

Meeting of February 20, 2020 Maintenance

A meeting of the Joint Meeting was held on the above date at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. Chairperson DeAugustine 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 2020 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' Office of the Counties of Essex and Union, all on December 30, 2019.

On roll call the following members were present: Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino, and Ms. Holman and Burgess.

Also in attendance were Ms. Johnson, DeFrancis, Shultz, Messrs. Dowhan, Barry and Berkeley, Esq. of Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC, J. Burke and R. Rivera Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck, Joint Meeting's Consultants CME Associates (CME), CDM Smith, AVA Consulting LLC (AVA) NW Financial Group, LLC and Global Logistics Group (GLG).

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Guarino, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, the **Treasurer's Report** having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution 017, Confirming the Committee Appointments made by the Chairperson of the Joint Meeting for 2020 was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chairperson Ramos stated that the Committee had met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Designation of 2020 Committee Appointments (R-017); Co-Generation Upgrade CME Associates (R-018); Financial Advisor Services Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (R-019); Receipt of Bids for Magnesium Hydroxide (R-020); award a of contract for Furnishing and Delivering Non Bacterial Biological Enhancer for Anaerobic Digester Gas Production (R-021); award of a contract for Providing Certified Laboratory Services (R-022); award of a contract for Furnishing and Delivering Proprietary Eclipse Pumps and Associated Parts (R-023); Contract for Repairs to Main Sewage Pump #1 through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System (R-024); Purchase Order for Software, Hardware, Software Support and Maintenance of the Genetec Access Control Systems (R-025) and Purchase Order for Furnishing and Delivering Two (2) Taskmaster Grinders (R-026).

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution 018, authorizing a Contract with CME Associates for Professional Engineering Services Related to the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

Ms. Ehlers explained that she was employed by Joint Meeting's previous financial firm, Powell Capital Markets and since 2006 has been Joint Meeting's financial advisor. Unfortunately, Mr. Powell passed away last December and she is now employed by NW Financial Group.

With regard to the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project, Ms. Ehlers explained that this was approved in July 2018, subject to getting a commitment of substantial reimbursement from FEMA. The project was approved by FEMA, who gave a signed project worksheet with their commitment, to reimburse 90% of specific project components. Presently, CME is working with FEMA to come to an agreement as to exactly what the scope of services will be. Once an agreement is reached by both parties then the financing will begin. At that time, the member municipalities and the City of Elizabeth will introduce and adopt ordinances in order to enter into notes with the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, which will provide low-interest or 0% financing. At the end of the three (3) or four (4) year construction period, whatever hasn't been reimbursed by FEMA will be paid off in cash or bonded for thirty years by the member municipalities and the City of Elizabeth.

Joint Meeting intends to fund the project in three (3) pieces: 1) will fund Phase I and Phase II (the pumping station and the co-gen upgrades) of the six (6) phase project. The cost will be approximately \$38,000,000,000.00 which means that the member municipalities and the City of Elizabeth collectively may owe \$4,000,000,000.00 to \$5,000,000,000.00, four (4) years from now.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Guarino, Resolution 019, Terminating The Contract with Powell Capital Markets, Inc. and Authorizing The Retention of NW Financial As Financial Advisor for 2020 was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Holman, Resolution 020, Authorizing the Procurement by Public Bidding of Goods and Services was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution 021, awarding a Contract to JSH International, LLC for Furnishing and Delivering Non- Bacterial Enhancer for Anaerobic Digester Gas Production was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Bowman, Resolution 022, awarding a Contract to Aqua Pro-Tech Laboratories, Inc. for Providing Certified Laboratory Services was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Bowman, Resolution 023, awarding a Contract to Dave Heiner Associates, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Proprietary Eclipse Pumps and Associated Parts was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution 024, authorizing a Contract with Precision Electric Motor Works, Inc. for Repairs to the Main Sewage Pump #1 through The North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System was adopted.. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Holman, Resolution 025, authorizing a Purchase Order to Lets Think Wireless, LLC for Software, Hardware, Software Support and Maintenance for the Genetec Access Control Systems was adopted.. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Bowman, Resolution 026, authorizing a Purchase Order to Franklin Miller, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Two (2) Taskmaster Grinders was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Holman, the **2019 Clean Water Enforcement Report, Treatment Plant, Industrial Pretreatment and Financial Reports** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

The Executive Director gave the following update on the Digester Facility: there is a foam issue, which is not uncommon in the treating of sewage. We have been monitoring and regulating the issue. Although an excess of grease waste may be a contributing factor, at this time we are not exactly sure what is causing the issue. In the process of isolating variables the Board will be kept updated

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Guarino, the **General Counsel, Labor & Employment Counsel, Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsels (Antonelli Kantor, P.C. no report)** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Burgess, the **Engineering Reports** (CME Associates and CDM Smith) having been mailed to the Boards members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

Mr. T. Burgess of CDM Smith gave a presentation and update on the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Project being done in conjunction with Elizabeth, who is the only municipality with CSO's in the Joint Meeting system. The different alternatives were discussed and a Selection and Implementation Plan has to be submitted to the NJDEP by June 1st. The cost of the project will be borne by Elizabeth. Also, any additional cost to Joint Meeting's staff would be borne by Elizabeth

Counsel Webster stated that a new contract with Elizabeth will be negotiated with Elizabeth which will cover all contingencies and cost that would be incurred by Joint Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, CDM Smith's Status Report (CSO Long-Term Control Plan) was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

The correspondence was received and will be filed.

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. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution 016, Approving Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

The Chairperson read the following statement which on motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, was received and order printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; 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 Permit Appeal 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 Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Holman, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. unless called earlier by the Chair. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Holman and Burgess; nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee C. Burgess
Secretary