

Union County Utilities Authority  
March 19, 2008  
Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, 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 Mr. Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of the Commissioners showed the following present: Chairman Kennedy, Vice-Chairman Kulish, Secretary Wolf, Treasurer People Commissioners Badri, Erdos, Huff and Kahn. Also present was alternate Commissioner Lombardo.

Commissioners Absent: Alternate Commissioner Jorn

Others Present: Dr. Garg, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Hummel, Denise Santiago, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Neafsey, of the Authority's staff; Neil Cohen, General Counsel; Tim Gillen and Ed Trainia of CME; Mike Hanley of NW Financial; Kraig Dowd of Brownstein Booth and Associates; Jonathan Williams of DeCotiis Fitzpatrick and Gluck; Isabella Schroder of Malcolm Pirnie; Freeholder Liaison Holmes; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek.

Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Alliance.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Erdos moved the resolution approving the regular session and executive session minutes of the reorganization meeting of February 13, 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Commissioners Kulish 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 Kulish reported that the Finance and Budget had met and recommended approval of the bill list. Commissioner Kennedy then 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 Huff and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

Chairman Kahn reported that there was a resolution being presented this evening approving the execution of contracts with previously appointed and reappointed professionals and consultants. He also explained the resolution approving an employment contract for Dr. Garg as executive director of the Authority. Commissioner Erdos then moved the following resolutions: 1) Authorizing the execution of contracts with previously appointed and reappointed professional and consultants to the Authority; and 2) Authorizing the execution of an employment contract with Sunil K. Garg, Ph.D., Esq., for the position of Executive Director of the Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Operations

Mr. Crane advised the Commissioners that there were 316 solid waste flow inspections/investigations conducted during the month of February, 2008 (281 type 13 and 35 type 10).

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### Solid Waste & Recycling

Dr. Garg reported to the Commissioners on the Union County composting facility. Commissioner Kulish moved the resolution recommending, by administrative action, a plan amendment to the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan pertaining to the Union County Composting Facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erdos and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

### Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

There was no comment.

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There was no public comment.

### New Business

Chairman Kahn noted that it was with great pride and pleasure he introduced the next resolution , dedicating the William and Grace Wolf Conference Room. Commissioner Badri moved the resolution dedicating the William and Grace Wolf Conference Room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erdos, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote. Chairman Kahn then read the following resolution:

**WHEREAS;** Grace and Bill Wolf have been citizens of Rahway, and Union County since 1956; and

**WHEREAS;** They are the owner and proprietors fo Graywill Acres, Inc., a family owned farm in the City of Rahway; which has provided delight and an educational experience to untold numbers of children; and

**WHEREAS;** Grace and Bill Wolf have displayed an outstanding commitment to the City of Rahway, the County of Union and itø citizens through their involvement in many civic and fraternal organizations, such as Deborah League, Rahway AARP, the Deutscher Club, St. Annø Society of St. Markø Church, the Rahway Tree Lighting Committee and numerous other activities; and

**WHEREAS;** Grace was honored, in 1977 as øOutstanding Rahway Senior Citizen of Yearö and in 1998, was selected as one of Union Countyø øWoman of Excellenceö by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women; and  
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**WHEREAS;** Bill's chosen career in life was that of carpenter, where he rose through the rank and file to become President of the Carpenters Union, Local 715, Elizabeth, in order to better serve his fellow workers; and

**WHEREAS;** Bill has served the City of Rahway as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, from January, 1997 through January, 2007; and

**WHEREAS;** At a time in his life, when most individuals are looking to enjoy the rewards of retirement, Bill, again answered the call of his community by accepting an appointment as Rahway's representative to the Union County Utilities Authority on February 1, 1991 and continues to serve in that capacity; and

**WHEREAS;** During his tenure on the Authority Bill has served as an Officer of the Authority for 17 years and has also served with distinction as a member of each of the standing committees of the Authority, and as Chairman of the Construction Committee, the Operations Committee, and the Policy, Ethics and By-Law Committee; and

**WHEREAS;** Through his efforts the Citizens of Union County have been able to realize an environmentally safe and economically sound method of waste disposal; and

