# 21-076 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2021

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MOTIONED BY: Marotta SECONDED BY: Guzman

**WHEREAS**, the North Hudson Sewerage Authority (hereinafter "Authority") is a public body, duly formed under the Sewerage Authorities law, constituting Chapter 138 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1946, as amended (Chapter 14A of Title 40 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated) and possesses the powers set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, a regular meeting of the Authority was held on October 21, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, minutes of the meeting have been prepared by General Counsel and presented to the Authority members and staff for their review.

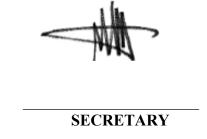
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Authority hereby approves the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2021 for the record.

**DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2021** 

#### **RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS' VOTE**

|                        | YES | NO | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|------------------------|-----|----|---------------|
| Commissioner Kappock   | X   |    |               |
| Commissioner Marotta   | X   |    |               |
| Commissioner Gardiner  | X   |    |               |
| Commissioner Friedrich | X   |    |               |
| Commissioner Guzman    | X   |    |               |
| Commissioner Velazquez | X   |    |               |
| Commissioner Barrera   |     |    | X             |
| Commissioner White     | X   |    |               |

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE NORTH HUDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 16, 2021.



# THE NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

#### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

## October 21, 2021

At approximately 6:30 PM Chairman Kappock called the meeting to order.

#### OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTIFICATION

Counsel Capizzi advised that this was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority properly noticed pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act.

#### ROLL CALL

Counsel Capizzi called the roll with Commissioners Soares, Friedrich, Gardiner, Barrera, Marotta, Velazquez, White and Chairman Kappock participating via videoconference.

Counsel Capizzi advised that all appropriate actions may be taken by the Authority since 8 Commissioners were present.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kay of Hoboken, thanked the Commissioners for their anticipated support of the proposed Sewer Backup Mitigation Program.

Ms. Constance Gleeson of 723 Park Avenue, Hoboken, thanked the Commissioners for the workshop Authority staff conducted relating to sewer backup issues.

Chairman Kappock thanked the public participants for their attendance and comments.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Director Wolff advised that consideration of the following resolutions will be tabled until the next meeting: Resolution No. 21-050 approving the minutes of the regular meeting of the Authority held on June 17, 2021, and Resolution No. 21-069 approving the minutes of the regular meeting of the Authority held on September 16, 2021.

Executive Director Wolff next requested that the Commissioners consider Resolution No. 21-064 approving the minutes of the regular meeting of the Authority held on August 19, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Velazquez, seconded by Commissioner Soares, Resolution No. 21-064 was adopted 7 - 0 - 1, with Chairman Kappock abstaining.

#### BUSINESS TO BE ACTED UPON

Executive Director Wolff next requested that the Commissioners consider the consent agenda resolutions, which he reviewed as follows:

- 1. Resolution No. 21-070 authorizing bill payments in the aggregate amount of \$1,849,167.81, consisting of \$1,572,585.68 from the operating fund; \$270,684.38 from the capital fund; \$0.00 in emergency expenditures; and \$5,897.75 in connection review fees.
- 2. Resolution No. 21-071 authorizing a miscellaneous repair contract in the amount of \$75,750 for 3 collapsed catch basins in Hoboken, 1 collapsed manhole in Hoboken; 4 collapsed catch basins in Union City, 2 severely worn manhole castings in Union City; 3 collapsed catch basins in West New York and 1 collapsed mainline in West New York.
- 3. Resolution No. 21-072 authorizing the disposal of surplus property through GovDeals in accordance with the terms and conditions of State Contract A-70967/T2581.
- 4. Resolution No. 21-073 authorizing the award of a Non-fair and Open Contract for real property title search services to Big Apple Title Agency Inc., Rochelle Park, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.
- Resolution No. 21-074 authorizing the Sewer Backup Mitigation Program to be funded for the FY 2021/2022 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, and thereafter in an amount to be determined and provided for in the Authority's operating budget.
- 6. Resolution No. 21-075 amending the Sewer Use Procedures and Policies to ensure permit compliance, operational efficiencies and the protection of the Authority's capital investments in its treatment and collections systems. The Facilities Review Board has reviewed the Sewer Use Procedures and Policies and recommends the approval of this resolution.

On motion of Commissioner Velazquez, seconded by Chairman Kappock, the consent agenda was adopted 8 - 0 - 0.

## REPORTS OF STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

Executive Director Wolff next requested that the Engineer reports be heard.

# CH2M

Shivani Patel, P.E. of CH2M reported on the following: 1) Capital Improvement Projects: Adams Street WWTP Phase 3 - PURAC Upgrades SDC; and 2) Combined

Sewer Overflow Projects: Program Manager for Development of the CSO LTCP; H6/H7 CSO LTCP Project - Phase 1; and H6/H7 CSO LTCP Project - Phase 2.

## Mott MacDonald

Kevin P. Wynn, P.E. of Mott MacDonald reported on the following: Collection System Characterization Study; Highwood Avenue / Terrace Emergency Repair; Sterling Avenue Drainage Improvement; Adams Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; 2019 Collection System Improvements; West New York Leak Detection Program; Palisade Avenue Improvements; and 2018 Green Infrastructure Project.

## Hazen and Sawyer

Kevin Haney of Hazen and Sawyer reported on following: H6/H7 CSO LTCP Phase 1 - Engineering Services During Construction.

## Jacobs Operation & Maintenance

Donald R. Conger III of Jacobs Operation & Maintenance reported on the following:

Adams Street WWTP: The daily average flow was 14.95 million gallons per day with 536,100 gallons of sludge removed. The monthly average for fecal coliform was 225 CFU with a 200 CFU permit limit; the maximum weekly average for fecal coliform was 507 CFU with a 400 CFU permit limit. The 30-day average percent removal was 93% BOD and 96% TSS, with an 85% permit requirement. The 30-day average effluent concentration was 10 mg/L BOD and 6 mg/L TSS, with a 30 mg/L permit requirement.

River Road WWTP: The daily average flow was 8.28 million gallons per day with 289,800 gallons of sludge removed. The monthly average for fecal coliform was 31 CFU with a 200 CFU permit limit; the maximum weekly average for fecal coliform was 75 CFU with a 400 CFU permit limit. The 30-day average removal was 89% CBOD and 88% TSS, with an 85% permit requirement. The 30-day average effluent concentration was 18 mg/L CBOD and 20 mg/L TSS, with a 25 mg/L CBOD and 30 mg/L TSS permit requirement.

Collection Systems: All pump stations, regulators, and solids / floatables facilities were online and operational. Customer concerns: 58 received in September; 257 received year to date.

Sandy Recovery and Mitigation Projects progress report detailing completed / ongoing activities performed for the Authority in September.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Soares questioned the format of the Authority's public meetings, commenting that having summaries of the Engineer reports delivered during the meeting is not efficient since the Commissioners already receive the full Engineer reports in their meeting packets. Executive Director Wolff advised that it is the long-standing custom of the Authority to have the Engineer reports summarized so that the Commissioners have an opportunity to ask questions of the Authority's staff and consultants regarding same.

Commissioner Soares proceeded to cut off the speaker and argued with Authority staff and fellow Commissioners asserting a lack of transparency in the Authority's operations. Chairman Kappock attempted to regain control of the meeting, as did Vice Chairman Marotta. Various Commissioners were speaking over each other; Commissioner Barrera commented that he appreciates receiving summaries of the Engineering reports. Amidst the confusion and crosstalk, a motion was made to adjourn.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 7:35 PM on motion of Commissioner Velazquez, seconded by Chairman Kappock, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.