

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY – THURSDAY– JANUARY 26, 2017 – 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, January 26, 2017.

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; Vice Chairman John Wiley; Commissioners: Linda Carter (by phone), Jerome Convery, Antonio Cruz, Robert Diehl, Wayne Hamilton, Allan Jacobs, Joseph Juliano and Raymond Murray.

Absent was: Commissioner 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.

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 22, 2016 was made by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Murray and carried.

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. A-1-17-1-R

Resolution Confirming Estimate of Sewage and Annual Charges to Participants for the Year 2017

Mr. Fitamant stated that this resolution is required as part of the Participant Agreements to certify the estimated annual charges for calendar year 2017 that were approved through the budget process at the November, 2016 Board meeting. A total of approximately \$84 million is budgeted to be raised from the Participants to be paid quarterly, which represents no increase compared to calendar year 2016 budgeted estimated charges.

Resolution No. A-1-17-2-R

Resolution Confirming Amounts of Overpayments of Annual Charges by Certain Participants for the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage for the Year 2016

Mr. Fitamant reported that this resolution is for the 2016 year end actual charges from Participants that have an overpayment. These participants will be notified, certified mail, by February 1, 2017 of their overpayment. These Participants will have an option to be issued a check or receive a credit to their 1st quarter 2017 invoice.

Resolution No. A-1-17-3-R

Resolution Confirming Amounts of Deficiency in Payment of Annual Charges by Certain Participants for Treatment and Disposal of Sewage for the Year 2016

Mr. Fitamant reported that this resolution is for the 2016 year end actual charges from Participants that have a Deficiency due to their estimated charges being insufficient to cover their flow and loadings and these Participants will be notified by February 1, 2017 of their deficiency payment amount.

Mr. Fitamant further explained that in 2015, for the 2016 estimated charges, the MCUA reduced the estimates for nine (9) participants but at the end of the year, these participants would be responsible for the 2016 actual charges, which means some of these towns have high deficiencies as a result of the reduced interim charges. As discussed in 2015, these towns would be permitted to spread the additional cost over a few years.

Resolution No. WW-1-17-4-R

Contract Bid Award – Contract 16-11-1(AC)/Standby Services for the Beneficial Use or Disposal of Wastewater Residuals 2017-2018 – Environmental Protection & Improvement, LLC. – Not to Exceed \$1,000,000.00

Mr. Fitamant explained that this contract is for standby services. Mr. Fitamant pointed out that two (2) bids were received. Both bids had the same price and both bids were responsive bidders. The NJ Statutes allow the MCUA to make a decision on the award of the contract, based on price and in the case of a tie, other factors. After discussion with staff, a recommendation was made to award to EPIC, the current provider since the MCUA has had no prior contractual concerns with EPIC.

Resolution No. WW-1-17-5-R

Contract Award – Repair Parts Service for Scarab 2017 – Scarab International, LLP – Not to Exceed \$35,000.00

Resolution No. WW-1-17-6-R

Authorization to Amend Current Professional Engineering Services Agreements for the Wastewater Division – R3M Engineering, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$25,706.45

Mr. Fitamant explained that this is an amendment which includes a \$25,706.45 increase to the current professional's agreement with R3M.

Resolution No. WW-1-17-7-R

Change Order No. 4 to Contract 14-8-3(AC) Sludge Management Facility Odor Control System Cleaning, Maintenance and Appurtenant Work 2014-2016 – Cothery Construction Company

Mr. Fitamant reported this Change Order is for a 59 day time extension to complete automation work on sludge equipment in the curing bunker to be completed.

Resolution No. WW-1-17-8-R

Authorization to Execute Wastewater Purchase Orders to Procure Stone Under State Contract T-0142

The above resolutions were presented and moved by Vice Chairman Wiley. The motion was seconded by Chairman Light and the following members voted Aye:

Chairman Light; Vice Chairman Wiley; Commissioners: Carter, Convery, Cruz, Diehl, Hamilton, Jacobs, Juliano and Murray

Nays: None

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.

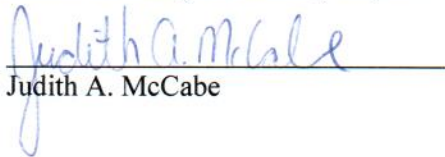
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Murray reported that an Engineering Committee meeting was held today discussing language changes to be made in future contracts. Also discussed were ongoing reports regarding the Solar Project.

The Reorganization meeting will be held at Thursday, February 23, 2017. Agenda Session for the Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting will take place at 3:30 and the Regular Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Light called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton at 4:20 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Convery and carried.

I hereby certify that these minutes are a true and accurate summary of that which transpired at the MCUA board meeting of January 26, 2017 at which I was present.



Judith A. McCabe