

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY HELD ON JUNE 3, 2015 AT THE AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LAFAYETTE, NEW JERSEY

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The following were present: Commissioners Sowden, Madsen, Petillo, Dietz, Cocula, Meyer and Drake, Administrator Hatzelis, Chief Engineer Varro, Solid Waste Superintendent Sparron, Wastewater Superintendent Nugent, Counsel Giacobbe, and Recording Secretary Kronski

Absent: Special Env. Counsel Prol

2. PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING SUNSHINE LAW

Chairman Petillo stated that the meeting has been duly advertised, and notice given thereof, as required by P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

3. OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Petillo opened the meeting to public comment. No comments. Chairman Petillo closed the meeting to public comment.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Petillo asked for a motion to approve the Agenda, Commissioner Sowden moved the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Dietz. On voice vote: Ayes (7); Nays (0). The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Madsen moved the approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Drake. No discussions. On voice vote: Ayes (7); Nays (0). The motion carried.

6. MINUTES

Chairman Petillo requested a motion to approve the distribution of the May 20, 2015 Pending Action Summary Sheet (PASS), which was emailed to the Clerk of the Freeholder Board on May 21, 2015.

PASS Report for 5-20-15 to Freeholder Board						
Commissioner	1st	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
JOHN SOWDEN			x			
TOM MADSEN	x		x			
RON PETILLO			x			
WAYNE DIETZ			x			
ANDREA COCULA			x			
KARL MEYER					x	
JOHN DRAKE		x	x			

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Chairman Petillo asked for a motion to approve the Open & Closed Minutes from the May 6, 2015 Authority Meeting.

Open and Closed Minutes for 5-6-15 Authority Meeting						
Commissioner	1st	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
JOHN SOWDEN	x		x			
TOM MADSEN			x			
RON PETILLO					x	
WAYNE DIETZ			x			
ANDREA COCULA			x			
KARL MEYER			x			
JOHN DRAKE		x	x			

Chairman Petillo noted the Open and Closed Minutes for the May 20, 2015 Authority Meeting have been emailed to the Commissioners for their review.

## 7. BUSINESS

### a. Executive Session

At 3:03 p.m. Commissioner Cocula moved the adoption of the following resolution authorizing a Closed Executive Session seconded by Commissioner Meyer. On voice vote: (7) Ayes, (0) Nays, the motion carried.

#15-105 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:10 p.m. Commissioner Cocula moved to adjourn the Closed Executive Session and reconvene the Open Session seconded by Commissioner Madsen. On voice vote, Ayes (7); Nays (0), the motion passed.

Chairman Petillo indicated that in Closed Executive Session items discussed as specifically set forth in the resolution were personnel items and negotiations and/or litigations re: Solid Waste Enforcement Agreement; Skylands Rides Agreement and Highlands/Easter Seals Agreement. When the need for confidentiality of these matters no longer exists they will be opened to the public.

### b. Wastewater Program

No Report

### c. Solid Waste Program

## Superintendent's Report

Mr. Sparnon reminded the Commissioners of Saturday's Household Hazardous Waste Event scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>. Clean Venture is the vendor and a large turnout is expected.

## Chief Engineer's Report

Mr. Varro updated the Commissioners on the Construction Review Committee Meeting that was held to discuss the Landfill Life Extension Project Permit, and reported that due to the fact that the Wildlife Mitigation Area was deeded for protection, it will be hard to achieve timely approvals and could cause delays in project approvals with the NJDEP. It is recommended that the boundary berm be adjusted to exclude this area, as not to encroach upon the wildlife mitigation area. Commissioners discussed moving forward with adjusted boundaries and Cornerstone is

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currently researching. Mr. Varro has been in touch with Mr. Cattuna of the NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program regarding a land swap, which is still in discussions.

**Administrator’s Report**

Mr. Hatzelis prepared and distributed recent tonnage data from December 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>. He reviewed the data, which shows a significant reduction in tonnage compared to the same period for 2014, Bulky Waste (ID13) is down 22%, Construction and Demolition (ID13CC) is down 42%, overall tonnage has been reduced by 6.2%. This information is bad news for revenues, with a major slippage in Bulky Waste, which was unexpected. He also noted that tonnage for the non-commercial/non-regulated Residents Convenience Center has been steady over the last few years. Commissioners discussed data further and are concerned with debt payment obligations that could be deflected to the County if this trend continues. A letter shall be sent to the Freeholders notifying them and other County officials of this latest information.

Mr. Hatzelis reported that the Solid Waste Advisory Council meeting for June has been cancelled, no reason as to why. The proposed Cavalier/Grinnell Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment is still pending.

8. Payment of Bills

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA – Chairman Petillo asked for a motion to approve the Financial Consent Agenda (FCA).

Res: #15-106 - Financial Consent Agenda						
Commissioner	1st	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
JOHN SOWDEN			x			
TOM MADSEN		x	x			
RON PETILLO			x			
WAYNE DIETZ			x			
ANDREA COCULA	x		x			
KARL MEYER			x			
JOHN DRAKE			x			

#15-106 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING PASSAGE OF FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

10. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS/REQUEST

Commissioners wished Mr. Petillo a Happy Birthday.

11. ADJOURN

Commissioner Sowden moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dietz. On voice vote: Ayes (7), the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned At 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Cocula, Secretary