

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY – SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.**

A Regular Meeting of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority was held at the Authority Board Room, Main Street Extension, Sayreville, New Jersey on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

Notices of the meeting were mailed to the three counties and the News Media - The Courier News, The Star Ledger and The Home News Tribune in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law and New Jersey Statutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted Light at 4:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Ted Light; Commissioners: Jerome Convery, Wayne Hamilton, Joseph Juliano, Robert Karabinchak and Raymond Murray.

Absent were: Vice Chairman John Wiley; Commissioners: Linda Carter, Edward Cohen, Antonio Cruz and James Zullo.

Also present were: Executive Director, Richard L. Fitamant; John Hoffman, Esq., Construction/General Counsel; Dan Tanzi, Wastewater Division Manager and Karen Sissick, Comptroller.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Thursday, August 27, 2015 was made by Commissioner Convery seconded by Commissioner Murray and carried.

Commissioner Hamilton abstained.

**PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS**

There were no comments from the public on any of the Resolutions.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. A-9-15-1-R**

Pretreatment Permit Action Nos. 01168, 14170 and 07151

**Resolution No. WW-9-15-2-R**

Contract Award – Engineering Services Related to Water Quality and NJPDES Permitting Issues 2015-2016 - Najarian Associates – Not to Exceed \$231,470.00

Mr. Fitamant reported that the Fair and Open process of the Pay to Play Act was followed and the MUA received two responses to a Request for Qualifications. Upon review, Najarian Associates was determined to be the most qualified and staff is recommending the award to this Firm.

**Resolution No. WW-9-15-3-R**

Contract Bid Award – Contract 15-5-2(SFM)(Rebid) PCCP Pipeline Monitoring, Maintenance & Appurtenant Work – Pure Technologies US, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$715,059.00

Mr. Fitamant reported that Pure Technologies was the sole bid received for the PCCP Pipeline Monitoring Services of the Sayreville Relief Force Main and contract award is recommended. The technology for monitoring is an Acoustic Monitoring System to quantify deterioration of the pipe by measuring breaks in the reinforcing wire in each pipe segment over time. Once an established number of wire breaks occur, pipe repairs are required. In addition to operating the monitoring system, Pure Technology will provide reporting and maintenance of the system.

**Resolution No. WW-9-15-4-R**

Authorization to Rebid and/or Negotiate Contract 15-5-3(CTP)(Rebid) Supply and Delivery of Scotchman 90 Ton Punch and Doall 500SNC Band Saw

**Resolution No. WW-9-15-5-R**

Authorization to Extend Contract Term to October 31, 2016 Contract 14-8-3(AC)/Sludge Maintenance Facility Odor Control System Cleaning, Maintenance, and Appurtenant Work 2014-2016 – Cothery Construction Company, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$2,090,148.00

**Resolution No. WW-9-15-6-R**

Change Order No. 8 to Contract 13-7-1(AC)(2<sup>nd</sup> Rebid) Standby Contract – Force Main and Gravity Sewers – Cruz Contractors, LLC. – \$18,873.23

**Resolution No. WW-9-15-7-R**

Authorization to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Borough of Sayreville and the Middlesex County Utilities Authority for Construction of an Access Road and a Temporary Construction Easement

Mr. Fitamant reported that this resolution is for Authorization of a Memorandum of Understanding at no cost between the MCUA and Sayreville in order to provide access for the Hurricane Sandy permanent restoration and mitigation work at the Sayreville Pump Station site. The Borough owns property adjoining the site on which temporary access is required for construction of a floodwall and permanent access after construction to maintain facilities made inaccessible by the floodwall. This property was acquired through the Green Acres Program by the Borough.

Mr. Hoffman further stated that any trees that are removed will have to be replaced when construction has been completed

**Resolution No. WW-9-15-8-R**

Resolution Approving Contract of Purchase of 5.09 Acres of Vacant Land in Block 169, Part of Lot 10.022, Sayreville, Abutting the Sayreville Pumping Station from the Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency – Not to Exceed \$188,000.00

Mr. Fitamant explained that the purchase of land adjoining the Sayreville Pump Station site, which is owned by SERA, is required for the Hurricane Sandy permanent restoration and mitigation activities planned at the site.

