# MOTIONED BY: Gardiner 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 April 20, 2023; 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 April 20, 2023 for the record.

# DATED: MAY 18, 2023

	<b>RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS' VOTE</b>		
	YES	NO	ABSENT
Commissioner Kappock	Х		
Commissioner Marotta	Х		
Commissioner Gardiner	Х		
<b>Commissioner Friedrich</b>	Х		
Commissioner Guzman	Х		
Commissioner Velazquez	Х		
Commissioner Barrera			Х
Commissioner Zucconi	Х		
Commissioner Assadourian	Х		

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE NORTH HUDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON MAY 18, 2023.

SECRETARY

# THE NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

# April 20, 2023

At approximately 6:39 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 Assadourian, Friedrich, Guzman, Barrera, Marotta, Zucconi and Chairman Kappock participating via videoconference.

Counsel Capizzi advised that all appropriate actions may be taken by the Authority since 7 Commissioners were present.

At approximately 6:51 PM, Commissioner Velazquez joined the meeting via videoconference; 8 Commissioners were present.

# BUSINESS TO BE ACTED UPON

Associate Authority Engineer Conger next requested that the Commissioners consider the consent agenda resolutions, which he reviewed as follows:

- 1. Resolution 23-052 approving the approving the minutes of the regular meeting of the Authority held on March 16, 2023.
- Resolution No. 23-053 authorizing bill payments in the aggregate amount of \$2,260,921.88, consisting of \$2,053,042.97 from the operating fund; \$196,295.46 from the capital fund; \$0.00 in emergency expenditures; and \$11,583.45 in connection review fees.
- 3. Resolution No. 23-054 authorizing a miscellaneous repair contract in the amount of \$74,375 for 1 severely worn manhole casting in Hoboken, 1 collapsed catch basin lateral in Hoboken, 4 severely worn manhole castings in Union City, 8 collapsed catch basins in Union City, and 3 collapsed catch basins in Weehawken.
- 4. Resolution No. 23-055 authorizing budget modification #02 with AECOM for the South Union City Drainage Study Project in an amount not to exceed

\$42,900.00. The Facilities Review Board has reviewed the contract modification and recommends the approval of this resolution.

- Resolution No. 23-056 withdrawing Resolution No. 23-035 approved on February 16, 2023 authorizing the award of the H6/H7 CSO Long Term Control Plan Project - Phase 2 to Rencor, Somerville, New Jersey. The Facilities Review Board has reviewed and recommends the approval of this resolution.
- Resolution No. 23-057 authorizing the award of the H6/H7 CSO Long Term Control Plan Project - Phase 2 to Underground Utilities, Linden, New Jersey, which submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$16,218,031.50. The Facilities Review Board has reviewed the bids and recommends the approval of this resolution.
- Resolution No. 23-058 withdrawing Resolution No. 22-105 approved on November 17, 2022 authorizing the award of the Adams Street WWTP Outfall Casing Project to CRS Contractors Inc., Colts Neck, New Jersey. The Facilities Review Board has reviewed and recommends the approval of this resolution.
- 8. Resolution No. 23-059 amending Bond Resolution 21-091 adopted on December 16, 2021 in order to revise the estimated cost referred to therein.
- 9. Resolution No. 23-060 establishing User Charges and Facilities Charges (Wastewater Service Charges), and exemptions thereto, needed to pay for operation and maintenance expenses associated with the Authority's wastewater treatment works and operation and maintenance of the Authority's sewer collection, transportation, solids control and disposal systems in the City of Hoboken, the City of Union City, Township of Weehawken and Town of West New York.
- 10. Resolution No. 23-062 approving a connection fee for the fiscal year beginning February 1, 2023 and ending January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$11,898 per service unit for Class A users, and \$2,655 per service unit for Class B users. The Facilities Review Board and the Finance Committee have reviewed the proposal and recommends the approval of this resolution.

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

Associate Authority Engineer Conger next requested that the Commissioners consider Resolution No. 23-061, which he reviewed as follows:

11. Resolution No. 23-061 authorizing sewer connection application #22090603; 38 Jackson Street, Hoboken, New Jersey.

On motion of Commissioner Friedrich, seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, Resolution No. 23-061 was approved 7 - 0 - 1, with Chairman Kappock abstaining.

