



UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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Union County Utilities Authority August 18, 2010 Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kulish called the meeting to order at 6:35 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, Treasurer People, Secretary Rachlin, Commissioners Erdos, and Huff. Also present were alternate Commissioner Lombardo.

Commissioners Absent: Vice-Chairman Jackus; Commissioners Badri, Kahn and Kennedy. Also absent was alternate Commissioner Jorn.

Others Present: Dr. Sunil Garg; Thomas Brennan, Jeff Hummel and Denise Santiago of the Authority's staff; Ed Trainia of CME; Jonathon Williams and Gina Bilangi of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole; Kraig Dowd of Weber Dowd Law; Dennis Enright of NW Financial; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek.

Chairman Kulish appointed Alternate Commissioner Lombardo to act for Commissioner Kennedy.

Chairman Kulish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Minutes

Commissioner Huff noted a correction to the minutes, regarding the public comments made by Fabio Arino. The last sentence was incomplete. The sentence was corrected. Chairman Kulish asked that the dollar amount contained in the Executive Session minutes relative to the stranded debt of the Authority be stricken. Commissioner Erdos then moved the resolution approving the regular session and executive session minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2010, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and was ordered approved by a voice vote, with all voting in favor, except Commissioner People, who abstained.

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Communications

There were no communications.

Report of Officers

There were no reports from the Officers.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Public Session I

Finance and Budget

Commissioner Rachlin reported that the Finance and Budget Committee had met and recommended approval of the payment of the bills. Commissioner Rachlin 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 Erdos and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

There was no report.

Operations:

Mr. Hummel reported that there were 323 solid waste flow inspections/investigations during the month of June 2010 (283 type 13 and 40 type 10). He noted that a majority of the cases instituted during the month of June are presently active and still undergoing the inspectional process.

Solid Waste and Recycling

Dr. Garg spoke about the amount of waste being delivered. He noted that the first two quarters of this year the Authority has weathered the recession pretty well. The numbers are starting to increase, modestly. Mr. Brennan gave a report on the tonnage delivered.

New Business

Dr. Garg provided the Commissioner with details and an update on the fire that occurred on July 23, 2010 at the facility. The damage was mostly from the water used to put the fire out. The damage amounted to about \$80,000.00. The Authority insurance policy has a \$25,000.00 deductible, which Covanta is covering. Mr. Brennan noted the cost of the wages that were paid, to employees, even though they could not work. Commissioner Erdos commended Mr. Brennan

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and Ms. Miskiewicz on the job they did. She noted that this occurrence re-emphasized the issue of the fire drills that had come up earlier this year. Chairman Kulish thanked Ms. Miskiewicz for all she did to make sure the Authority's offices were safe and that they reopened quickly.

Public Comment

Reports of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Executive Session

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 Huff moved the resolution for executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 6:53 p.m.

Commissioner Erdos moved to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority returned to public session at 7:04 p.m.

Report of Committees Staff & Counsel – Public Session II

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 People moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rachlin and was unanimously ordered approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

John Kulish
Chairman

Robert Rachlin
Secretary