A total of 5.09 acres are needed and an appraisal for the purchase establishes the value at \$37,000 per acre. Authorization to proceed with a Contract of Purchase is recommended.

**Resolution No. SW-9-15-9-R**

Contract Award – Contract No. 15-8SW – Furnishing Maintenance, Parts and Repairs for Leachate Pumping Stations, Controls and Pumps at the Middlesex County Landfill – A.C. Schultes, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$90,425.00

**Resolution No. SW-9-15-10-R**

Contract Award – Contract No. 15-7SW (Rebid) Purchase of a Wheel Loader for the Middlesex County Landfill – Foley, Incorporated – Not to Exceed \$576,633.00

Mr. Fitamant reported that this resolution is for the purchase of a Wheel Loader. The MCUA received one bid from Foley. Mr. Fitamant explained the lump sum price for the loader is \$545,737.00, plus the 3 year maintenance agreement for \$31,096.00 and the trade in value of an older wheel washer for \$125,000.00.

The Commissioners requested that the trade in amount be reflected in the resolution.

**Resolution No. SW-9-15-11-R**

Contract Award – Contract No. 15-9SW – Furnish and Deliver Aggregates at the Middlesex County Landfill – Stavola Construction Materials, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$2,357,750.00

Mr. Fitamant reported that this resolution is for a contract award to furnish and deliver aggregates at the Middlesex County Landfill. The bid sought pricing for four separate types of aggregate which permit bidders to submit cost proposals for one or all of the aggregate items. Responsive bids were received for three of the four items with Stavola construction material, Inc. providing the low bid for all three items. The fourth item will be rebid.

**Resolution No. SW-9-15-12-R**

Change Order No. 1 (No Cost) – Contract No. 14-3SW – Furnishing Maintenance, Parts and Repairs for Leachate Pumping Stations, Controls and Pumps at the Middlesex County Landfill – Pumping Services, Inc.

Mr. Fitamant reported that this No Cost Change Order is for a 30 day time extension with Pumping Services which is necessary while the new contract for the Furnishing Maintenance, Parts and Repair for Leachate Pumping Stations, Controls and Pumps is being finalized

The above resolutions, including the amendment for resolution No. 10 were presented and moved by Commissioner Convery. The motion was second by Commissioner Hamilton and the following members voted aye:

Chairman Light; Commissioners: Convery, Hamilton, Juliano, Karabinchak and Murray.

Nays: None

(See Appendix Nos. 1-12)

**PUBLIC**

There were no members from the Public that wished to address the Board.

A copy of the Wastewater Division and Solid Waste Division Bill Lists were distributed to the Commissioners

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Fitamant provided an update on the financing/funding for the Hurricane Sandy permanent repairs and mitigation work for the Sayreville and the Edison Pumping Stations. The NJDEP press conference that took place last month at the Sayreville Pump Station site addressed the financing for the work through the NJEIT. Two weeks later the MCUA received approval from FEMA for \$73 million dollars in grants for the hazard mitigation work at both sites. Grant funds for the permanent restoration work are still in the appeal process and if approved, additional grant funds will be authorized. The authorization of these Grants allows the MCUA to move forward with these projects.

Commissioner Hamilton questioned whether NJEIT financing will be involved.

Mr. Fitamant responded stating that the NJEIT SAIL program for Hurricane Sandy Project will be utilized and explained short term financing at zero percent interest will be provided during construction and than once the project is completed, permanent financing for project costs not covered by FEMA grants will be through a regular NJEIT Loan.

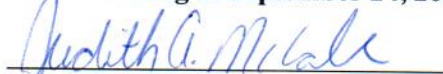
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Karabinchak to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Murray and carried.

Upon completion of the Executive Session, Mr. Hoffman, Esq. reported that during Executive Session, discussions of Spectraserv Litigation and hiring of experts took place. No action will be taken on this matter today.

There being no further business, Commissioner Convery called for a motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Murray and carried.

**I hereby certify that these minutes are a true and accurate summary of that which transpired at the MCUA board meeting of September 24, 2015 at which I was present.**

  
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Judith A. McCabe