

**SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES - CAUCUS MEETING – NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Caucus Meeting of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority is called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

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 Clerks of our member municipalities; and to the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star on February 15, 2019. The minutes of this meeting will be available after Board approval at a subsequent meeting.

Roll Call:

Present:

Commissioners Burne, Cory, Donovan, Farrell, Lynch, Mattia, May and Nicol.

Messrs. Bonello, Bujak, Krause, and Timbrook.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Bonello reported he met with Mr. Krause and Mr. Bujak to review the items on the Agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Krause congratulated the Borough Mayor(s) in their recent re-election victories.

SMRSA Pump Stations Upgrade Project:

Mr. Krause reported the Pump Station Upgrade Project demolition has begun. Review of shop drawings is progressing.

Co-Generation System Upgrades:

Mr. Krause reported the project is on-going. The scheduled Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Testing has been postponed due to several punch list items that have yet to be completed. The Contractor will be on-site next week to address these items.

Collective Bargaining Negotiations:

Mr. Krause informed the Commissioners of the upcoming Mediation/Fact-Finding Session scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

AEA Annual Meeting

Mr. Krause reported the Association of Environmental Authorities 2019 Annual Conference is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19th and 20th in Atlantic City.

The Opposition of Senate Bill 3870:

Mr. Krause stated in August the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 56-19 opposing Senate Bill 3870 which bypasses the public participation in their municipalities' ability to sell its sanitary sewer collection systems to either another municipality or to the private sector. He advised the Board of Commissioners that 21 other Authorities' approved similar resolutions. He also stated the Association of Environment Authorities (AEA) is very concerned and is asking all Authorities and their Commissioners to disseminate their opposition of the bill for the negative impact it would have on the industry. Lame Duck Sessions are currently taking place which is typically where these types of bills get passed into new legislation.

BUSINESS:

- Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Funds from the Revenue Account to the Operating/Payroll Account
- Resolution to Authorize Payment of the Current Month's Construction Project Bills
- Approve the October 10, 2019 Caucus & Regular Meeting Minutes as written
- Approve the October 10, 2019 Sewer Use Service Rate Hearing Transcript

PUBLIC PORTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Mattia and seconded by Commissioner Farrell to open the public portion of the meeting. On voice vote, all voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mattia and seconded by Commissioner Farrell to close the public portion of the meeting. On voice vote, all voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

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