

Meeting of November 14, 2019
Maintenance

A meeting of the Joint Meeting was held on the above date at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00 p.m. Chairperson DeLuca 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 2019 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 28, 2018.

On roll call the following members were present: Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow. Mr. Florio notified the office that he would be unable to attend today's meeting.

Also in attendance were Messrs. McGhee, Dowhan, Barry, Phillips, Berkeley, Esq. and Ms. Johnson, Shultz and DeFrancis of Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC, R. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck, and Joint Meeting's Consultants CME Associates (CME), AVA Consulting (AVA), Paulus, Sololowski & Sartor (PS&S) and Global Logistics Group (GLG).

The Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance.

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

On motion by Mayor Eglow, seconded by Mr. Bowman, 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, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Ms. Johnson reported that the Committee met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: RFQ's/RFP's (R-109); Office Relocation Project Phase I PS&S (R-111); NJPDES Permit Appeal Hall Associates (R-112); Contract with Teledyne Instruments Inc. through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System (R-113); Purchase Order providing Cogeneration Station Battery Replacement (R-114); Repairs to a Roof Top Air Handling Unit (R-115); Amending Contract for Hauling and Beneficial Reuse of Dewatered Biosolids (R-116); Revising the Price Per Gallon for Grease Trap Waste Contract (R-117) and Adoption of the 2020 Budget (R-110).

With regard to Resolution 109, the Board requested Joint Meeting provide a synopsis of the approved professionals.

On motion by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. DeAugustine, Resolution 109, Approving the Qualifications for Various Professional Services and Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service Firms was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Mr. Guarino, Resolution 111, Amending Contract with Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor, LLC to provide Engineering Services during Construction of the Office Relocation Project – Phase I was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mayor Eglow, seconded by Mr. DeAugustine, Resolution 112, awarding a Contract to Hall & Associates for Legal Services in Connection with the NJPDES Permit Appeal was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Mr. Guarino, Resolution 113, awarding a Contract with Teledyne Instruments Inc. through The North Jersey Waste Water Cooperative Pricing System was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution 114, Purchase Order to Belyea Co., Inc. for providing Cogeneration Battery Replacement was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mayor Eglow, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution 115, Purchase Order to Daikin Applied Americas Inc. for Repairs to a Roof Top Air Handling Unit was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. DeAugustine, Resolution 116, Extension of the Contract with Tully Environmental, Inc. for Hauling and Beneficial Reuse of Dewatered Biosolids was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Mayor Eglow, Resolution 117, Revise the Price Per Gallon for Grease Trap Waste was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

Following the PowerPoint Presentation of the 2020 Budget, the Board requested another revision to the budget schedule comparing 2019 actual to the 2020 budget. They also requested a schedule of the past five (5) years showing the surplus amount and the breakout of the Elizabeth amount and the member municipalities. Joint Meeting is to provide a revised budget with no more than a 13% increase.

In answer to a question as to the funds in regards to the Union contract, the Director of Finance and Administration explained that we are still in negotiations with the Union.

Counsel Webster explained that the funds would be accrued for raises not given until the contract is ratified.

Mr. Guarino explained that payroll funds cannot be accrued.

The Director of Finance and Administration explained that although she is familiar and has experience with typical budgets, Joint Meeting's budget is not a typical budget. For example, funds usually can't be moved. However, Joint Meeting doesn't have that same factor.

AVA Consultant explained that traditionally the budget is approved at the November meeting and the assessment, which takes 3 to 4 weeks to calculate, is approved at the December meeting. The assessment letters are sent out the day after the December meeting with an end of January receipt date.

AVA Consultant further explained if the budget is approved at the December meeting the assessment will go out the day after the January meeting with an end of February receipt date.

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Ms. Johnson, Resolution 110, the proposed 2020 Budget was tabled. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. DeAugustine, Resolution 108, approving Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke,

Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Guarino, Resolution 118 authorizing the Execution of a Grant of Easement with the City of Elizabeth was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the **Treatment Plant and Industrial Pretreatment Reports** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the **Labor & Employment Counsel; Special Conflict for Pretreatment Violations Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley and Antonelli Kantor, P.C. (no report) and Engineer's Reports** having been mailed to the Board members were received and order printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

With regard to the Flood Mitigation Project counsel Webster explained that originally FEMA approved a cost sharing of 90%. However, they have come up with a construction design budget of \$37,000,000.00, which is approximately \$53,000,000.00 less than anticipated. Therefore, the project will be broken into five (5) to six (6) phases instead of just one (1). When the bids are received, we will then have more knowledge of what the funds would be, then FEMA will sign off and 90% will come back to Joint Meeting.

In answer to whether this is going to add to the municipalities that have difficulty bonding, counsel Webster explained that this is better because the municipalities are not borrowing as much.

In answer to a question as to whether FEMA would be paying the 90% amount at the end of the five (5) to six (6) phases, counsel Webster explained that he is working with a bond attorney as well as bonding personnel on that.

In answer to a question that if FEMA pays the 90% does the money come back to the municipalities to pay down their bonding, counsel Webster stated that's correct.

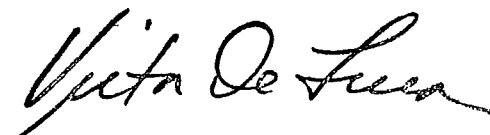
On motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. DeAugustine, the **General Counsel Report** having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow, nays, none

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.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, December 19, 2019, 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, Guarino and Ms. Johnson and Eglow; nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,



Victor DeLuca
Chairperson