At approximately 6:55 PM, Commissioner Velazquez excused himself from the meeting; 7 Commissioners were present.

## REPORTS OF STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

Associate Authority Engineer Conger next requested that the Engineer reports be heard.

### <u>CH2M</u>

Shivani Patel, P.E. of CH2M reported on the following: 1) Capital Improvement Projects: 5th Street Pump Station Flood Resilience Upgrade Project; and 2) Combined Sewer Overflow Projects: Program Manager for Development of the CSO LTCP; H6/H7 CSO LTCP Project - Phase 1; H6/H7 CSO LTCP Project - Phase 2; Sterling Avenue Drainage Improvements; and Boulevard East Combined Sewer Improvements.

#### Mott MacDonald

Kevin P. Wynn, P.E. of Mott MacDonald reported on the following: Adams Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; Bergenline Avenue and 29th Street Gas Main Relocation; West New York Leak Detection Program; 47th Street Sewer Replacement; Port Imperial Pump Station No. 3; Adams Street Outfall Casing; and Madison Street Improvements.

#### Hazen and Sawyer

Kevin D. Haney, P.E. of Hazen and Sawyer reported on following: H6/H7 CSO LTCP Phase 1 - Engineering Services During Construction; and H6/H7 CSO LTCP Phase 2 - Engineering Services During Construction.

#### Dewberry

Jerry Amoah, P.E. of Dewberry reported on following: Park Avenue Siphon Access Chamber Project - Services During Construction; and 11th Avenue Sewer Cleaning & Chambers Project.

#### <u>EnTech</u>

George Sholy, P.E. of EnTech reported on following: Green Infrastructure Improvements - Contract 3.

#### <u>Kleinfelder</u>

Felipe S. Contreras, P.E. of Kleinfelder reported on following: Collection System Improvements Project - Contract 1.

# <u>AECOM</u>

Karen Appell, P.E. of AECOM reported on following: South Union City Drainage Study - Engineering Services.

### Jacobs Operation & Maintenance

Mark Berube of Jacobs Operation & Maintenance reported on the following:

Adams Street WWTP: The daily average flow was 12.76 million gallons per day with 880,600 gallons of sludge removed. The monthly average for fecal coliform was 2 CFU with a 200 CFU permit limit; the maximum weekly average for fecal coliform was 6 CFU with a 400 CFU permit limit. The 30-day average percent removal was 92% BOD and 94% TSS, with an 85% permit requirement. The 30-day average effluent concentration was 14 mg/L BOD and 8 mg/L TSS, with a 30 mg/L permit requirement.

River Road WWTP: The daily average flow was 8.61 million gallons per day with 457,600 gallons of sludge removed. The monthly average for fecal coliform was 4 CFU with a 200 CFU permit limit; the maximum weekly average for fecal coliform was 14 CFU with a 400 CFU permit limit. The 30-day average removal was 85% CBOD and 87% TSS, with an 85% permit requirement. The 30-day average effluent concentration as 25 mg/L CBOD and 19 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: 9 received in March; 45 received year to date.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

None.

## COVID-19 RELIEF MEASURES FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Associate Authority Engineer Conger next advised that the Authority is required give notice of certain COVID-19 relief measures enacted into law at each governing body meeting for the 18 month period following the termination of Executive Order 103. CFO Kish read the following notice:

"Certain relief measures are available for residential customers experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program is available to provide financial assistance to low-income households to reduce the balance on their residential sewer bill. LIHWAP will provide benefits directly to NHSA on behalf of residential customers. Customers can apply by visiting the NJ Department of Community Affairs website or by calling 1 (800) 510-3102.

Residential customers can also avail themselves of an installment plan for any outstanding sewer balances which accrued between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. To maintain the installment plan, the residential customer must make timely payments on all current sewer charges.

Public Law 2021, c. 317, which was approved on December 21, 2021, prohibits local governments from charging residential customers interest for late payment of sewer charges which accrued between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022, until after March 15, 2022.

For more information on these relief measures we encourage our customers to visit our website at nhudsonsa.com."

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:12 PM on motion of Commissioner Friedrich, seconded by Commissioner Marotta, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.