

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2009**

**MOTIONED BY:** Spaccavento  
**SECONDED BY:** Raia

**WHEREAS,** the North Hudson Sewerage Authority (hereinafter "Authority") is a public body, duly formed under the Sewerage Authorities law, constituting Chapter 138 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1946, as amended (Chapter 14A of Title 40 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated) and possesses the powers set forth therein; and

**WHEREAS,** a regular meeting of the Authority was held on December 10, 2009; and

**WHEREAS,** minutes of the meeting have been prepared by General Counsel and presented to the Authority members and staff for their review.

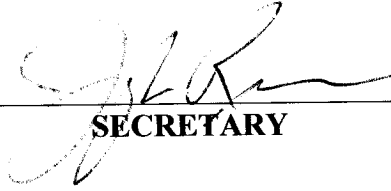
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Authority hereby approves the minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2009 for the record.

**DATED: JANUARY 21, 2010**

**RECORD OF COMMISSIONERS' VOTE**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Commissioner Lopez	x		
Commissioner Marotta	x		
Commissioner Raia	x		
Commissioner Rivera	x		
Commissioner Schaffer	x		
Commissioner Schroeder	x		
Commissioner Spaccavento	x		
Commissioner Stack	x		
Commissioner Wolff	x		

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE NORTH HUDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JANUARY 21, 2010.**

  
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**SECRETARY**

# **NORTH HUDSON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 10, 2009**

At approximately 6:34 p.m., Chairman Richard Wolff called the meeting to order. Counsel Leanza advised that this was a regular meeting of the Authority, and that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, a schedule of the Authority's meetings had been sent to the Authority's official newspapers, the Jersey Journal and Star Ledger, with a courtesy copy to the Hoboken Reporter. In addition, copies of such schedule were sent to the Clerks of Hoboken, Union City, Weehawken and West New York and the Hudson County Clerk, with a copy thereof posted on the Authority's bulletin board. In addition to Chairman Wolff, Commissioners Lopez, Marotta, Raia, Rivera, Schaffer, Schroeder and Spaccavento were also all in attendance at the meeting.

Counsel Leanza advised that there were eight members present and that affirmative action could be taken on matters coming before the Board.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raia, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, Resolution 09-102 authorizing the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting was adopted with 7 Commissioners voting in the affirmative and Commissioner Schaffer abstaining because of his absence from the meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raia, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, Resolution 09-105 authorizing the minutes of the October 15, 2009 meeting was adopted with 7 Commissioners voting in the affirmative and Chairman Wolff abstaining because of his absence from the meeting.

At approximately 6:38 p.m., Commissioner Stack arrived at the meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raia, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, Resolution 09-111 authorizing the minutes of the November 30, 2009 special meeting was adopted with 8 Commissioners voting in the affirmative and Commissioner Lopez abstaining therefrom because of his absence from the meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raia, seconded by Commissioner Spaccavento, Resolution 09-110 authorizing the minutes of the November 17, 2009 meeting was adopted with 7 Commissioners voting in the affirmative and Chairman Wolff and Commissioner Lopez abstaining because of their absence from the meeting.

Chairman Wolff next asked for an office report and Executive Director Pocci replied that there was no office report but that he had received correspondence from 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Homes, LLC with regard to obtaining certificate of occupancies for 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Homes, LLC development at 560-568 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, West New York, New Jersey. The developer was asking for a waiver of full payment of the connection fee and payment of only half of the same and release of certain units

so a certificate of occupancy could be obtained for the same to allow the sale. It was explained that this was a for profit affordable housing development.

Several of the Commissioners indicated that without substantial proof that this was in fact an affordable housing project in conjunction with the West New York Housing Authority and sponsored by the Town of West New York any action thereon would be immature.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Schroeder, this matter was brought to a vote and did not pass.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT - CH2M Hill.**

Jim Howey of CH2M Hill reported that the H-1 contract was awarded and approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and that the contractor is already preparing the necessary bonds and insurance information with regard to the contract. The only issue with regard to the project is obtaining rights of way from New Jersey Transit for a bypass of the temporary outfall and CH2M Hill is working with the Authority counsel with regard to obtaining the same. OMI continued to work with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and bond counsel with regard to funding projects through the Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund.

Mr. Howey also noted that the fire alarm system bid is out and a report may be made on the same at the next meeting.

CH2M Hill continues its design of the UV system and flow diversion for when we next meet with the NJDEP regarding permitting of the diversion.

The River Road and Adams Street plant improvements are continuing.

