

**CARLSTADT SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
CARLSTADT, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2020
(CONFERENCE CALL MEETING)**

This is a regular scheduled meeting of the Carlstadt Sewerage Authority being held via Conference Call as per Emergency Order 107 issued by the Governor of New Jersey due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Executive Director Curreri called the regular scheduled August 25, 2020 meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Executive Director Curreri initiated roll call. Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

S. Judge Chairman
C. Lahullier Vice Chairman
T. Maloney Sec/Treasurer
V. DeSimone Commissioner
T. Davis Commissioner

Also present on the call were Engineer P. Carberry, Neglia Co, Attorney J. Napolitano, Purchasing Agent R. Esposito and C-3 Operator N. Villano.

Chairman Judge authorized Mr. Curreri to proceed. Mr. Curreri recited the Public Meeting Law:

This meeting has been called pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Law and in accordance with a resolution #20-03 adopted by this Authority on February 26, 2020 and transmitted to The Record and Herald News on March 12, 2020 and posted on the Public Notice Bulletin Board of the Carlstadt Sewerage Authority and the Carlstadt Municipal Building.

Mr. Curreri led those present on the conference call in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Curreri advised the Board of Commissioners that the Conference Call Number for initial dial in (717-275-8940) and the Conference Call Entry Code (9439341) which, everyone received in their mail packets, was posted on the CSA website and added to the Agenda for this meeting. Notices were also posted, prior to the meeting, on the front and rear entry doors of the CSA office with this information for any public that would like to attend the meeting.

Mr. Curreri reminded the Board of the Local Operational Guidelines for Remote Public Notices in light of the Governor's Executive Order 107. Do not interrupt someone talking

as this will delay a response and others will not be able to understand the statement or question. We will limit and hold to our Agenda Items. Any items for discussion if not emergent will be tabled. Local units holding remote meetings are advised to avoid closed sessions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Curreri asked for corrections, additions, comments and/or deletions to the regular meeting minutes (Conference Call) of July 28, 2020. Mr. Maloney made a motion to accept the minutes of June 23, 2020 as presented; seconded by Mr. Lahullier.

(ON ROLL 5-0)

Mr. Curreri asked for corrections, additions, comments and/or deletions to the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2020 and February 26, 2020. One commissioner submitted his observations which have been incorporated and emailed to all commissioners. Mr. Davis has objections to the January 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Maloney has objections to both Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Mr. Napolitano recommended that the January 22, 2020 and February 26, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes be tabled and all commissioners submit their objections in writing. Mr. Lahullier moved a motion to table the Closed Session Minutes of January 22, 2020 and February 26, 2020 and have everyone submit comments in writing; Seconded by Mr. Maloney.

(ON ROLL 5-0)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Frank Covelli JIF Cyber Liability. (A-D)
2. Neglia 655 Washington Ave Sewer Connection (A-B)
3. Pump Hours #2 Pump at Jony NG
4. Quotes for cleaning Wet Well Jony Drive (Recommended by Rapid)
5. Neglia Quote for testing of rubbery substance binding #1 Pump
6. Neglia Invoice Emergency Repairs Jony Drive Lighting Strike 6-22-2020
7. Rapid Invoice Emergency Repairs Jony Drive Lighting Strike 6-22-2020
8. Triangle Blvd Broken Sewer Main Repair. (A-B).

ITEM #1: Quote received from GTBM. Purchasing Agent R. Esposito explained that GTBM is an authorized dealer under NJ State Contract 89980. Mr. Judge recommended that we proceed with the recommendations of our Insurance and install the necessary equipment.

ITEM #4 Mr. Judge reviewed each quote and recommended that we proceed with the lowest price submitted by Drainbusters. In addition Rapid will be on standby to reset and bleed pumps if necessary, all agreed.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Mr. John Napolitano Esq:

Mr. Napolitano has nothing to discuss at this time. He will get involved with the Jony Drive/ PSEG pole issue, if necessary.

