

**SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES - CAUCUS MEETING – JULY 14, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Caucus Meeting of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2011.

Moment of Silence and Salute:

Led by Chairman Cory

Announcement:

This meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act in that an announcement of the same was mailed to the Asbury Park Press, the Coast Star, and to the Clerks of our member municipalities on February 11, 2011. The minutes of this meeting will be available after Board approval at a subsequent meeting.

Roll Call:

Present:

Commissioners Blasi, Burne, Cory, Farrell, Lynch, Mattia, Nicol and Schmeling.

Messrs. Bonello, Bujak, and Ruppel.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Ruppel's Executive Director Report included a review of the following Authority business related items:

Sea Girt Pump Station Rehabilitation:

Mr. Ruppel reported that the Sea Girt Pump Station Rehabilitation Project continues to be on schedule. The milling and paving of Sea Girt Avenue including the additional paving requested by the Borough of Sea Girt has been completed.

The Sea Girt Pump Station enclosure arrived the first week in July. As soon as the enclosure was placed on site, Mr. Ruppel received several calls from residents. There were two primary concerns expressed by them, the enclosure was much higher than what it appeared in the rendering of the project, and the color of the enclosure. Upon hearing the feedback, Mr. Ruppel arranged a formal meeting with the residents to discuss their concerns with a special committee that had been formed by the Chairman. Also attending the meeting were Commissioners Mattia and Farrell, Sea Girt Mayor, Mr. Clemmensen and Business Administrator, Mr. Bunting. Mr. Ruppel reported that the meeting was very productive and the Authority would hold an Engineering Committee Meeting to discuss the possibility of adding additional plantings to help conceal the enclosure. It was the recommendation of the Committee that the Authority move forward with efforts to accommodate the Sea Girt residents, but cap any further expenditures for this project at \$15,000.00.

Monmouth County Planning Board Award Program:

Mr. Ruppel informed the Board of Commissioners that CME Associates, the project-engineering firm responsible for the Rehabilitation of the Sea Girt Pump Station has submitted this project to the Monmouth County Planning Board's Award Program. This type of project is unprecedented within Monmouth County and is an excellent example of the forward-thinking on behalf of the Authority.

Pennsylvania Avenue Pump Station Rehabilitation Project:

Through the Feasibility Study performed by CME Associates and the recommendation of the Engineering Committee the SMRSA is moving forward with the rebuild of the existing pump station within its original footprint.

Gore & Associates – Capacity Review:

Mr. Ruppel reported to the Board that he has been working for the past four years with Gore & Associates, Inc. whose facility in Wall Township manufactures heart stents. At this facility, Gore & Associates own and operate a treatment system that competes with the SMRSA's treatment system. He has been successful in negotiating connections for two of their newest buildings to connect to our treatment system rather than their own. He is currently finalizing the connection of the third and final building at this facility. Once connected, SMRSA will receive all discharge from this facility thereby eliminating the need for their treatment facility to operate. This would result in a connection fee for SMRSA in December 2011 of approximately \$65,000.00 or the equivalent of adding 45 residential homes to the SMRSA system.

Division of Local Government Services Committee Appointment:

Mr. Ruppel informed the Board that the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has formed a new committee to establish credentials and examination requirements for potential Qualified Purchasing Agents. He stated that as a result of his involvement with the AEA, Mr. Bujak's nomination from the AEA to serve on this committee was approved by the DLGS.

Sale of Surplus Property:

In April the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution #41-11 authorizing the SMRSA to conduct a sale of SMRSA owned property no longer needed for public use through the Division of Local Government Services' approved internet-based vendors for on-line auction of surplus property. The surplus property was listed on the govdeals.com website and a direct link was added to the SMRSA website. The Auction runs from July 18, 2011 through and including August 1, 2011. During the meeting, Mr. Ruppel reviewed with the Board the SMRSA website and its link to govdeals.com on-line auction.

Co-Generation System:

The SMRSA placed its Co-Generation System into operation in the spring of 2010. To date the system has remained in continuous operation, has played a key role in offsetting the SMRSA's dependency on third party electrical suppliers, and has easily met the internal plant demands for

thermal energy. During the Caucus Meeting, Mr. Ruppel gave a presentation to the Board of Commissioners demonstrating the SMRSA's Co-Generation System performance highlighting the following:

- Total K/W Demand vs. Actual Power Generated
- Total K/W Demand vs. Total System Capacity
- Total System Capacity vs. Actual Power Generated

Mr. Ruppel reported that there are residual electrical energy capacities within the Co-Generation System that are unutilized. Seventy five per cent or greater of all thermal energy created during approximately nine months of each calendar year are wasted due to lack of demand. He is continuing to evaluate the Co-Generation System to optimize its current residual capacities, and evaluate potential further use of wasted thermal energies.

PUBLIC PORTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Burne and seconded by Commissioner Nicol to open the public portion of the meeting. On voice vote, all Commissioners voted aye. A motion was made by Commissioner Mattia and seconded by Commissioner Burne to close the public portion of the meeting. On voice vote, all Commissioners voted aye.

ADJORNMENT:

Commissioner Mattia made the motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting. Commissioner Burne seconded the motion. On voice vote, all Commissioners voted aye.