

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2023

MOTIONED BY: Velazquez**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 December 14, 2023; and

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

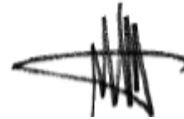
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Authority hereby approves the minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2023 for the record.

DATED: JANUARY 18, 2024

RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS' VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSENT
Commissioner Kappock	x		
Commissioner Marotta			x
Commissioner Gardiner	x		
Commissioner Friedrich	x		
Commissioner Guzman	x		
Commissioner Velazquez	x		
Commissioner Barrera	x		
Commissioner Zucconi	x		
Commissioner Assadourian	x		

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE NORTH HUDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JANUARY 18, 2024.



SECRETARY

THE NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2023

At approximately 6:37 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, Gardiner, Barrera, Velazquez, 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.

COVID-19 RELIEF MEASURES FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Executive Director Wolff 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.”

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 23-133 approving the approving the minutes of the regular meeting of the Authority held on November 16, 2023.
2. Resolution No. 23-134 authorizing bill payments in the aggregate amount of \$3,164,806.59, consisting of \$1,865,656.31 from the operating fund; \$1,288,002.51 from the capital fund; \$0.00 in emergency expenditures; and \$11,147.77 in connection review fees.
3. Resolution No. 23-135 authorizing a miscellaneous repair contract in the amount of \$48,000 for 1 collapsed catch basin lateral in Hoboken, 4 severely worn manhole castings in Hoboken, 2 collapsed catch basins in Union City, 4 severely worn manhole castings in Union City; and 2 collapsed catch basins in Weehawken.
4. Resolution No. 23-136 authorizing contract modification #02 with National Water Main Cleaning Company, Kearny, New Jersey for the Collection System Improvements Project - Contract 1 in an amount not to exceed \$24,415.77.
5. Resolution No. 23-137 authorizing contract modification 2023-06 with OMI/JACOBS, Denver, Colorado for the rehabilitation of the 49th Street Pump Station, the replacement of a grit pump at Adams Street, and the replacement of a pump at Port Imperial Pump Station 1 in an amount not to exceed \$75,111.86.
6. Resolution No. 23-138 authorizing the award of a contract to the Great Lakes Environmental Center as technical advisor to the New Jersey Harbor Dischargers Group in the amount of \$8,667.10.
7. Resolution No. 23-139 authorizing the defeasance/redemption of certain maturities of the Authority's \$160,625,000 Gross Revenue Senior Lien Lease Certificates, Series 2019 (Federally Taxable).

8. Resolution No. 23-140 ratifying and reaffirming an emergency declaration on September 11, 2023.
9. Resolution No. 23-141 ratifying and reaffirming an emergency declaration on November 7, 2023.
10. Resolution No. 23-142 authorizing the award of the Combined Sewer Major Miscellaneous Repairs Contract 2023-2025 to Spiniello Companies, Livingston, New Jersey, which submitted the lowest bid in an amount not to exceed \$2,827,210.

On motion of Commissioner Velazquez, seconded by Commissioner Gardiner, the consent agenda was adopted 7 - 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: 5th Street Pump Station Flood Resiliency Upgrade Project; and 2) Combined Sewer Overflow Projects: Program Manager for Development of the CSO LTCP; Boulevard East Combined Sewer Improvements; H6/H7 Stormwater Pump Station; and Adams Street WWTP Outfall.

Mott MacDonald

Karen J. Kravazy, 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; Port Imperial Pump Station No. 3; and Madison Street Improvements.

Hazen and Sawyer

Kevin D. Haney, P.E. of Hazen and Sawyer reported on following: H6/H7 CSO LTCP Phase 2 - Engineering Services During Construction; and Grand Street Interceptor and Pump Station Feasibility Study.

Dewberry

Adam Remick, P.E. of Dewberry reported on following: Park Avenue Brick Sewer Repair and Linking Project.

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; and 37th Street and 55th Street Combined Sewer Repairs.

Jacobs Operation & Maintenance

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

Adams Street WWTP: The daily average flow was 11.95 million gallons per day with 475,300 gallons of sludge removed. The maximum weekly average for fecal coliform was 13 CFU with a 400 CFU permit limit; the monthly average for fecal coliform was 4 CFU with a 200 CFU permit limit. The 30-day average percent removal was 90% BOD and 93% TSS, with an 85% permit requirement. The 30-day average effluent concentration was 18 mg/L BOD and 9 mg/L TSS, with a 30 mg/L permit requirement.

River Road WWTP: The daily average flow was 7.72 million gallons per day with 337,000 gallons of sludge removed. The maximum weekly average for fecal coliform was 6 CFU with a 400 CFU permit limit; the monthly average for fecal coliform was 3 CFU with a 200 CFU permit limit. The 30-day average removal was 87% CBOD and 88% TSS, with an 85% permit requirement. The 30-day average effluent concentration was 23 mg/L CBOD and 18 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: 10 received in November; 198 received year to date.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:05 PM on motion of Commissioner Velazquez, seconded by Commissioner Gardiner, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.