

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2023

MOTIONED BY: Marotta
SECONDED BY: Friedrich

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 May 18, 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 May 18, 2023 for the record.

DATED: JUNE 15, 2023

RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS' VOTE

Table with 4 columns: Commissioner Name, YES, NO, ABSENT. Rows include Commissioner Kappock, Marotta, Gardiner, Friedrich, Guzman, Velazquez, Barrera, Zucconi, and Assadourian.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE NORTH HUDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 15, 2023.

Handwritten signature of the Secretary.

SECRETARY

THE NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 2023

At approximately 6:33 PM Treasurer Gardiner 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, Gardiner, Guzman, Barrera, Marotta, Velazquez, Zucconi and Chairman Kappock participating via videoconference.

Counsel Capizzi advised that all appropriate actions may be taken by the Authority since 9 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 23-063 approving the approving the minutes of the regular meeting of the Authority held on April 20, 2023.
2. Resolution No. 23-064 authorizing bill payments in the aggregate amount of \$2,031,221.09, consisting of \$1,670,985.01 from the operating fund; \$350,508.08 from the capital fund; \$0.00 in emergency expenditures; and \$9,728.00 in connection review fees.
3. Resolution No. 23-065 authorizing a miscellaneous repair contract in the amount of \$46,625 for 3 collapsed catch basins in Union City, 10 severely worn manhole castings in Union City; and 1 severely worn manhole casting in Weehawken.
4. Resolution No. 23-066 authorizing contract modification #03 with Colonnelli Brothers Inc. for the Park Avenue Siphon Chamber Project in a credit amount of \$170,690, lowering the final contract price to \$579,094.93. The Facilities Review Board has reviewed the contract modification and recommends the approval of this resolution.

5. Resolution No. 23-067 authorizing contract modification 2023-02 with OMI/JACOBS for Adams Street Plant Operations in an amount not to exceed \$201,181.72. The Facilities Review Board has reviewed the contract modification and recommends the approval of this resolution.

On motion of Commissioner Gardiner, seconded by Commissioner Guzman, the consent agenda was adopted 8 - 0 - 0; Commissioner Barrera was absent from the vote.

At approximately 6:41 PM, Commissioner Assadourian and Chairman Kappock excused themselves from the meeting; 7 Commissioners were present.

REPORTS OF STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

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

CH2M

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.

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.

EnTech

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

AECOM

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

Kleinfelder

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

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.

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.

Jacobs Operation & Maintenance

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

Adams Street WWTP: The daily average flow was 12.41 million gallons per day with 772,100 gallons of sludge removed. The monthly average for fecal coliform was 30 CFU with a 200 CFU permit limit; the maximum weekly average for fecal coliform was 116 CFU with a 400 CFU permit limit. The 30-day average percent removal was 89% BOD and 93% TSS, with an 85% permit requirement. The 30-day average effluent concentration was 19 mg/L BOD and 10 mg/L TSS, with a 30 mg/L permit requirement.

River Road WWTP: The daily average flow was 8.34 million gallons per day with 389,900 gallons of sludge removed. The monthly average for fecal coliform was 28 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 removal was 90% CBOD and 92% TSS, with an 85% permit requirement. The 30-day average effluent concentration was 20 mg/L CBOD and 15 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: 16 received in April; 61 received year to date.

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. Counsel Capizzi read the following notice:

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

The State Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program can help you pay arrears for your water and sewer bills. The program may also be

available to help address tax liens due to water and sewer arrears. To get more information and apply for the program, go to waterassistance.nj.gov or call NJ211.

Public Law 2021, c. 317 and Public Law 2022 c. 4 prohibits local governments from charging residential customers interest for late payment of sewer charges which accrued between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. This prohibition does not apply to sewer liens which were sold before January 1, 2022. Interest may be enforced against unpaid charges accrued before March 9, 2020 and after March 15, 2022, but may be waived to the extent required by a utility assistance program.

Residential customers are eligible for an installment plan to pay off their balance which accrued between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. To maintain the installment plan, a residential customer must make timely payments on all required monthly installments as well as timely payments of all current charges on their bill. If a residential customer fails to pay their arrearages and/or current charges within 30 days after the due date, then the installment plan is void and the NHSA may proceed with enforcement.

For more information on these relief measures we encourage our customers to visit our website at nhudsonsa.com, or to contact one of our customer service representatives at (201) 963-6043.”

NEW BUSINESS

Associate Authority Engineer Conger advised that June 12, 2023 will be the official opening of the Northwest Resiliency Park in Hoboken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 6:57 PM on motion of Commissioner Marotta, seconded by Commissioner Friedrich, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.