#### **AECOM.**

Eugene DeStefano of AECOM reported that AECOM is continuing its monthly operations meetings with OMI and is obtaining full cooperation with respect to the same. It has met with the partnership regarding the construction of the new railroad tunnel underneath the Hudson River and will report next month on a meeting with the Harbor Discharge Group. Mr. DeStefano also noted that the structural failure in one of the Purac cells and noted that it appeared that this would be symptomatic of one of the cells so that a thorough investigation of the reason and means of correcting such failure would be researched and reported to the Commissioners. AECOM participated in a test and review of the automatic switch for the emergency generation system and the same appeared to work well. AECOM is working on rehabilitation of a portion of the West New York sewer collection and interceptor system to reduce inflow and infiltration. It is working with OMI on sewer design and will ask for a task to be given to the Authority contractor, Entech, to video certain pipes.

AECOM is also reviewing various screening procedures and equipment to incorporate into

the pump station to provide additional protection for the pumps thereon.

**HATCH MOTT MACDONALD.**

Michael Bennett of Hatch Mott MacDonald indicated that they are continuing to work with the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Pump Station and is waiting to hear from both Dykes Lumber and Hartz Mountain Industries regarding easement for the outfall pipe relating to the same. He is working with the Authority counsel regarding the same.

He reported that an agreement had been obtained from New Jersey Transit with regard to a crossing of the light rail track.

Counsel Leanza indicated that he had reviewed the same and that it was acceptable but that we were awaiting input from the Authority's insurance expert to assure that we had or could get sufficient insurance at a reasonable price to meet the requirements of New Jersey Transit. Mr. Bennett also indicated that Hatch Mott MacDonald was working on rehabilitation of the Adams Street outfall and would be submitting for permit purposes permission to extend a temporary outfall through property belonging to the City of Hoboken on the Hudson River waterfront. Once such information and a letter regarding the same is finalized, it will be delivered to the Authority counsel.

**OMI.**

Gary Fournier of OMI reported that the River Road plant had enjoyed 79% removal rates of TSS and CBOD for the previous month and concentrations of 35 mg/l and 24 mg/l, respectively of CBOD and TSS for the previous month. Otherwise, all systems were working well at the River Road plant. With respect to the Adams Street plant, it enjoyed 88% and 92% rates of BOD and TSS respectively for the previous month with concentrations of 14 mg/l and 7 mg/l of BOD and TSS.

Mr. Fournier also reported that OMI is investigating the structural collapse of the Purac cell and would work with AECOM regarding a solution of the same before there is an adverse impact on other cells.

Michael Arnold of OMI gave a presentation to the Commissioners regarding the implementation of SCADA improvements at the West New York plant.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raia, seconded by Commissioner Stack, Resolution 09-112 authorizing the payment of bills was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion by Commissioner Stack, seconded by Commissioner Schroeder, Resolution 09-113 directing work to Cliffside Paving under the under the biennial miscellaneous sewer repair contract in an amount of approximately \$66,000.00 was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion by Commissioner Stack, seconded by Commissioner Raia, Resolution 09-114

authorizing advertising and bid of the biennial miscellaneous sewer repair contract was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raia, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, Resolution 09-115 directing work to Entech under the combined sewer rehabilitation and reconstruction contract for videotaping sewers in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion by Commissioner Stack, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, Resolution 09-116 authorizing contract modification #3 for the Adams Street Wastewater Treatment Plant alternative energy project in an amount of \$14,110.17 was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion by Commissioner Stack, seconded by Commissioner Raia, Resolution 09-117 authorizing advertising and bid of various capital improvement projects including the Adams Street wastewater treatment plant sludge storage tank, recirculation pump replacement, the Adams Street wastewater treatment plant miscellaneous repairs and River Road wastewater treatment plant miscellaneous repairs in amounts of \$350,000.00, \$1,080,000.00 and \$1,250,000.00 respectively was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion by Commissioner Stack, seconded by Commissioner Schroeder, Resolution 09-118 authorizing repairs at the River Road wastewater treatment plant to replace the sludge holding tank odor control unit blower in the amount of \$9,287.38 was unanimously adopting noting that the same had previously been approved by the Facilities Review Board.

Lillian Paz residing at 311 59<sup>th</sup> Street, West New York then addressed the Commissioners regarding a billing issue. Apparently, Ms. Paz had entered into a monthly payment plan and had left the country and missed some months and then began paying quarterly payments rather than monthly payments. It appeared that the full amount to be paid had not been accomplished by the time period set in the time payment agreement and the Authority billing department therefore refused to forgive interest. This matter will be reviewed by the Executive Director and an answer given to Ms. Paz.

Next, Henry DeWeiss, residing at 3 Henry Place, Weehawken, next addressed the Commissioners. Mr. DeWeiss lives next to the JOSO solids floatables control facility which was causing a large amount of noise when vehicular traffic traversed over the same and requested that the Authority investigate the same.

Chairman Wolff directed OMI to investigate the same and to determine whether another type of door or potentially sound ending gaskets could be installed to alleviate this problem.

At approximately 8:48 p.m., upon motion by Commissioner Raia, seconded by Commissioner Stack, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.