

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2012 AT THE AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LAFAYETTE, NEW JERSEY

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The following were present: Commissioners Sowden, Petillo, Dietz, Cocula, Meyer and O'Halloran, Administrator Hatzelis, Chief Engineer Varro, Solid Waste Superintendent Sparnon, Wastewater Superintendent Nugent, Attorney Giacobbe, Recording Secretary Kronski

Absent: Commissioner Madsen

2. PUBLIC STATEMENT

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

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment, no public in attendance. Chairman Petillo closed the meeting to public comment.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Petillo requested a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Sowden moved the approval of the Agenda, Commissioner Dietz seconded. No additions or deletions. On voice vote (6) Ayes, (0) Nays, the motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Cocula moved the approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner O'Halloran. No discussion necessary. On voice vote (6) Ayes, (0) Nays, the motion carried.

6. MINUTES

Chairman requested a motion to approve the distribution of the November 28, 2012 Pending Action Summary Sheet, which was submitted to the Freeholder Board on November 29, 2012. Commissioner Cocula moved to approve the November 28, 2012 Pending Action Summary Sheet, seconded by Commissioner Dietz. On voice vote (6) Ayes, (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Chairman Petillo asked for a motion to approve the October 17, 2012 Open & Closed Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Cocula moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Halloran. No comments/discussions. On voice vote (6) Ayes, (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Chairman Petillo stated that there are no minutes to be distributed to the Commissioners at this meeting.

7. BUSINESS

a. Executive Session

Chairman Petillo asked for a motion to go into Closed Executive Session at 3:03 p.m. Commissioner Cocula moved the adoption of the following resolution authorizing a Closed Executive Session seconded by Commissioner O'Halloran. On voice vote (6) Ayes, (0) Nays, the motion carried.

#13-001 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:05 p.m. Commissioner Sowden moved to adjourn the Closed Executive Session and reconvene the Open Session seconded by Commissioner Cocula. On voice vote, the motion passed.

The Open Session was reconvened at 3:05 p.m. and Chairman Petillo indicated that in Closed Executive Session items discussed as specifically set forth in the resolution were negotiations and/or litigations re: Grinnell Settlement Agreement. When the need for confidentiality of these matters no longer exists they will be opened to the public.

b. Wastewater Program

Chief Engineer's Report

Mr. Varro reported on the Frankford Town Center WMP Amendment and indicated that the project is now being reviewed by the NJDEP and will go out for public notice. He reported that he has reached out to CP Engineers to get a status on the DGW Permit, and will advise the Commissioners when he receives more information.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Hatzelis reported on the Vernon Township Sewer Connections, and the information requested of Vernon by the Authority before SCMUA connection fees are accepted. He noted that the Authority has requested a block and lot sewer service area map for both the Vernon Town Center and Mountain Creek Sewer Area and the "United Water" Sewer Service Area, and explained that they each have a separate Service Agreement with the Authority. Also, there is a need to upgrade the Sand Hill Pump Station before any hookups are approved. John reported that he will schedule a meeting with John Ursin and VTMUA to discuss these pending concerns (i.e. Sand Hill Pump Station Upgrade, Block/Lot Sewer Service Area mapping, and copy of notice to connect sent to Vernon Residents from the Vernon MUA). Commissioners discussed the need for better communication between Vernon Township, Vernon MUA and the SCMUA. Discussions continued regarding the SCMUA FY13 Rate Schedule and the connection fee increase that took effect on December 1, 2012. Commissioners agree to keep FY12 connection fee rates through December 31, 2012 for Vernon Township only Since the SCMUA can not allow Vernon residents/businesses to connect to the system until Vernon provides the information requested. Commissioner Cocula moved that the EDU rate for FY12 be extended for Vernon Township residents until December 31, 2012, seconded by Commissioner O'Halloran. On roll call: Ayes (6) Commissioners Sowden, Petillo, Dietz, Cocula, Meyer and O'Halloran, (0) Nays, Abstain (0) the motion carried.