

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
WORK SESSION**

**January 21, 2015**

**Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vaccaro at 6:00 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the January 21, 2015 Work Session was read into the record by Richard Wierer, Acting Authority Secretary.

BEFORE: The Honorable Commissioners of the Authority  
Andrew "Chuck" Vaccaro, Chairman  
Ronald Phillips, Vice Chairman  
Catherine T. Bentz, Commissioner  
James L. Cassella, Commissioner  
Louis J. DeLisio, Commissioner  
Paul A. Juliano, Commissioner  
George P. Zilocchi, Commissioner

The meeting was opened to the public. No members of the public wished to speak. The meeting was closed to the public.

Review of January 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Vaccaro reviewed the January 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Construction and Engineering Committee:

Vice Chairman Phillips noted the CoGen Expansion project continues to move forward. There is currently a problem procuring material for the project due to the buy America requirements which may result in a delay in the completion of the project. There are certain air quality permitting issues that still need to be resolved regarding the project. The Edgewater Pump Station/Force Main project continues to move forward. The surveying for the project has commenced and the number of easements required is less than originally anticipated. Commissioner Cassella inquired if the NJDEP CSO requirements would affect the Authority. Executive Director Laux noted that the Authority does not own any combined sewers. Chief Engineer Andersen noted that the municipal service agreements require municipalities to be responsible for combined sewers and the Authority does assist municipalities regarding this issue.

Security and Safety Committee:

Vice Chairman Phillips advised the Commissioners that OSHA will be conducting an audit of the Authority on January 22, 2015. Vice Chairman Phillips noted that a partnership with OSHA is in the best interest of the Authority. Construction companies that are currently onsite have been advised that OSHA will be performing an audit. Vice Chairman Phillips noted that the Little Ferry Police are providing traffic control for the PSE&G easement project on Authority property.

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Administration Reports:

Executive Director Laux asked Cathy Mallon, Malcolm Pirnie/Arcadis US, Inc. to provide an update regarding the FEMA reimbursements. Ms. Mallon noted that the Authority will be receiving a \$444,900 reimbursement for expenses incurred responding to Superstorm Sandy. Commissioner Zilocchi requested a summary of the outstanding FEMA mitigation and damage reimbursement which was provided by Ms. Mallon. Vice Chairman Phillips questioned if the Authority should prioritize projects to be funded by FEMA. Executive Director Laux noted it is too soon to limit the Authorities FEMA funding requests and that the process may take seven to ten years. Director Laux noted that PSE&G has begun work on the easement project. Director Laux noted that bond refunding saved the Authority \$3.1 million and that other bonds may be refundable in 2015. Keith Furlough is currently working on drafting a press release regarding the success of the 2014 household hazardous waste program. Director Laux advised the Commissioners that a reporter from the Bergen Record was at the Authority Little Ferry facility the week of January 11, 2015 regarding the Authorities sludge barge and its effect on the operation of the Portal Bridge. Director Laux advised the Commissioners that the Authority applied for \$157,000 grant through Homeland Security for security upgrades. Director Laux presented the Commissioners the 2013 NACWA Peak Performance Gold Award for excellence in permit compliance for the Little Ferry and Edgewater facilities and thanked the Water Pollution Control staff for their continued dedication. Director Laux presented Chairman Vaccaro a framed Bergen Record article regarding the Chairman's retirement from the Borough of Cresskill.

Director of Solid Waste and Information Technology Systems Wierer's monthly report was accepted as submitted.

Director of WPC/Chief Engineer Andersen's monthly report was accepted as submitted.

Acting Treasurer McCarter's monthly report was accepted as submitted.

Security Administrator D'Arminio's monthly report was accepted as submitted.

Motion to adjourn the Work Session meeting was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

  
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Richard Wierer  
Acting Authority Secretary