**WHEREAS;** The Citizens of Union County wish to express their gratitude to Bill and Grace Wolf for their efforts in making Union County a better place.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** That the Commissioners and Officers of the Union County Utilities Authority do hereby dedicate the meeting room of the Authority as the William and Grace Wolf Conference Room in grateful recognition of their unselfish efforts on behalf of the Citizens of Union County; and

**BE IT FURTHER THEREFORE RESOLVED;** That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Authority, presented to the Wolf Family, and be suitably framed and hung in perpetuity in the William and Grace Wolf Conference Room.

Chairman Kahn noted that his association with Commissioner Wolf, goes well beyond their service on the Authority. Chairman Kahn's father and Commissioner Wolf were carpenters together. He spoke glowingly about Grace Wolf and how she was one of the finest people he has ever met. He concluded by wishing him many more wonderful years.

Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz then tuned on a video collage that had been prepared about the Wolf's for this occasion.

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Chairman Kahn unveiled the plaque dedicating the room as the Bill and Grace Wolf Conference room. He also presented Commissioner Wolf with a framed copy of the resolution.

Commissioner Kulish spoke about Commissioner Wolf dedication to the Authority and his willingness to assist his fellow commissioners at all times. He noted that as far as Grace was concerned, her name said it all. She was a wonderful woman, and will be sorely missed.

Commissioner People noted that he has only known Commissioner Wolf for about eight years. During that time Commissioner Wolf, and Grace, were always very respectful. He expressed his appreciation to them for their help.

Assemblyman Neil Cohen stated that the conference room was smaller than the hearts of Bill and Grace Wolf. He spoke about Grace and her many outstanding qualities. The Assemblyman noted that he has known the Wolfs for over twenty-one years. He presented Mr. Wolf with a joint resolution of the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly, from him, Assemblyman Cryan, and Senator Lesniak, honoring the memory and life of Grace Wolf. He spoke about the love that Bill and Grace had for each other.

Freeholder Chester Holmes noted that it gave him great pleasure to be here this evening to witness this occasion. He talked about the years he has known Bill and Grace, and how they all have been great years. He commended the Authority for their recognition of the Wolfs. Freeholder Holmes noted the amount of time that the Wolfs have donated to the Citizens of Union County. He concluded by presenting Commissioner Wolf with a resolution of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders honoring them and their contributions to the Citizens of Rahway and Union County.

Commissioner/Mayor Kennedy, presented Commissioner Wolf with a Resolution from the City of Rahway. Mayor Kennedy then related the story of his first meeting with Bill Wolf, when he was first running for the office of mayor. He then explained how that first meeting ended up with his appointment of Commissioner Wolf to the Authority. He told other anecdotal stories about his relations with Bill and Grace Wolf.

Noel Crawford, daughter of Bill and Grace Wolf spoke next. First, on behalf of the Wolf family, and Bill she thanked the Authority for this recognition of her parents. She then spoke about her parents, what it was like growing up with them as parents, and told many, many, wonderful stories about them. She noted how much her parents loved the City of Rahway.

Chairman Kahn opened the floor for comments from the public.

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Jonathan Williams spoke about his relationship with Bill Wolf, during his tenure at the Authority. He noted how important a part Commissioner Wolf played in assuring this facility got build for the Citizens of Union County. He thanked Commissioner Wolf for all support over the years.

Former UCUA Commissioner Bud Booth, spoke about the years that he had served the Authority, with Commissioner Wolf. He spoke about Commissioner Wolf's dedication and commitment to getting the job done, and in the best way for the Citizens of Union County. He thanked Commissioner Wolf

Former UCUA Commissioner Al Dill also spoke about his years of service with Commissioner Wolf. He thanked him for all that Commissioner Wolf had taught him during that time.

Chairman Kahn thanked the members of the Authority staff, who worked so hard to put this special evening together.

Commissioner Badri moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erdos and approved unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm..

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek  
Wolf  
Clerk  
Secretary

Edward Kahn  
Chairman

William