# UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY



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# Union County Utilities Authority May 19, 2010 Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kulish called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., in the meeting room of the Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Routes 1 & 9 North, Rahway, New Jersey.

Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Joseph C. Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of the Commissioners showed the following present: Chairman Kulish, Vice-Chairman Jackus, Secretary Rachlin, Commissioners Badri, Erdos, and Kennedy. Also present were alternate Commissioners Jorn and Lombardo.

Commissioners Absent: Treasurer People and Commissioners Huff, and Kahn.

Others Present: Jeff Hummel; Thomas Brennan; and Denise Santiago of the Authority's staff; Ed Trainia of CME; Jonathon Williams and Gina Bilangi of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, and Cole Kraig Dowd of Weber Dowd Law; Richard Bauch of Bauch Zucker & Hatfield LLC; Deputy Clerk Lisa M. Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek.

Chairman Kulish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Chairman Kulish appointed Alternate Commissioner Jorn to act for Commissioner Huff and Alternate Commissioner Lombardo to act for Commissioner People.

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Erdos moved the resolution approving the regular session and executive session minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and was unanimously ordered approved by a voice vote.

#### **Communications**

There were no communications.

## Report of Officers

There were no reports from the Officers.

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# Finance and Budget

Commissioner Jackus reported that the Finance and Budget Committee had met and recommended approval of the payment of the bills. Commissioner Jackus moved the following resolutions: 1) Approving Operating and Resource Recovery Facility vouchers for Processing and payment; and 2) Approving consulting and legal vouchers for processing and payment; The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

#### Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

Chairman Kulish reported that there will be the need for a special meeting, to be held on June 2, 2010. He suggested that the meeting be held at 3:00-3:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting would be to deal with a report of the Personnel/Procurement/Insurance Committee (PPI Committee). The PPI Committee would be meeting first. After a discussion it was determined that the PPI Committee would meet at 4:00 pm and there would be a special meeting of the Authority at 5:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss a personnel matter.

# Operations:

Mr. Hummel reported that there were 407 solid waste flow inspections/investigations during the month of April 2010 (351 type 13 and 50 type 10). He noted that a majority of the cases instituted during the month of February are presently active and still undergoing the inspectional process.

Ms. Santiago had previously reported that the Authority staff would be meeting with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority, to assist them with their waste flow system. The meeting took place, and based on suggestion made by Authority staff the Atlantic County Utilities Authority would be introducing a resolution to begin implementing waste flow. Ms. Santiago reported that they were impressed with UCUA's operations.

Ms. Santiago reported that the CEHA Sub-Contractor Inter-local Services Agreement between the County and the Authority expires in early July. A meeting has taken place with the County and information will be sent to the DEP for approval. Their approval should come back in June, and a resolution will be placed on the agenda for the June meeting.

# Solid Waste and Recycling

Mr. Brennan reported that Type 10 waste is up about 800 tons when compared to 2009. Type 13 waste deliveries are down about 5500 tons, at this point. He was hopeful that Type 10

waste would maintain 2009 levels and more information would be forthcoming on Type 13 waste, in the near future.

### **New Business**

Mr. Dowd reported that in order to take advantage of certain premium reductions being offered by the JIF that the Authority is part of; the Authority's Personnel Handbook had to be updated. The PPI Committee recommended that Mr. Bauch be authorized to perform those updates. In response to questions from Commissioner Jorn, Mr. Brennan reported on the potential savings. Commissioner Erdos then made the following motion: The Board resolved to authorize Richard Bauch, Esq. to assist the Authority in updating its Employee Handbook and developing a Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for purposes of participating in the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund's ("MEL JIF") deductible and rate incentives program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., permits the exclusion of the public from a public body meeting in certain circumstances; and

Whereas, the Union County Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners wishes to discuss the following issues:

1) Contracts: Covanta Project Team Updates.

Whereas, minutes will be kept of the executive session and once the matter above no longer require confidentiality, the minutes, or appropriate portions thereof, of the executive session will be made available to the public; and

Now therefore be it resolved by the union County Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Commissioner Badri moved the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rachlin and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 7:16 p.m.

Commissioner Kennedy moved to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jorn and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority returned to public session at 7:29 p.m.

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**Unfinished Business** 

There was no unfinished business.

Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Daniel Sullivan

There were no comments.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Erdos moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and was unanimously ordered approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek Clerk John Kulish Chairman Robert Rachlin Secretary