

ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
September 13, 2022 – 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
GEO Board Room
6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ

PRESENT FOR THE AUTHORITY

Marvin Embry	Chair
Fred Akers	Member
Judy Ward	Member
Maria Mento	Member
Andrew Berenato	Member
Laura Pfrommer	Member
Richard S. Dovey	President
Brian G. Lefke	Senior Vice President of Solid Waste & Authority Secretary
Joseph C. Pantalone	Vice President Wastewater
Matthew DeNafo	Vice President of Centralized Maintenance & Asset Management
Herminio Roque	Senior Computer Analyst
Lisa Duffner	Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT

Stephanie E. Farrell, Esq.	Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein
Gerald DelRosso	County Administrator - Zoom
James Ferguson, Esq.	County Counsel - Zoom
Alysia Remaley, Esq.	Assistant County Counsel – Zoom
Joe Daily	Member of the public – in person
Eric Keys	Site Enterprises - Zoom
Chris Doyle	Atlantic City Press - Zoom

Chairman Embry called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and announced that the Special Meeting Notice on September 13, 2022, was mailed to the Atlantic City Press, The Daily Journal, The Clerk of Atlantic County, and The Clerk of The Atlantic County Board of Commissioners on September 8, 2022, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, *et seq.* I hereby direct that this announcement be made part of the minutes of this meeting.

Flag Salute

Roll call was taken by Brian Lefke which reflected a quorum was present.

Chairman Embry	Present
Fred Akers	Present
Andrew Berenato	Present
John Lyons	Absent
Judy Ward	Present
Laura Pfrommer	Present
Maria Mento	Present

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Dovey stated that there was an emergency situation at the Wastewater Facility. He asked Mr. Pantalone and Mr. DeNafo to give a brief update to the Board regarding this issue. Mr. Dovey added that the Board will receive a more comprehensive update at the regular Board Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022.

Mr. Pantalone said that for the past month the Wastewater Facility has had a few mechanical problems. They are currently experiencing the inability to fully process biosolids due to several factors that have compounded over the last month. These include hardened sludge which affected the operation of the furnace; an outside belt conveying sludge from outside customers was out of service for approximately one week; frequent planned and unplanned shutdowns; and a leak in one of two centrifuges. To evacuate the excess solids, it was determined that the only viable option was to rent a trailer-mounted unit to process dewatered sludge. He researched this and found P & H Senesac, Inc., a company in Vermont, who submitted a quote for a temporary mobile dewatering unit.

Mr. DeNafo then addressed the Board and stated that the system has been on the docket to be replaced. He said Mr. Pantalone spoke with the centrifuge company manufacturer last weekend. In addition to onsite workers, a third-party service control company came to the Wastewater Facility to rebuild some of the controls. On Sunday, another centrifuge company came and said they could repair it, but it would take two weeks to get the parts. However, Mr. DeNafo stated that the Wastewater Facility did not have two weeks since solids were building up. Fortunately, the centrifuge company was able to secure parts. Wastewater electricians picked up the parts, and they will be making repairs, doing the programming, and testing the system, which should then be up and operating by Thursday.

Chairman Embry asked if the cost of this would affect the rate payers or municipalities. Mr. Denafu replied that the funds come from the Wastewater Division's Pay-Go Capital Budget.

Mrs. Pfrommer asked if the rebuild is just a temporary fix until the parts can be replaced. Mr. Denafu said that it is, however, they have been able to salvage some of the parts and are hopeful they will be able to continue using some of the controls.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Resolution 22-9-206: Resolution authorizing Executive Session.

Explanation: To interview consultants who will assist in a search for potential candidates to fill executive positions.

All members of the public were asked to leave the meeting by Board Secretary Brian G. Lefke. The County Executive's representatives continued their presence during the closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Akers and seconded by Ms. Mento to go into Executive Session.

There were three firms interviewed by the Board, via Zoom: 1) Government Strategy Group; 2) Canning Group; and 3) Kimmel & Associates. Each firm answered questions prepared by the Board Secretary and legal counsel within a one-hour timeframe.

No formal action was taken.

After the last interview concluded, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Pfrommer and seconded by Chairman Embry.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian G. Lefke
Board Secretary

TO: Brian G. Lefke, Secretary
Atlantic County Utilities Authority

FROM: Honorable Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive

RE: Minutes of Special Board Meeting – September 13, 2022

I. The Minutes of the above referenced meeting were submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:41A-37 et seq. on September 16, 2022,


- (a) by the end of the fifth business day following the meeting.
- (b) as soon as practicable following the meeting where emergency action has been taken.
- (c) beyond the statutory period for submission.


II. I hereby return the Minutes of the above referenced meeting to the Authority and to the Board of Freeholders, on the date set forth above, which is

- (a) within ten days of delivery.
- (b) within twenty-four (24) hours of delivery where the action at the meeting was deemed by the Authority to be in response to an emergency situation.

III. The following action is taken on the Minutes:

- (a) Approved in all respects.
- (b) Vetoed in all respects. A written explanation of the reasons for the veto is attached.
- (c) Approved in part and vetoed in part.
The specific items which are vetoed and a written explanation of the reasons for the veto or vetoes is attached.


Dennis Levinson
Atlantic County Executive


James F. Ferguson, Esquire
Approved as to Form and Entry

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Date:

cc: Sonya Harris, Clerk to the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners

ATTACHMENTS: Minutes
 Veto Message