Mr. Pat Carberry Neglia Engineer:

1. Review of Triangle Blvd joint repair ITEM #8: completed by Montana Construction on August 18, 2020. Infiltration was caused by ground water bell joint which was cracked at the top and bottom. No way could this have been repaired without digging it up. Montana replaced 4 feet of 8" pipe. Mr. Curreri and Neglia were on site during the construction. Mr. Davis asked about the infiltration if it was necessary to be pumped out prior to the repair. Mr. Curreri replied that it was and a pump was utilized from the East Manhole past the construction to the West Manhole to not cause any backups.
2. Jony Drive Pump Station: excessive flow into the pump station appears to be from the 12" side line that comes from the Commercial Ave and Commerce Road side which connects to 2 tributary areas with approximately 34 manholes. Three options for investigation include (1) search for any excessive water use, (2) review hydraulic characteristics and (3) water records. Mr. Curreri suggested starting from the pump station and work back, Mr. Carberry, Mr. Villano and Mr. Curreri will continue to monitor the situation.
3. 600 Gotham Parkway: work started by the building owner on July 24, 2020 to repair a broken lateral on their property. Following the initial repair, it became necessary to continue onto the right of way at the curb line and onto the street. Once the CSA was made aware of the situation, Neglia and the Borough stopped the construction until a qualified Contractor was brought on site due to the depth of the lateral and for the protection of the CSA main line. Work was completed with no exceptions.
4. Testing of the material clogging the #1 pump at Jony Drive was collected and sent to an outside lab for testing, results should be in by the end of the month.

(ON ROLL 5-0)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Curreri asked that the PERS Election of Officers be filled in and mailed out.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Curreri presented the Board with the August 2020 Bills List Resolution #20-24 in the amount of \$30,855.63. Mr. Judge moved the motion to approve resolution #20-22; seconded by Mr. DeSimone.

(ON ROLL 5-0)

OLD BUSINESS

Roof vent was repaired at Barell Avenue. Mr. Curreri is soliciting quotes to repair the flashing around the perimeter of the roof.

Audit synopsis has been advertised in the Record and Herald News on July 31, 2020 and posted on our website.

During Hurricane Isaias, we lost power at Jony Drive. The generator operated for 26 hours. Mr. Curreri responded at 5:30 PM, both pumps going full force due to the water level surcharge. Mr. Curreri could not reach PSEG. The following morning power was still out around the station, Mr. Curreri was still unable to contact PSEG. Mr. Villano put Mr. Curreri in contact with Passaic County OEM which connected Mr. Curreri to the Bergen County OEM at 6:30 PM. PSEG responded and found a blown fuse at Palmer Terrace, second time in that last month. Bergen County OEM assistance was greatly appreciated.

Rapid was called in due to pumps overheating, found glue like debris in #1 Pump. Cleared pump and air bled both pumps. Rapid recommended Wet Well cleaning and replacing the #2 pump, which is vibrating heavily due to possible bearings and propeller from the debris. Mr. Curreri had the spare rebuilt pump delivered to Jony Drive and is scheduling the installation and repair of the old pump #2. On Monday August 27, 2020 Mr. Curreri received a High Water Alarm at 4:30 AM from Jony Drive. Mr. Curreri responded and power loss once again at both pumps. AFD in Fault reset the faults and pumped the well down on hand alternating pumps as to not overheat the motors again. Mr. Curreri contacted PSEG. PSEG responded at 8:40 and found blown fuse at Veterans Blvd. PSEG found the Pole to the South Side of our station overgrown with vegetation which is causing a short. PSEG is not responsible for clearing the debris. It is up to the property owner. Due to the location of the pole, it is impossible to reach without going around the building or cutting a fence. Mr. Curreri contacted the property owner. The NJSEA is currently working on resolving the issue. Mr. Curreri has a scheduled meeting with PSEG Engineering tomorrow at 10:00 AM. Mr. Davis commented that we have the right to back charge the property owner if the line is not cleared by PSEG. Mr. Napolitano

will review the request. Mr. Villano commented that PSEG more and more is putting the pressure on property owners.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC SESSION

Upon motion made by Mr. Judge; seconded by Mr. Lahullier at 7:50 p.m., the meeting was open to the public.

(ON ROLL 5-0)

With no one wishing to be heard, Mr. Lahullier made a motion to close the public session; seconded by Mr. Judge, the public session was closed at 7:51 p.m.

(ON ROLL 5-0)

CLOSED SESSION

None Requested.

ACTION TAKEN UPON RETURN TO THE PUBLIC MEETING

None

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment Mr. Davis asked Mr. Napolitano if he is aware if any issue that requires a closed session, at this time he does not. A discussion began on when we can resume regular meetings in person, Mr. Curreri has been instructed to contact the Borough OEM and Health Department for recommendations. At this time the Governor's orders still require social distancing and guidelines. Mr. DeSimone commented that the Zoning Board met with restrictions and all went well.

Upon motion made by Mr. Judge; seconded by Mr. Maloney unanimously passed on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted