

RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Personnel Committee Meeting

Minutes

July 21, 2016

Commissioner LoForte, Personnel Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Commissioner LoForte read the statement on “Open Public Meetings Law”.

“In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the inclusion of the date, time and place in a Notice forwarded to The Star Ledger, the Home News Tribune and the Clerk of each of the eleven member municipalities on July 18, 2016.

If any member of this body believes that this meeting is being held in violation of the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, please state your objection and the reasons for same at this time.”

.... Hearing no objections, we shall proceed with our regularly scheduled meeting.

The Chairman requested that everyone stand to salute the Flag and a moment of silence.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Michael Furci	for the Township of Springfield
Louis C. Lambe	for the Township of Cranford
Richard J. LoForte	for the Borough of Kenilworth
Robert Rachlin	for the City of Rahway
John J. Tomaine	for the Borough of Mountainside

The following members were absent:

Allen Chin	for the Town of Westfield
Michael Connelly	for the Borough of Roselle Park
Stephen D. Greet	for the Borough of Garwood
Robert B. LaCosta	for the Township of Scotch Plains
Frank G. Mazzarella	for the Township of Clark
Scott L. Thompson	for the Township of Woodbridge

The following were also present:

James J. Meehan	Executive Director
Robert J. Materna	Secretary-Treasurer
Joanne Grimes	Purchasing Agent / Office Manager / Board Sec.
Dennis A. Estis, Esq.	General Counsel, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith
Dan Ward	Superintendent
Andrew Sasso	Operations Manager

Closed Session

Mr. Tomaine made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rachlin, to go into Closed Session at this time, 6:44 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Chin, Mr. Greet, Mr. LaCosta, Mr. Mazzarella and Mr. Thompson were absent.

Unfinished Business

Union Negotiations

Mr. Meehan and members of the staff are in negotiations with the Union representing the Authority’s plant employees (new contract period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019). A copy of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was emailed to the Commissioners on July 18, 2016 for review. Mr. Meehan is asking that the Commissioners authorize him to offer the Union a 2.5% increase each year of the contract. Action is on the Regular Meeting agenda under New Business.

Other matters regarding the Union Contract were discussed.

Return to the Regular Order

Mr. Tomaine made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rachlin, to return to the Regular Order of Business at 7:05 p.m. The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Chin, Mr. Greet, Mr. LaCosta, Mr. Mazzarella and Mr. Thompson were absent.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, on motion of Mr. Tomaine, seconded by Mr. Rachlin, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Chin, Mr. Greet, Mr. LaCosta, Mr. Mazzarella and Mr. Thompson were absent.

Chairman

Robert J. Materna

Robert J. Materna, Secretary-Treasurer

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