in memory of 9/11.

Mr. Mangravite of PWM explained that they have been hired by the City of Newark to advise them on water and sewer utility matters. They will be attending the meetings, not with any particular item of concern but in a support role for Newark's Representative, Council and Administration.

On motion by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Jones, the minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Levison, seconded by Mr. Madden, the minutes of the Special August (Telephone Conference) meeting were approved as printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Brewer, McDermott, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones and Leventhal; nays, none; abstaining, Messrs. Green, Accardi and Ms. Spango.

The **Treasurer's Reports** (July, August and September) having been mailed to the Board members, on motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Madden, were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

**Personnel & Procurement Committee:** Mr. Brewer stated that the Committee had met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: amendment to CME Associates contract for General Engineering Services (R-058); amendment to CME Associates contract for Professional Engineering Services related to NJEIT Project Reporting (R-059); amendment to CME Associates contract for Additional Design Phase Services for Primary Settling Tunnel Electrical Modification (R060); award of a contract to CME Associates for Professional Services for Plant Hydraulic Study (R-061); rebid for Furnishing and Delivering of Iron Sponge Media (R-062); receipt of bids for Emergency Shower and Eyewash Stations (R-063) and to table Resolution 064, Change Order #1 to DMR Construction Service, Inc. contract for Service Water System Upgrades.

On motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Ms. Jones, Resolution 058, amending the contract with CME Associates for General Engineering Services was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. McDermott, Resolution 059, amending the contract with CME Associates for Professional Services Related to NJEIT Project Reporting was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Spango, Resolution 060, amending the contract with CME Associates for Additional Design Phase Services for Primary Settling Tunnel Electrical Modification was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Madden, seconded by Ms. Jones, Resolution 061, authorization to award a contract to CME Associates for Professional Services for Plant Hydraulic Study was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Madden, seconded by Ms. Jones, Resolution 062, authorization to Re-bid for the Furnishing and Delivering of Iron Sponge Media was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Levison, seconded by Mr. Madden, Resolution 063, authorization to receive Bids for Emergency Shower and Eyewash Stations was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

Following a discussion on DMR Construction request for an extension of time on their contract for the Service Water System Upgrades, it was the consensus of the Board that Resolution 064 be tabled.

A meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 9:00 a.m.

On motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Madden, the **Treatment Plant and Industrial Pretreatment Reports** (July, August and September) having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Spango and Leventhal; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Brewer, **Counsel Report, Conflict Counsel Report** and the **Engineer's Reports** (July, August and September) having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

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. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Jones, Resolution 056, Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Madden, Resolution 057, Fourth Quarter Assessment was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

Following on discussion on an addendum to the billboard lease agreement with CBS Outdoor, Inc., on motion by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Brewer, Resolution 065, authorizing the Execution of an Addendum to the Lease Agreement with CBS Outdoor, Inc. was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays; none.

Mr. Bonaccorso, representing the NJWEA explained that at the high school level they annually present awards to projects dealing with the environment and environmental health. This year, Alison Bick of Short Hills not only won the State and National competition but went on to win the International competition held in Stockholm, Sweden. Her project recognized that there is a compound that interacts with the bacteria present in drinking water which gives off a color, the intensity of which indicates the level of biological pollution in the drinking water. She literally developed a methodology that can be used globally and by the poorest of nations.

On motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Madden, Resolution 066, Commending Alison Bick for winning the 2011 International Stockholm Junior Water Prize was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

**Unfinished business** – CME Associates gave the following updates:

**Co-Generation** – although power is being produced, during the summer months it is cheaper for Joint Meeting to purchase electricity rather than natural gas. Therefore, a one (1) year contract was negotiated with Spark Energy for the purchase of electricity.

**Rainfall** - during August approximately 16 ½ inches of rain was received at the plant of which approximately 7 ½ inches was due to Hurricane Irene. A chart was distributed to the members showing the impact on Joint Meeting and the individual municipalities. As some of the flow could be coming from sump pumps and roof leaders, additional analysis will have to be done on the source of some of the flows. Each of Joint Meeting's member municipalities has an ordinance on their books regarding illegal connections to the sanitary sewer but it is a matter of enforcing it. In order to help the municipalities educate their residents on this problem, brochures have been distributed encouraging the residents to disconnect the roof leaders and to have sump pumps discharge other than into the sanitary sewer system which would be more cost efficient and effective. Several years ago, at the request of EPA, Joint Meeting did a study and it was estimated that the cost would be in excess of 600 million dollars for the improvements needed. It must be noted that this study did not include the collection system which would be an additional cost. The City of Elizabeth's combined sewer systems flow had a major impact. During the Hurricane the meters topped out and a lot of flow didn't enter the plant. To help with combined sewer overflows, a directive 308 letters) from EPA that the municipalities have to improve their record on control of combined sewer overflows have been sent out. The hydraulic study approved today will help address some of the exposures we have.

**Chanticleer** – new owners have taken over and discussions have been held with their engineer on the rerouting of the easement. There is no problem but signed documents by the new owner are needed.

**2011 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award** - an application has been submitted on behalf of Joint Meeting to see if we can qualify under two categories, 1) Clean Air because we generate so much of our electricity much less pollution is being deposited in the atmosphere, and 2) we use a renewable fuel because we generate methane as part of our process so it's sustainable technology.

Executive Director stated that an affirmative action plan was included in the member packet and if the Board has any questions they should feel free to call the office.

There being no further business on motion by Mr. Levison, seconded by Ms. Jones, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. unless called earlier by the Chair. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. Green, Brewer, McDermott, Accardi, Levison, Madden, Ms. Jones, Leventhal and Spango; nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward A. Brewer  
Vice Chairperson/Secretary