

RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes

January 12, 2017

Commissioner Greet, Finance Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Greet 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 January 10, 2017.

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.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Michael Furci	for the Township of Springfield
Michael J. Gelin	for the Township of Woodbridge
Stephen D. Greet	for the Borough of Garwood
Robert B. LaCosta	for the Township of Scotch Plains
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
Frank G. Mazzarella	for the Township of Clark

The following were also present:

James J. Meehan	Executive Director
Robert J. Materna	Secretary-Treasurer
Donna Corris	Human Resource Manager
Dennis Estis, Esq.	Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith
Howard Matteson	CDM Smith, Inc.
Dan Ward	Superintendent
John Buonocore	Chief Engineer
Anthony Gencarelli	Manager of Regulatory Compliance
Andrew Sasso	Operations Manager

New Commissioner

Mr. Greet asked the Commissioners to join him in welcoming Mr. Michael Gelin, the newly appointed Commissioner for the Township of Woodbridge. Mr. Greet added that Mr. Gelin's formal swearing in will be held next Thursday during the Regular Board meeting.

New Business**2017 Budget**

Mr. Greet stated that the Secretary-Treasurer prepared the 2017 Budget for approval by the Commissioners. The Finance Committee met with the Staff on December 5, 2016 to review the proposed budget. The Committee recommended changes that have been implemented into the document being presented to the Commissioners this evening. After this meeting, if the Commissioners concur, action to approve the 2017 Budget will be placed on the January 19, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.

Mr. Materna gave an outline of the key items affecting the 2017 Budget. He noted that 2016 was a very good operating year for the Authority. Natural gas and electric contracts were favorable and utilization of the Dryer reduced Sludge Disposal Costs. Realized trucked in waste Revenue was higher than Budgeted.

Mr. Materna noted that the 2017 proposed Assessment to the member municipalities is \$373.5 lower than the prior year.

Mr. Meehan asked Mr. Ward to address the Commissioners and speak about various line items. Mr. Ward provided comments related to Plant Operations.

The Commissioners questioned the staff on a few items, however, were pleased with the Budget as presented.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, on motion of Mr. Lambe, seconded by Mr. LaCosta, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Chin, Mr. Connelly and Mr. Mazzarella were absent.

 Chairman

Robert J. Materna

 Robert J. Materna, Secretary-Treasurer

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