

## Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2020

A telephone conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson DeAugustine was 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 of the Counties of Essex and Union all on December 30, 2019 and provided special notice of the telephonic conference to the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune and 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 of the Counties of Essex and Union as required by law.

On roll call the following members were present: Messrs. DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, DeAugustine and Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess, and Ms. Prupis. Mr. Guarino entered at 4:15 pm.

Also in attendance were Ms. Johnson, Messrs. Dowhan, Barry, Phillips and Berkeley Esq. of Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble, Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC, R. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck, H. Johnsen of Joint Meeting's Consultants CME Associates, AVA Consulting LLC.

On motion by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Holman, the Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chair Ramos stated that the Committee had met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorizing Annual Insurance Renewal (037/20), Resolution Amending the Contract with Scarinci & Hollenbeck for Labor Counsel Services (038/20), Resolution Amending Contract with Hall and Associates for Legal Services in Connection with the NJPDES Permit Appeal (039/20), Resolution Authorizing the Procurement by Public Bidding of Goods and Services (040/20), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to United Fire Protection Corporation for Fire Alarm Maintenance, Repairs and Testing (041/20), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Premiere Magnesia, LLC for Furnishing and Delivering Magnesium Hydroxide (042/20), and Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Contract with Komline-Sanderson Engineering Corporation for Furnishing and Delivering Spare Gravity Belt Parts (043/20).

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution 037, authorizing annual insurance renewal was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution 038, authorizing an amendment to the contract with Scarinci & Hollenbeck was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution 039, authorizing an amendment to the contract with Hall and Associates was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution 040, providing authorization to bid various services, equipment and materials was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution 041, authorizing a purchase order for fire alarm maintenance, repairs and testing was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Bowman, Resolution 042, authorizing a purchase order for furnishing and delivering magnesium hydroxide was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution 043, amending the contract for furnishing and delivering spare gravity belt parts was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Burgess, Ms. Holman and Ms. Prupis; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Ramos the Treatment Plant Report, Industrial Pretreatment Report, 403 Annual Report and Financial Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, the General Counsel Report, Labor and Employment Counsel Report, and Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report(s), Engineering Report and CSO Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Ted Burgess of CD Smith gave an update on the CSO program and the recent discussions with the City of Elizabeth and State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection.

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 Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution 036/20, Approving Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Burgess and Ms. Holman; nays, none.

Superintendent Dowhan gave an update on the recent food waste bill that was adopted by the legislature. He reported that the Joint Meeting currently has an agreement with Waste Management involving the processing of food waste. He advised that the Joint Meeting hopes to begin the process of receiving food waste through the agreement with Waste Management in the near future.

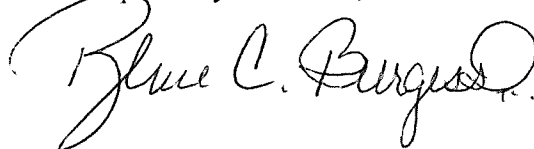
Councilman Guarino asked whether the Joint Meeting has experienced any issues with the flushing of wipes and gloves down the drains. Director Johnson and Superintendent Dowhan advised that they have not seen any issues so far in the Joint Meeting's system.

Director Johnson also advised that the New Jersey Water Environmental Engineers Conference has been cancelled. The Board also discussed that they would continue to meet in July and August.

In accordance with Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 2, the public is permitted to be excluded from a meeting in certain circumstances and 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/Labor Negotiations and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date. On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. DeLuca at 4:56 pm the Board entered closed session. On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Florio at 5:06 pm the Board exited closed session and opened the meeting back up to the public.

There being no further business on motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Guarino, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on June 18, 2020 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renee C. Burgess". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "R".

Renee C. Burgess  
Secretary